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To: Crook County Community Development Department, Located in the Crook County Courthouse, First Floor, 300 NE 3rd Avenue, Prineville, Oregon 97754

Regarding: Opposition to the "Greenbar Comprehensive Plan Amendment"

Lot 15, Cimarron Hills Subdivision

In our opinion, the above referenced application should be denied for the following reasons:

- 1) It appears **Lot 15, Cimarron Hills Subdivision** is covered by CC&R's, preventing it from becoming anything other than a residential building site.
- 2) **The Cimarron Hills Subdivision** was created and approved as the mining operation was nearing its completion by the previous owner. In the last four years we have been notified, as required, of two blasts (one from the previous owner). This Mine has simply "run out of room" and is attempting to add a few more acres, **Lot 15, Cimarron Hills Subdivision**, also owned by the applicant. Signs of the mine's limitations are obvious as one nearby home sits precariously near the property line.
- 3) Although **Lot 15, Cimarron Hills Subdivision** is classified by the applicant as "land locked" it actually would make a wonderful home site for the owners of this LLC, should they decide to live where they work or by providing an easement themselves (if there isn't one already) and selling **Lot 15, Cimarron Hills** as a residential building lot.
- 4) **WATER QUALITY** risk has increased substantially since the mining operations were first approved. Look closely at what was surrounding this site years ago vs 2024.
- 5) **Noise, Dust, Erosion and Fire Risk.** Crook County has approved a subdivision to adjoin this mining operation, in addition to approving numerous other building sites nearby, many without homes when this mining operation was first approved. Expanding this operation into a subdivision could prove to be disastrous.

Although we are located in the "Impact Zone" (aka Exhibit 4), we were not *required* to be notified of this application that we heard about yesterday? It seems odd that we are notified if blasting will occur, but not notified if the mine would like to increase its size into **Cimarron Hills Subdivision, Lot 15**? We strongly believe that if the same notice of expansion request was sent to everyone who is notified of blasting, the written response (opposition) to this proposal, would be much larger.

Respectfully,

Steve and Mary Bryant, 11518 SE View Top Ln, Prineville, Oregon 97754

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink, one for Steve Bryant and one for Mary Bryant, written below the typed names.