



BULK Proposed Gravel Pit in Spearfish

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mnsfldrprm via Planning & Zoning <planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 10:03 AM

Reply-To: mnsfldrprm@aol.com

From: "Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us" <Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us>

I am writing in response to the Proposed Gravel Pit off of Homestake Rd in Spearfish. Please do not allow this to happen. My husband and I were stationed at Ellsworth AFB back in the 90's and our dream was always to retire in the Black Hills. In 2019 we purchased a property up high on Gobbler Rd in Spearfish and started plans to build our retirement home. Covid hit and fast forward 2.5 years, we finally moved into our new home last May of 2022. All Summer and Fall we enjoyed sitting on our deck which faces West, enjoying the peaceful quiet, gentle breezes, beautiful scenery and clean air. Now a company wants to have a gravel pit with blasting and crushing rock 3/4 of a mile due West of our home. Most of our wind comes straight out of the West. With the noise and dirt in the air, I feel our short season outdoor time will be taken away. The peacefulness of our retirement home will be blasted and crushed.

South Dakota has vast open space far from anyone's home. There must be a better place for this company to have a gravel pit. PLEASE do not allow this permit to go through. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>

Fri, Apr 28, 2023 at 11:17 AM

Reply-To: mnsfldrprm@aol.com

From: "Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us" <Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us>

Pamela-

Your email has been received. We have 2 different applications going on over the next few months so please specify which one you are referring to or both. One is located closer to Datum Creek Road and one is closer to your location.

Amber A. Vogt

Lawrence County Planning & Zoning Director

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How to Build Community: Leave your House; Talk to Your Neighbors; Sit on the Stoop; Ask Questions; Buy from Local Merchants; Barter for Your Goods; Talk to Your Mail Carrier; Hire Young People for a Job; Be a Part of the Solution"

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Public Hearing for Gravel Pit

messages

Jeff Merchant <jchevy@hotmail.com>
to: "avogt@lawrence.sd.us" <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>

Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 12:13 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Vogt,

I'm writing in reference to the upcoming public hearing for the proposed gravel pit. For residents who are unable to attend the meeting, what's the deadline for a letter to be submitted into the minutes? Also, what's the approximate distance from Cedar Berry Canyon Estates and Crow Peak Bench housing developments to the proposed site?

Thank you for your assistance,

Naomi Merchant

Sent from Mail for Windows

Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>
to: Jeff Merchant <jchevy@hotmail.com>

Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 12:24 PM

Naomi-

All information submitted to the county will be available on the website 24 hours in advance of the meeting:

<https://www.lawrence.sd.us/AgendaCenter>

I will not answer specifics on distance, but you may review the County Zoning map to get an idea based off legal descriptions provided as part of the application.

<https://www.1stdistrict.org/lawrencets/>

We currently have 2 gravel pits being proposed in similar areas, one if near the current Edwards pit and will have Public Hearing on May 4 the other is the Larson property and is scheduled for informational on May 4 and public hearing on June 1.

If you want your letter in packets prior to meetings then I need them by the Wed before a meeting, but you can submit them up until the day before or even at the meeting.

Thanks

Amber Vogt

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Amber Vogt
Lawrence County Planning & Zoning Director



Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>

Proposed Gravel Pit 10349 HOMESTAKE RD

messages

Richard Raichel <rvette2009@hotmail.com>

Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 11:15 AM

To: avogt@lawrence.sd.us, boutka@lawrence.sd.us, Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us, commissioners@lawrence.sd.us

April 26, 2023

To: Lawrence County Planning Commission, Lawrence County Commissioners

As I am unable to make the May 4, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, I am writing to urge the Commission and Commissioners to **DECLINE** the proposed gravel operation at 10349 Homestake Rd.

My concerns are the dust, noise from blasting and grinding, increase in traffic, potential of ground water contamination to the many wells in the area and the negative effect on our property values.

Sincerely,

Richard Raichel
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Bruce Outka <boutka@lawrence.sd.us>

Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 11:26 AM

To: Richard Raichel <rvette2009@hotmail.com>

From: Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>, Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us, commissioners@lawrence.sd.us

Richard -

This is confirmation that your email has been received.

Bruce

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Quarry Homestake Road

messages

From: **running** <xskirabbit@hotmail.com>
To: "avogt@lawrence.sd.us" <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 11:24 AM

Dear Ms. Vogt,

I am writing about the quarry proposed by North Star Construction and GF Development LLC off Homestake Road.

It was my understanding that when Charles Nicholas did the neighboring pit the trucks could not go west due to a bridge that was not able to uphold a heavy load. Was it the bridge on Crow Peak and Red Hill Road or the Datum Creek bridge? Will this be the same for this quarry?

Will they be using Homestake Road to Hillsview for removal?

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Barbara Running
Bar 10 LLC
605-641-5311

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Amber Vogt** <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>
To: B running <xskirabbit@hotmail.com>
Cc: John Bey <jbey@lawrence.sd.us>

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 4:48 PM

Barb-

I spoke with John Bey regarding your questions and I have cc'd him on this email. The Datum Creek Bridge was the one in question and it was only in question at the time due to the fact that it needed to be fixed. It has been fixed according to John Bey (Bridge # 41-024-060 on the Homestake Rd. was inspected in 2022. It was rebuilt in 2017 and is in the state inventory. It is inspected every other year. At this time it is rated for Legal Loads, and requires no other posting.)

May 10, 2016 County Commission Motion: Moved by Weisenberg to follow Planning and Zoning and Staff recommendation and approve CUP #435 Small Scale Rock Quarry APPLICANT: Canyon Rock LLC /Charles Edwards. Motion Died due to lack of second. Sleep questioned if a time frame should be added. Moved-Seconded (Flanagan-Weisenberg) to follow Planning and Zoning and Staff recommendation and approve CUP #435 Small Scale Rock Quarry APPLICANT: Canyon Rock LLC /Charles Edwards, with conditions as proposed and on file in the Planning and Zoning Office, and with additional/amended Condition #2 as follows: (2) Haul route shall be approved by the Highway Superintendent prior to start of operation. All access points will have to be determined by the Lawrence County Highway Department. A haul road agreement, if and when deemed necessary by the County, shall identify repair and maintenance responsibilities and consider the potential impact on County highways to be used for haul routes. Motion Carried.

As for your other question re: new application. It has not gone through this detail as of yet. The public hearing for the latest application, located near Edwards, is scheduled for May 4, 2023 in front of the Planning & Zoning Board. I will be posting all info related to this application hopefully by the end of the week once the agenda is available. You can always go to the website <https://www.lawrence.sd.us/AgendaCenter> to review that information. I would expect a similar condition as you see above and then we will end up having a separate Haul Road Agreement which goes through the Highway Department.

Hope this answers your questions for now, please attend the public hearing if you can.

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Strongly opposed to Proposal for Gravel Pit at 10349 Homestate Road by North Star Construction

messages

Rick Tjader <ricktjader@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM

to: Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us, commissioners@lawrence.sd.us

cc: Richard Raichel <rvette2009@hotmail.com>, Helen Tjader <helen@acornnpsolutions.com>, boutka@lawrence.sd.us

To: Lawrence County Planning and Zoning Commission, Lawrence County Commissioners

My wife Helen and I are strongly opposed to the proposal to create a gravel pit at 10349 Homestake Road.

We own a home in Wild Turkey Estates, approximately 3/4 of a mile east of the proposed site. Since the prevailing winds are out of the west, we are at risk of increased air pollution from fine dust particles that will be released by the proposed gravel pit operations. Increased truck traffic on Homestake and Hillsview Roads will also add to local air pollution.

We are further concerned about the potential for ground water contamination that may affect the quality of drinking water from our homeowners association wells.

At the May 4, 2023 Planning Commission Board Meeting, we urge you to consider the health concerns of the abutting property owners as well as those property owners in the immediate downwind area, and REJECT the gravel pit proposal.

Sincerely,

Richard and Helen Tjader
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Bruce Outka <boutka@lawrence.sd.us>

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 11:10 AM

cc: Rick Tjader <ricktjader@gmail.com>, Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>

Rick -

I am forwarding your email regarding the proposed gravel pit to Amber Vogt, Planning and Zoning Administrator for her records and so that it may be provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission and County Commission.

Bruce

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Opposition to proposed Gravel pit(s)

messages

Brenda Vennes <tvennes55@gmail.com>

Mon, May 1, 2023 at 10:31 AM

to: Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us, avogt@lawrence.sd.us, boutka@lawrence.sd.us, commissioners@lawrence.sd.us

Tom and Brenda Vennes
Wild Turkey Estates
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What are the negative ramifications of a gravel pit close to residences?

A gravel pit brings noise, dust, truck traffic, scarred land, potential tainted water to private wells, lower property values, lower quality of life and disruption to wildlife.

To continue enjoying our peaceful environment, it's important to oppose this permit. We purchased our property and moved to Spearfish six years ago, because of the healthy lifestyle, peace and quiet, and scenic landscapes and wildlife. A quick search on the internet will provide numerous articles and studies on the negative consequences of having a gravel pit near residential homes.

Frequent and gusty winds in our area will blow the heavy clouds of dust and emissions, which contain silica, straight towards our developments, covering homes, landscapes, gardens, automobiles, etc. Silica dust particles become trapped in lung tissue causing inflammation and scarring. The particles also reduce the lungs' ability to take in oxygen. This condition is called silicosis. Silicosis results in permanent lung damage and is a progressive, debilitating, and sometimes fatal disease (CDC). Further, mites proliferate in dusty conditions, causing additional threats to the health of those with respiratory illnesses, like myself, when gravel pit dust enters our homes.

Please take into consideration the negative impact of gravel pits to people, wildlife and landscape of Wild Turkey Estates and the community of Spearfish.

Respectfully

Tom & Brenda Vennes

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April 30, 2023

Ms. Amber Vogt, Director
Lawrence County Planning and Zoning
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Sent via email: avogt@lawrence.sd.us and planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us

Subject: Proposed Gravel Pit

Dear Ms. Vogt:

Recently my wife, Rebecca, and I have become aware that GF Development LLC of Spearfish is proposing to develop a Small Scale Sand, Gravel or Rock Industry project producing aggregate material for the construction industry and maintenance of roads.

From historical observations it is clear that this gravel pit, should it be developed, is likely to have both an ENVIRONMENTAL and an ECONOMIC impact on our home and others within Wild Turkey Estates due to DUST and NOISE POLLUTION. The blasting and crushing operations generated during the various OPERATIONS of the gravel pit, as well as those generated by increased TRUCK TRAFFIC on Homestake Road, are factors to be considered. The use of compression brakes by truckers traveling along Homestake Road, and especially on the steep hill at the road's northeasterly intersection with Hillsview, is an area closest proximity to the Wild Turkey Estates development—and likely to be a extreme source of noise and dust pollution.


The generated dust and noise pollution may have a negative impact on our property's value and that of our neighbors within Wild Turkey Estates. These pollutants will be further enhanced by the strong prevailing westerly winds common to the area. This development is largely, but not exclusively, a retirement community. As such we have many living within the development that have respiratory health issues...which may be further exasperated by dust and noise pollution. These individuals moved to the Spearfish area because of it's clean air not despite of it.

An additional concern to my wife and I is the potential impact on water quality or quantity produced by the three water wells within Wild Turkey Estates. An important question remains: "How will the operations, especially those of blasting to fracture the rock, impact water quality and/or water quantity?"

Lastly, we understand the operation of the quarry is projected to be hourly 5 o'clock AM to 5 o'clock PM Monday through Friday. As stated previously this is largely, but not exclusively, a retirement community—to be awakened to the tune of blasting, crushing and compression brakes is not our expectation of a life of solace and peace...

In our honest opinion this is NOT a suitable location for a quarry! The area to the north of Crow Peak has a number of rural developments nearby. This is not the last rock formation in the area—and certainly not one that impacts so many people. We strongly oppose approving this permit...

Sincerely yours,



Calvin Tininenko