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Please consider the impact of the proposed quarry on the Lost Horse area + it's residents.

I live in this area and enjoy the quiet of the surrounding forest + the wildlife present in abundance.

Lost Horse Road is very narrow + difficult for two lane traffic on a daily basis. Any additional road traffic, especially trucks, will be a definate hazard. It is not uncommon to have to pull over to a full stop for horse trailers or the garbage truck.

The dust + noise from a quarry will completely disrupt the area!! The fire danger of increased mechanical operations is very real!!

The lower Lost Horse area is a nursery for moose calfs, elk calves, + fawns. No other area I know of has as many female mammals with off spring present! The quarry noise + activity will disrupt this Spring activity + full breeding of these fine animals.

Lost Horse Observation Point is fabulous! It is a spiritual place for my family + a place of reverence.

Do not reopen this quarry!! Find your material in another location that will not disrupt the scenic area that tax payers have paid dearly to develop!!

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