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FYI, this was my verbal testimony from the meeting last night.

Hello, my name is Rob Carter. I live in the Cimarron Hills neighborhood, Lot 14, adjacent to Lot 15. I am a combat veteran of the US Marine Corps.

I'm asking that you deny the application to amend the Crook County Comprehensive plan to expand the Greenbar aggregate site.

We moved to this neighborhood because we understood that the Bartels site was near the end of its life. It was believed the site would be reclaimed and the neighborhood would be a good place to live.

For the past couple years we have been dealing with blasting, heavy equipment noise and excessive dust. Now, we are worried about our fresh water being contaminated and our wells being damaged due to more blasting and mining, closer to our wells, if this is approved. We are also very worried about our property values. Will Greenbar pay us the reduced property values due to expanding into our neighborhood? Will they drill new wells or provide clean drinking water should something happen to the water?

In case you are not aware of issues at another local mine, Knife River, some of the residents' groundwater has been contaminated. I understand there is currently a class action lawsuit going on about this. I think we should caution on the side of safety, due to unknown water contamination issues. We have been told this is a dry mine, but I had water filling three 5 foot deep post holes recently and I'm approx 50 feet higher in elevation above the Bartels site. There must be many aquifers running throughout the rocks below our homes. What will they do if they encounter aquifers?

We would like you to deny or delay any approval, so more neighbors can be informed about this. The 1500 foot impact zone is not realistic due to the nature of activities performed here. Only a small number of the neighbors have even been alerted to this. The beeping from equipment, mining and blasting can be felt and heard for miles. Water contamination could affect many more people than our immediate neighbors. Also, Dry Creek runs next to this site and drains into the Crooked River.

We would like to ask for more information on the specifics on the conditional use permit and reclamation plan? Hours of operation, blasting specifics, dust control, weed control, setbacks, and what is allowed to fill the pit after it is mined? How would we report violations to the conditional use permit and/or the reclamation plan?

We would like to ask for at least 100 foot setbacks around the entire pit to property lines and 10 foot tall berms with native plants/grasses to reduce views of the pit, reduce noise, help with weeds and dust control, etc. Currently trees are blocking the view from my home, but when the trees disappear, the pit is all I will see. White noise beepers should be required for equipment noise. We would also like to ask that Greenbar pay a third party to have our water tested, our wells

inspected, and our homes structural integrity inspected before any more blasting or mining occurs. The DOGAMI application signed by Bartels 9/4/18, states groundwater at 72 feet below ground surface, and mine depth of 45-60 feet.

On February 8th 2023, we observed a lot of drilling on Lot 15. Lots of noise and dust very close to our home without any notice. Picture submitted in another exhibit. Was there a permit for this drilling? Im just wondering if the applicant is following all the rules required for this operation?

It is my understanding from DOGAMI that the current pit has a 5000 cubic yard limit/year. Is that even worth the disruption to the neighborhood? The applicant states the Juniper pit is closing next month. Is there any evidence to support that? The owner of the Woodward pit is said to be too busy to produce rock from his pit. Maybe the applicant could work with the woodward pit to solve this problem and there are no neighbors next to that pit to bother. Sounds like a win-win. Lets finish out the original Bartels pit agreement and reclaim the land.

Again, please deny this application. This is a neighborhood now. Thanks for your time.

Rob Carter

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