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Hello,

Please see the attached photos of "lack of" dust mitigation at the active Greenbar rock pit over the last few years. I was told by Tanner that they were using water for dust control when I complained to him directly. As seen in these photos, it did not help. I would not call this successful dust mitigation. As you can see it floods the valley down past Grannies Coffee and into other neighborhoods that are not in the impact area. Why are those neighbors not impacted? 1500 feet is not a large enough area to be considered the "impact area." Can you please create a realistic impact area for the health and safety of our people? Could this be considered a violation of the current permit?

The staff report states:

Certain comments state a concern about the impact to groundwater. Staff understands that this will be a dry mine site. To address neighbor concerns regarding groundwater, the Planning Commission should ask the Applicant to provide additional explanation as to its intended water use on the site and how it will be managed.

We are very concerned about our wells being contaminated with the use of water for dust mitigation and running into the ground and mixing with our ground water. But if they dont use water, how can they stop the dust? There is a similar situation going on at the knife river rockpit, where people's private wells are now contaminated and nobody knows why. I think we should take a pause and do more research prior to a decision on this application before we fully know the water will not be contaminated by water seeping into the ground or wells destroyed by blasting.

Without dust mitigation, our homes, cars, pets, and horses are covered in dust. The inside of our homes are being dusted out as well. What are the environmental hazards for people and animals breathing all that dust? Are they going to clean our homes, replace our air filters, wash our homes and cars as needed?

We are currently reaching out to DOGAMI and DEQ to reject this application and request more studies and water testing.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns.  
Cimarron Hills and surrounding neighbors.



