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My name is Anthony A. Krau, I reside at 6401 SE Riverdance Rd., Prineville Oregon. I am writing to oppose the application for the expansion of Dry Creek Quarry into the established residential community of Cimaron Hills Phases I and II.

I am requesting my original testimony, both verbal and written, be added to this current County Commissioner proceedings. I do not believe the original concerns voiced by the residents in the area were reviewed or addressed at the Planning Commission. Residents testified of lawsuits filed on the current operation and the previous owner of the property. This includes property damage and property line issues, concerns of damage to drinking water wells that are at the same or near the same elevation level as the proposed expansion, contamination to surface freshwater from the seasonal creek flow, and degradation to the quality of life of residents and to the wildlife habitat.

The Planning Commission asserted that our concerns aren't valid due to us knowingly moving next to an established mine. It is correct many of the homes were constructed while the current mine was in operation, however that does not negate the concerns of this application to expand into our residential community and closer to our homes and property. It actually solidifies our concerns as there has already been damage caused to homes that are in close proximity to the current mine and the expansion would put additional homes at risk.

It should also be noted the original mining operation permit was denied by the County and an appeal was also denied by the County Court. It was noted in the Planning Commission meeting that the mine then circumvented the Court and received a permit without a public hearing.

All this being justified because the gravel is "excellent", with no concern to the safety and health of Crook County Citizens making this area their home.

I strongly oppose the expansion of the mining operations into my community. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Anthony A. Krau

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