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Attention: Tom Tetting

REF: Proposed Coal Mine in the Chalk Creek Drainage
Summit County, Utah
Section - T3N R6E

Dear Mr. Tetting:

As a property owner near the proposed mine, I'm writing this letter to list some of the complaints I have.

1. The proposed mine and appurtenance structures are within approximately 300 yards of my home, and this dwelling will be used by my family year round. This mine appears to violate UMC 761.11 (b1) and UMC 761.5 (a).

2. The proposed mine and mining operations will be located next to a county road. Due to the topography of the area, the holding ponds, buildings, equipment, etc. would have to be clustered next to the highway, in violation of the county zoning. (See UMC 761.11 (4), (4i), (B).)

3. The mining activity could disturb the surface and ground water on my property. My water supply for my home is currently drawn from a well, and I'm concerned about the contamination by any mining activities.

4. Considering the closures of mines in the Chalk Creek area, and all the start-up costs involved, I wonder why someone would want to open a new mine at this time and location. The old Black Hawk Coal Mine just south of the proposed mine sits idle, creating an eyesore in the canyon, and the last thing we need is another idle mine on the opposite side of the canyon.

5. The potential danger to children and homes from blasting activities or explosives would be present, due to close proximity of the proposed mine. (See UMC 817.62 (a), (b), (c) and UMC 817.65.)

6. I feel that the value of my home and property would be greatly diminished by the physical appearance and nuisances of a coal mine located adjacent to my property. If the mine is allowed, then they should either buy my home and property or I should be compensated for the decrease in the market value.

I hope that you will consider the many problems which will be created by a new mine in this location.

Very truly yours,

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