

her/his

vote in opposition to any commissioner who acts to approve this plan.

Finally, I cannot fathom why the Commission or its staff would seriously consider such a proposal. In all I've read, I have yet to see a single proponent's view. It's clear this is a terrible idea, and one which should a) have been rejected at the outset and b) should be stopped now.

In full disclosure, I am not allied with any organization opposed to the Rockology/Buena Vista plan, and am not immediately affected if the Commission approves the trashing of La Bajada, beyond losing the beauty of La Bajada as I drive north on I-25 when returning home to Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Melody
Santa Fe

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Michael E. Melody
619 Camino Rancheros
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(phone) 505-984-1468
(fax) 651-400-4811

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:54 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: La Bajada Mesa mining

From: Victoria Beardsley [<mailto:savvymoons@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian
Subject: La Bajada Mesa mining

I do not support a mining zone on La Bajada Mesa. It is grossly inappropriate to change the agricultural/residential zoning to accommodate a mine. Here's a short way to evaluate it:

seven jobs + million gallons clean water wasted + irreparable harm to the land = nothing worth doing

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Anna Morris <ahweah81@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:45 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 17, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. Anna Morris
6 New Village Ave
Santa Fe, NM 87508-1488

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sierra Logan <sierralealogan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:45 PM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sierra Logan
1138 Lopez St
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2425

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sharon Stockman <santafepainter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:45 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon Stockman
3330 Calle PO Ae Pi Apt 1101
Santa Fe, NM 87507-7824

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Virginia Westray <vwestray@gowebway.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:45 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Virginia Westray
37 Aventura Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8745

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Thomas Gorman <gormantd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Gorman
31 Coyote Springs
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8083

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Barry Hatfield <barryhat@nets.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:15 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Barry Hatfield
PO Box 4096
Santa Fe, NM 87502-4096

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Bill Stern <billysun@wildrockies.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Stern
1712 Espinacitas St
Santa Fe, NM 87505-3852

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Yamuna Landsberg <yamuna@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss Yamuna Landsberg
701 Joaquin Ln
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6099

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Suzy Preston <suzypreston@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Suzy Preston
3332 El Paseo
Santa Fe, NM 87501-6198

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of David Doty <dbd@dbdoty.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. David Doty
2751 Via Caballero Del Sur
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6532

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Peter Chapin <chapin@swcp.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Chapin
49 Calle San Martin
Santa Fe, NM 87506-7536

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Dorothy Seaton <ds844@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Dorothy Seaton
4156 Big Sky Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Nancy Wood <newood1@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Wood
1442 Diolinda Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4711

Jose Larranaga

From: Paul Elsey <atreides49@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:40 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Robert A. Anaya; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics;
dmafield@santafecountynm.gov; Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: LaBajada Strip Mining

Dear Case Manager, Director and Commissioners,

I hope you all read Alexi Higginbotham's article in Sunday's Santa Fe New Mexican. The article certainly delineates a number of reasons that the measure before you to change the zoning to a mining zone should NOT BE GRANTED AND/OR APPROVED.

I, personally, have no dog in the fight as far as property ownership or even everyday view. My concern is the residual effects and use of water resources that would accompany this project.

I certainly encourage you not to let this happen.

Sincerely,

Paul Elsey
2806 Plaza Rojo
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Carol Johnson <carolj@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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This is clearly not a mining project that we want in Santa Fe County.
Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Johnson
226 La Cueva Rd
Glorieta, NM 87535-7000

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Emmy Koponen <emmykoponen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss Emmy Koponen
1212 Maclovía St
Santa Fe, NM 87505-3241

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ellen Casey <ecasey@hinklelawfirm.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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I urge you to reject as you have previously this latest proposal to strip mine in our County. Do not flatten and strip mine our beautiful La Bajada Mesa for the short term gain of private corporations. The cost to New Mexicans and County residents in water, historical context and degradation of the planet is incalculable. The real economic cost to the citizenry is certainly not properly accessed.

In order to mine, they need water, largely to control the dust and air pollution that a strip mine would create. How is this destruction of our heritage and despoliation of our resources valued? Look at the triple bottom line and it is inescapable that this project is a net loss to the County and its residents, including the fauna and flora in our fragile ecosystem.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ellen Casey
486 Camino Don Miguel
Santa Fe, NM 87505-5974

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Janice St Marie <jstmarie@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Janice St Marie
210 E Marcy St Ste 1
Santa Fe, NM 87501-4004

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Palin Wiltshire <palinsita@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Palin Wiltshire
PO Box 423
Cerrillos, NM 87010-0423

2013-03-17 10:44 AM

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Robert Bogart <bob.bogart.x1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Robert Bogart
582 Via Arista
Santa Fe, NM 87506-4507

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Douglas Conwell <earthwalks1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Douglas Conwell
PO Box 8534
Santa Fe, NM 87504-8534

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Richard Khanlian <rckhan@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Khanlian
2744 Herradura Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6801

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Peggy Armour <pegarmour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Peggy Armour
739b Old Las Vegas Hwy
Santa Fe, NM 87505-1480

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of William Geoghegan <geoghegan1@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
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This will be an eyesore too.

Sincerely,

Mr. William Geoghegan
2747 Via Venado
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6738

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Edward Campbell <edwardacampbell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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I think I have a pretty solid reputation as a non-NIMBY. I live right across La Cieneguilla Valley from 2 pumice mines that don't especially pollute our air or water, don't use up large quantities of water. They mostly aren't bad neighbors.

I can't count on that from a gravel mine crushing basalt.

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Campbell
53 Calle Debra
Santa Fe, NM 87507-4264

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Scott Swearingen <fsswear@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Scott Swearingen
29 Domingo Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8256

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Lynn Pilgrim-Little, Las Chivas Coffee <info@laschivascoffees.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Pilgrim-Little, Las Chivas Coffee
7 Avenida Vista Grande Ste B5
Santa Fe, NM 87508-9199

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Christine B <christinebiela@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:19 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

Mar 14, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Christine B
455 Argyle Rd
Brooklyn, NY 11218-6001

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Mimsi Milton <mimsim@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:49 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Mimsi Milton
9572 Firenze Way
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126-3608

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Heike Brown <heike_brown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 4:18 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Heike Brown
BOX
APO, None 09096

Jose Larranaga

From: P. Brown <brownp52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 4:11 PM
To: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Cc: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Protecting LaBajada - no mine needed
Categories: Red Category

Honorable County Commissioners,
This data comes directly from the NM Dept of Mining & Minerals, summarized below. The table below shows production and sales from permitted operations in Santa Fe County alone from 2008-2012 (data for 2013 won't be available until sometime in April). The measurements shown are in short tons (2000lbs).

What it says that just in Santa Fe County we produced a surplus of over 223 thousand tons of the very same type of aggregate that would be produced by the proposed mine. Further, the figures below do not include the Caja del Rio quarry's production and sales since that quarry is not registered. I spoke with the quarry manager there last week who estimated he had 800,000-1,000,000 tons of stockpiled gravel on hand right now.

There simply is no shortage.

Aggregate Production/Sales/SValue - Santa Fe County, 2008-2012 (as reported by operators)			
Aggregate Type	Amount Sold/Total	Amount Produced/Total	Surplus Production
Base Course	516,283	550,797	34,514
Crushed Rock	79,595	80,626	1,031
Gravel	348,262	420,973	72,711
Scoria	183,198	298,715	115,517
Total (Short Tons)	1,127,338	1,351,111	223,773

Since we already have an overproduction gravel in Santa Fe County alone, if any gravel is being brought in from elsewhere, it's a matter of free market price competition. So if we have more gravel than we need anyway but still can't compete on price, why does he think opening another mine – one that plans to product almost as much as every other operation in the county combined – would be a good idea?

In exchange for a *tiny* number of jobs (seven), it would undercut all of the existing mine operations in the County (which means no net gain in gross receipts taxes) and either stockpile vast amounts of unneeded gravel or export it for sale elsewhere – again, generating no revenue for the County.

But in the process of making all that unneeded gravel, they will have consumed millions of gallons of precious water, damaged established gravel operations, and jeopardized tourism and the businesses that depend on tourism by allowing a massive mine to blight the gateway entrance to both Santa Fe and the Galisteo Basin Parklands.

We do not think the destruction of this historic mesa for a strip mine is a good idea.

Todd & Patricia Brown
Cerrillos, New Mexico 87010

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Debbie Williams <blueskypegasus1@crawler.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 3:18 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss Debbie Williams
176 Stewart St
Welch, WV 24801-2026

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of sylvie carpentier <57de65ef@opayq.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 1:18 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. sylvie carpentier
Montmartre
Paris None, None 75018

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sara Paoluzzi <daiaki@libero.it>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 11:18 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sara Paoluzzi
Via Marconi
Sicile, None 33077

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Jamie Greer <myinnerstrength@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:48 AM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jamie Greer
10 Highland Pl
West Orange, NJ 07052-4846

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Samantha Ruscavage-Barz <sruscavagebarz@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Samantha Ruscavage-Barz
127 E Santa Fe Ave
Santa Fe, NM 87505-2647

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Craig Lamb <clambnm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Lamb
117 1/2 Martinez St
Santa Fe, NM 87501-6431

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Charles Stup <crstup@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Stup
61 Bonanza Trl
Santa Fe, NM 87508-1532

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Lilly Martin <octapussy_co@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lilly Martin
29 Herrada Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8265

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ione Williams <murasakiro23@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Ione Williams
1225 La Rambla
Santa Fe, NM 87505-5971

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Laurie Maitre <lpmaitre@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Another vital reason is that Native American pueblo potters use the red soil in that area as an essential ingredient in their clay for pottery.

Please protect New Mexico's Pueblo art and way of life.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laurie Maitre
2 General Sage Dr
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6333

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Melanie McWhorter <melanie@melaniemcwhorter.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:44 AM
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Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
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Thank you for all your work that you do for the county. I am sure that you encounter many difficult decisions in the balance between citizen health, economic development and preservation of New Mexico's beautiful landscape and the very limited water resource.

The proposed mine on La Bajada Mesa is no exception. This mine would consume massive amounts of water to control dust and air pollution for the long-term mining project. The economic advantages to be gained for the county for this mine are heavily outweighed by the water usage and the destruction of a site that has been named as New Mexico's "Most Endangered Places by New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance (NMHPA).

Please consider the environmental and health considerations and do not approve this project.

Sincerely,

Melanie McWhorter
2898 Calle De Pinos Altos
Santa Fe, NM 87507-5314

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Katharine King <kittylking@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Katharine King
1208 Galisteo Pkwy
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4123

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Gay Dillingham <gayd@cnsr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
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There are alternatives to strip mined materials so please do not allow our tax payer dollars to subsidize these companies to take from our public lands.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gay Dillingham
525 Camino Militar
Santa Fe, NM 87501-5973

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Susan Cover <susan_cover@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Cover
22 Camino De Las Minas
Santa Fe, NM 87508-9475

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Gary Eschman <geschman@swcp.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
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This mining is NOT beneficial for the vast majority of Santa Fe County residents

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Eschman
5 Alteza
Santa Fe, NM 87508-2218

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Linda Prince <bklyngr14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Prince
7 Avenida Vista Grande
Santa Fe, NM 87508-9198

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Joann Schilling <jeschilling@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Joann Schilling
3 Sabroso Ct
Santa Fe, NM 87508-1905

Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Mary Gilman Clark
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Gilman Clark
7 Chapala Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-2206

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Frank Cullen <fcullen@vaudeville.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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And I own land there.

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank Cullen
PO Box 519
Edgewood, NM 87015-0519

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ellen Lowenburg <ellieburg@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Ellen Lowenburg
7342 Old Santa Fe Trl
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4577

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Bernard Cullen <showbiz@lobo.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Joel Goldblatt <joel@newmex.com>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Joel Goldblatt
8 Hondo Trl
Santa Fe, NM 87508-5936

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sandy Rasich <dancersandy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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Ms. Sandy Rasich
2300 W Alameda St
Santa Fe, NM 87507-9430

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Marjorie Young <marjorieyoung2300@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 17, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marjorie Young
2300 W Alameda St Apt D6
Santa Fe, NM 87507-9658

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Deborah Cole <decole@unm.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Cole
3 Frasco Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8399

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Jess Alford <easyjess1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Jess Alford
34 Easy St
Tijeras, NM 87059-8002

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Jane Perry <ms.jane.perry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Perry
820 Camino Atalaya
Santa Fe, NM 87505-0331

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Mary Gilman Clark <mclark07@q.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Gilman Clark
7 Chapala Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-2206

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Emily Brown <emily@highdesertimages.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Dr. Emily Brown
6 Herrada Way
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8205

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sarah Sisk <sisk@q.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah Sisk
11 Camino Del Gallo
Lamy, NM 87540-9690

Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Christine B
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:19 PM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 14, 2014

Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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Sincerely,

M s. Christine B
455 Argyle Rd
Brooklyn, NY 11218-6001

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Danuta Watola <facebok@op.pl>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:47 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

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Sincerely,

Ms. Danuta Watola
Chopina
Kalety, None 42660

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Gillian Brown <rainbowriver2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:17 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Gillian Brown
33 High St..
Coves, None po317rs

Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:31 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Naho Sakamoto
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 7:52 AM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 16, 2014

Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

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Sincerely,

Miss Naho Sakamoto
Shinano Totuka
Yokohama, None 2440801

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of William Swinney <strawbill2@q.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. William Swinney
49 Calle Electra
Santa Fe, NM 87508-9142

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of John Reese <jreese@riseup.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. John Reese
2300 W Alameda St Apt D1
Santa Fe, NM 87507-9658

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Denise Saccone <deniseone@netzero.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Saccone
40b Camino Cerrado
Santa Fe, NM 87506-7229

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Johanna Sindelar <johannasindelar@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Johanna Sindelar
PO Box 696
Cerrillos, NM 87010-0696

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Taylor Jones <tjones@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
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Sincerely,

M s. Taylor Jones
1840 Vine St Apt 1
Denver, CO 80206-1145

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Suzanne Natrass <snatrass@q.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:43 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Suzanne Natrass
11 Palentine Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87506-7972

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Frances Darcy <fcrodar@eircom.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:43 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Frances Darcy
19 Oakfield Park
Sligo, None 12345

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Salwah Koriya <salwah_1171992@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:53 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss Salwah Koriya
1 Grange Road
unknown, None RM17 6RE

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Nick Yang <doknik1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:23 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Yang
2133 E 74th St
Brooklyn, NY 11234-6203

Jose Larranaga

From: jdblagg <jdblagg@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:01 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Saving La Bajada

Dear sir,

As I began writing to you about protecting La Bajada from the proposed gravel mine, I started to have all these recollections, these memories, many of which made me laugh to and at myself. A '56VW with an iced - over carberator going 15 mph, top speed, Grandpa getting his big white Ford up that curvy road in the rain so Grandma could wear her new Fiesta dress to Santa Fe, the hundreds of times I've been amazed by the beauty of the light, the basalt and the green that come together at that fabulous place.

Anyway, we don't want it messed with, we can't afford the water that it would use, and it baffles me why we even need to have this debate. Let them go tear up some other place that can afford the water and destruction, like next to the tar sands pits in the north. No one will even know they're there.

Thank you for your time.

J D Blagg

Jose Larranaga

From: evalyn bemis <evalyn@newmexico.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 9:05 PM
To: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Cc: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada Mine

Dear commissioners,

I am opposed to the proposed gravel mining operation on La Bajada Mesa. It is inconceivable that such an operation would be sited in such a visibly prominent location and even more crazy that the County would agree to sell water, whether potable or recycled, for such a detrimental use.

Please do all within your powers to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Evalyn Bemis
21 Leaping Powder Road
Santa fe, NM 87508

Jose Larranaga

From: Art <akireland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 6:12 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: Mining on La Bajada Mesa

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

Over the past few weeks I have read numerous letters written in opposition to the Buena Vista Estates and Rockology LLC proposal to be allowed to strip mine basalt from La Bajada Mesa. In the Sunday, March 16 2014, *Santa Fe New Mexican* alone there were four letters and an editorial, all in opposition to this proposal. I have yet to see any letters in support.

I also wish to voice my opposition to this proposal. I see little or no benefit to Santa Fe County and its residents and several topics that are detrimental:

1. It appears that the project will generate only seven new jobs and there is no assurance that they will go to Santa Fe County residents.
2. It has been stated that a minimum of 710,000 gallons of potable water would be used to keep down the dust. In a time of drought such as we are experiencing, can Santa Fe County afford it?
3. Many people have noted that La Bajada Mesa is the gateway to Santa Fe. Do we want the eyesore that the mine would be to greet our visitors?
4. The area is zoned for agricultural and residential uses and would have to be rezoned for mining, something Santa Fe County has been reluctant to do in the past, twice rejecting the proposal from the same company.
5. La Bajada Mesa contains many prehistoric and historic sites that could be damaged inadvertently by such a project. Mining is not an appropriate activity in such a cultural landscape.
6. No one really seems to be listening to those who live in the area and who would be adversely affected by the dust generated, the sound of the mining activities, and the lights used at night.
7. Other mining is already taking place in more appropriate locations in Santa Fe County and it is reported that they have already created reserves of material in excess of what is currently needed.

Just because resources exist does not necessarily mean they have to be exploited. Often, if resources are not required, it is better to leave them as they currently are. It does not appear to me that Santa Fe County and its residents, especially those living on La Bajada Mesa, will benefit from this project.

Environmentally it is a disaster with increasing pollution from vehicle emissions and dust from the mining and other production activities, a waste of potable water at a time when Santa Fe County can ill afford its waste, and very little thought to the area's reclamation after the mining activities cease. Only the owners of Buena Vista Estates and Rockology LLC will benefit from this project.

For all of these reasons, I oppose the project and respectfully request the proposal once again be rejected. I will also be sending copies of this letter to County Commissioners Anaya, Mayfield, Chavez, Holian, and Stefanics, as well as Penny-Ellis Green and Steven Ross.

Sincerely,

Arthur K. Ireland

Jose Larranaga

From: rtmmyrbl@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 2:22 PM
To: Jose Larranaga; Penny Ellis-Green; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Rancho Viejo Apartment Development - Case #MPA13-5380

Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr.Larranaga, Ms.Penny Ellis-Green, and Ms. Liz Stefanics,

I own a home in Rancho Viejo and am against the proposed apartment complex. The proposed location near the SF Community College is not appropriate and would negatively impact the peace and quiet and traffic in the Rancho Viejo community. Richards Rd. is already quite congested and more traffic is not needed.

Rancho Viejo is a community with good strong covenants and very active homeowners associations. Our community is clean and quiet with good neighbors. A high density apartment complex will attract transient tenants who will not have the same ties to the community.

This proposed development is not consistent with the Master Plan of single family residences. Univest owns other land in the area that would be more suitable for an apartment project, such as near the new fire station.

Please help us maintain the serenity of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen RW
Rancho Viejo

Jose Larranaga

From: John Zinn <jzinn@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 6:06 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: La Bajada mine issue

We are strongly opposed to any development of a mine on La Bajada mesa.
John and Renate Zinn

John or Renate Zinn
265 El Duane Ct
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 780-8036

Finally, I cannot fathom why the Commission or its staff would seriously consider such a proposal. In all I've read, I have yet to see a single proponent's view. It's clear this is a terrible idea, and one which should a) have been rejected at the outset and b) should be stopped now.

In full disclosure, I am not allied with any organization opposed to the Rockology/Buena Vista plan, and am not immediately affected if the Commission approves the trashing of La Bajada, beyond losing the beauty of La Bajada as I drive north on I-25 when returning home to Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Melody
Santa Fe

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Michael E. Melody
519 Camino Rancheros
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(phone) 505-984-1468
(fax) 651-400-4811

Jose Larranaga

From: Mike Melody <michael.melody@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 5:21 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: sross@co.sant-fe.nm.us; Robert A. Anaya; Penny Ellis-Green; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics; igomez@sfnewmexican.com
Subject: La Bajada Mining

Greetings:

I have, for the past several weeks, been reading and learning of the proposal that the Santa Fe County Commission grant a zoning change from residential/agricultural to permit two commercial entities to strip mine La Bajada for gravel.

On the face of it,

the proposal

appears ridiculous. Gravel is not in short supply, nor is it an essential element of our state's, or nation's, economy or security. The employment opportunities are minimal (seven jobs?). The environmental damage would be significant, as would be the aesthetic damage. Communities in the area would be forever dramatically, and negatively, altered.

Far worse, though, is that the Commission would even consider committing an annual minimum of one million gallons of potable water to such use, during an extended drought that is worsening throughout the southwest. I'm puzzled as to what might cause the Commission to contemplate such an outrageous proposal.

The arguments against this atrocity have been made frequently, logically, and eloquently in the New Mexican and in other media, and I will not repeat them here. Every citizen of Santa Fe County, and of New Mexico, should vocally and in writing oppose this truly awful plan. Those who are voters in Santa Fe County should prepare to cast

her/his

vote in opposition to any commissioner who acts to approve this plan.

Jose Larranaga

From: Victoria Beardsley <savvymoos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 4:44 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada Mesa mining

Categories: Red Category

seven jobs ÷ million gallons clean water wasted ÷ irreparable harm to the land = nothing worth doing

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Jose Larranaga

From: Joanie Sickler <joaniesickler@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:30 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,

Dear Mr. Larra,

La Bajada Mesa is a treasure for all of us who live in Santa Fe County.

As we approach home, driving north from Albuquerque, all of the beauty and history and struggle of our native peoples and Spanish immigrants and those of us who have followed are written large on this beautiful mesa.

Please protect it for all time and do not allow any mining or other degradation of the land to occur.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Joan and Mike

*Joan L. Sickler and Mike Rosow
2253 Espejo Place, Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-470-6208*

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Nancy Penney <penrathe2@mchsi.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 2:52 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 16, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Penney
8 Eastgate Dr
Monticello, IL 61856-8243

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Jose Larranaga

From: Jack Parsons <jack@jackparsonsphoto.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: pengreen@santafecountynm.; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: La Bajada Mesa Mining

Dear Santa Fe County Commissioners:

I would like to add my voice in protest of the proposed gravel mine on La Bajada Mesa. The arguments against it are well known by now: it will be a visual eyesore, it will use our scarce supply of potable water, it will create dust and noise, it is redundant in that there are enough gravel mines to supply Santa Fe's needs, it will add to air pollution, light pollution, noise pollution and traffic pollution. And from all reports it will only provide a handful of jobs. The obvious conclusion is that all of us residents of Santa Fe and Santa Fe county will have our quality of life reduced so that a couple of small corporations can change existing zoning to make a profit at our expense. This is such an obviously bad idea it is stunning that the Santa Fe County staff is recommending its approval.

As a photographer who has spent much of my working life helping to promote Santa Fe and New Mexico through books (15), countless magazine articles, and my current project, an educational online venture by the National Park Service exploring the Camino Real trail from El Paso to Santa Fe including a long discussion of La Bajada Mesa, I can only hope that you will do the right thing and stop this exploitive effort to deface this beautiful and important cultural landscape.

Sincerely,

Jack Parsons

Jose Larranaga

From: Steve Lewis <steve.lewisnm@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 1:12 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Vote No on La Bajada Gravel Mine

The Buena Vista Estates and Rockology Limited planned gravel mine has no up side that outweighs the considerable down side to the project. Regardless of county staff's recommendations, please vote 'no' on this destructive and unnecessary mining zone proposal and safeguard La Bajada for the benefit of all county and city residents. Thank you, Steve Lewis, Marsha McEuen

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Jose Larranaga

From: Berylene Rogers <berylene8000@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 12:59 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: berylene8000@gmail.com
Subject: No on water for Bajada mining

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga,

I have never before commented on a proposed zoning change for Santa Fe County, but this issue has caused me to change that.

It is absurd for Santa Fe County to consider providing the water for a gravel mining operation in a desert community that is already restricting residential water use. And the promise of SEVEN jobs is not nearly enough to make the consideration understandable.

Then there is the damage to a beautiful natural landmark that has already been submitted to the President for preservation. It is as if the landowners are trying to circumvent the process.

Please! Please! Do not approve this zoning change or water allotment.
Berylene Rogers

Berylene Rogers

2758 Willy Rd

Santa Fe, NM 87507

(505) 369-5963

berylene8000@gmail.com

www.MrsRogersBooks.com

Book Reviews of Mysteries and Thrillers

Jose Larranaga

From: Harvey Morgan, II <h.morgan2nd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: pengreen@santafecounty.nm; Daniel Mayfield
Subject: La Bajada Mesa mining

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,
This week the County Development Review Committee will take up the proposed rock and gravel mine on the La Bajada Mesa, case # ZMXT 13. Please deny this application and stick with the zoning that is in place.

There is nowhere near enough benefit from this type of activity to justify over-riding your own set zoning and planning to allow this operation.

I urge a simple no vote.

Thank you,
Harvey Morgan II
Pojoaque, NM

2014/03/16 11:56 AM

Jose Larranaga

From: Susan <reutern@lucasvalley.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 11:34 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: La Bajada Mesa

We are writing to let you know that we strongly oppose the rezoning proposal to allow mining on La Bajada Mesa.

This beautiful part of New Mexico should be protected. Mining is not needed – there are other existing operations that fill requirements for gravel, it would provide a negligible number of jobs, and would use water that we cannot afford to waste.

Please vote AGAINST the rezoning of La Bajada.

*Susan Reutern-Prokusi
Kenneth Prokusi*

Santa Fe City and County residents

Jose Larranaga

From: Sylvia Seret <sylvia@serets.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:45 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

I am writing to urgently request that you and the Santa Fe County Commissioners reject the request to rezone the La Bajada Mesa in order to turn the area into a mining zone. First of all it makes no economic sense. The projected gross receipts revenues are a drop in the bucket compared to the costs of damage to an endangered area. Massive disruption of the land on that scale is hard to ever reclaim and promises of reclamation often are reneged upon 25 years up the road. The losses far outweigh any gain to the County. It is further shocking that Santa Fe County would promise to deliver precious potable water to the project in the midst of an ongoing drought at a time when wells and the Rio Grande are going dry. How is the promise of water to this project in the interests of Santa Fe County residents? This is not the time to be selling water to a mining project.

I hope you and the County will make the right decision in this case and reject the application of Buena Vista Estates Inc. and Rockology LLC.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,
Sylvia Seret
63 Paseo Vista
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Jose Larranaga

From: Thomas Pogue <thomas-pogue@uiowa.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:43 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Liz Stefanics
Subject: Gravel mine at La Bajada

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

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PLEASE DO NOT AUTHORIZE THIS OR ANY OTHER MINING ON LA BAJADA MESA.

Thomas F. Pogue

Mailing address:
17 Hondo Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Tel: 505-983-1520

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From: Thomas Pogue <thomas-pogue@uiowa.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:28 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Naho Sakamoto <princess.chacha11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 7:52 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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Sincerely,

Miss Naho Sakamoto
Shinano Totuka
Yokohama, None 2440801

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Carroll Fowler <fowler83@earthlink.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 12:51 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carroll Fowler
243 Poplar Ave
Hayward, CA 94541-3806

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ana R <jujimali@care2.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 9:50 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

Mar 15, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ana R
Suboticka
Zagreb, None 10000

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Heike Feldmann <heikefeldmann@gmx.de>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 7:50 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Heike Feldmann
1 Irving St
San Francisco, CA 94122-2766

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sylvie Auger <sylvie.auger@uqtr.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:20 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sylvie Auger
2050 Rue Du Boise
Trois-Rivieres, QC G8Y 6S9

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ruth Litton <ruth.litton@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:20 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Litton
32 Shallow Brook Rd
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-4028

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:10 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Categories: Red Category

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of D. Singer
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:16 PM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 13, 2014

Growth Management Director Penny Ellis-Green Santa Fe, NM

Dear Growth Management Director Ellis-Green,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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Sincerely,

Mr. D. Singer
1233 P
Oakland, CA 94607

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Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:09 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Categories: Red Category

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Barbara Vieira
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 5:47 AM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 14, 2014

Growth Management Director Penny Ellis-Green Santa Fe, NM

Dear Growth Management Director Ellis-Green,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Vieira
63 Russek Dr
Staten Island, NY 10312-1627

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Unnikrishnan Sasidhara <unyk@care2.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 6:47 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mr. Unnikrishnan Sasidharan
Latha Nivas, Irimpanam P.O, Tripunithura, Ernakulam Dist Cochin, None 682309

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Victoria P. <tory-wonder@yandex.ru>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 4:47 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Miss Victoria P.
Pugachova
Pereyaslav-Khmel'nitskii, None 08400

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Geoff Kemp <geoff666@live.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 3:47 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mr. Geoff Kemp
36 Derwent Drive
Swindon, None SN2 7NJ

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Heidi Aubrey <h2035@care2.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:46 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Ms. Heidi Aubrey
7570 Church St
Lemon Grove, CA 91945-2300

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Victoria Pitchford <goth_girl45@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:46 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss Victoria Pitchford
670 W Wayman St
Chicago, IL 60661-1704

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of D. Singer <singerde@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:16 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Oakland, CA 94607

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Nipper <nipper.elizabeth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:46 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Nipper
1749 Highway Uu
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901-5466

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Brian Guadagno <schduck@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:17 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Guadagno
101 E 26th St
Bayonne, NJ 07002-4904

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Phyllis Jenkins <rpjenkins_62626@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:17 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Phyllis Jenkins
150 E Foch St
Carlinville, IL 62626-3699

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Aaron Bouchard <aaronbouchard1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:17 PM
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Mar 13, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron Bouchard
43 Clermont Cres
Dartmouth, NS B2W 4N9

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Allan Yorkowitz <allanyork618@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:17 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

Mar 13, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mr. Allan Yorkowitz
49 Albemarle Rd
Colonia, NJ 07067-1204

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Heidi Walderra <kanschu@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Heidi Walderra
Lessing
Verden, None 27283

Jose Larranaga

From: Peter Norby <norby@quotidian.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:59 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robin Gurule; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Categories: Red Category

I am writing in opposition to the proposed mine in La Bajada Mesa.
Denying this mine is simply the right thing to do.

It is not in the public welfare to use County water to open up an unsustainable relatively short-term operation that would degrade a long recognized historic and cultural landscape -- a landscape that can otherwise contribute sustainably to the county's economic welfare through the tourist industry.

Similarly, this is not a good location when one considers the county strategy to allow growth only where it is wanted and timely. Growth in the form of a mine atop La Bajada Mesa is neither wanted nor timely.

In 2005 and 2008, County staff recommended denial of the permis based on a "cadre" of reasons including the threat to historical and archaeological resources and because they did not want to create a new mining zone. Since then gravel mining in the area has only become even less suitable, with the Cerrillos Hills State Park just east and downwind of the proposed mine site. The park offers a sustainable resource that benefits the community, the county, and the state, and would be negatively impacted by the proposed mine.

There are so many reasons to deny the proposed gravel mine. Please do so.

Thank you,

Peter Norby
58 Horned Toad Road
Cerrillos, NM 87010

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of ashley heffner <silverrose16701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Miss ashley heffner
16 Kent Dr Apt 2
Bradford, PA 16701-3018

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:36 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Categories: Red Category

-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Jennifer Rösch
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 13, 2014

Growth Management Director Penny Ellis-Green Santa Fe, NM

Dear Growth Management Director Ellis-Green,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Rösch
Hirschstr. 55/1
Laichingen, NV 89150

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Nicole Weber <nicole4770@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nicole Weber
356 Nature Walk Ln
Pasadena, MD 21122-1181

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ernestina Ripberger <ripesto@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ernestina Ripberger
1977 Cerro Crest Ct NW
Los Lunas, NM 87031-8318

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Jennifer Rösch <jk.kofi@gmx.de>
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Laichingen, NV 89150

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sheila Dillon <policaudillon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

M s. Sheila Dillon
17015th St SW
Willmar, MN 56201

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Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:37 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Giana Peranio Paz
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Giana Peranio Paz
150 Tulip Trl
Hendersonville, NC 28792-8220

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of sue harrington <csueh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. sue harrington
PO Box 20008
Piedmont, CA 94620-0008

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Christeen Anderson <hope4daisies@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:36 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Christeen Anderson
4609 Top Flight Dr
Crestview, FL 32539-5710

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Debbie Williamson <williamsondebbie2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Ms. Debbie Williamson
PO Box 21
Mountain Home, AR 72654-0021

Jose Larranaga

From: Chip <cdoordan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:21 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: cdoordan@gmail.com
Subject: FW: La BaJada Strip Mine Application

Categories: Red Category

Mr. Larranaga-my apologies for mistyping your email address originally. Thanks for listening.

From: Chip [<mailto:cdoordan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:04 AM
To: joselarra@co-santa-fe.nm.us
Cc: pengreen@santafecountynm.gov; rgurule@santafecountynm.gov; sgross@co.santa-fe.nm.us; ranaya@santafecountynm.gov; dmayfield@santafecountynm.gov; mchavez@santafecountynm.gov; kholian@santafecounty.gov; Istefanics@santafecountynm.gov; cdoordan@gmail.com
Subject: La BaJada Strip Mine Application

Ladies and Gentlemen-as property owners very nearby to the proposed La BaJada strip mine proposal current under consideration, this correspondence is to express our sincere objection to any efforts toward approving the project to go forward. We are well aware that many other residents have already carefully articulated the reasons behind the objections concerning destruction of pristine land, further burdens on the limited water supply, pollution etc. Suffice it to say we believe there are times when Government has to say no to projects and this is one of them. Please do not let this project become a reality. Thank You. Tina and Chip Doordan

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Joe Renneke <987jos12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:59 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Renneke
8138 W 132nd St
Savage, MN 55378-2573

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Carol Bischoff <loveswolves2@care2.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:59 AM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Bischoff
176 Old Hickory Pl.
Junction City, KS 66441

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From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Ljiljana Milic <ljmilic@posted.co.rs>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Ljiljana Milic
Belgrade
Belgrade, None 11000

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Sincerely,

Ms. AniMaeChi drabic
405 North Arnaz Street
Ojai, CA 93023 1509

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Lilit Margaryan <lilith.margaryan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:59 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lilit Margaryan
A. Kachatryan 1/4, app.38
Yerevan, None +374

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Gábor Major <gabor.86@citromail.hu>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:28 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mr. Gábor Major
József Attila 34/2
Los Angeles, CA 90211

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Jose Larranaga

From: Carl Dickens <cedickens2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:51 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robin Gurule; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; Daniel Mayfield; Liz Stefanics; miguelmchavez@msn.com; Kathryn Ken Becker; Keir Careccio; Paul Murray; Mary Winter; JJ and Dolores; Robert-Patricia Romero; Judith Hands; Tom Mary Dixon
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates and Rockology Limited LLC
Attachments: LCVA Letter Rockology Mine 3-14.docx
Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

Please see the attached letter from the La Cienega Valley Association opposing the proposed Buena Vista Estates and Rockology LLC sand and gravel operation.

The LCVA has a number of concerns with an emphasis on water usage. In a time of drought and diminishing water sources this doesn't make sense.

Thank you,

Carl Dickens, President
La Cienega Valley Association

CC: LCVA Board

Jose Larranaga

From: Kim Sorvig <sorvig@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:40 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Letter of opposition to La Bajada mining application
Attachments: CDRCLetter.pdf

Importance: High

Categories: Red Category

Attached is my letter opposing, on professional and personal grounds, the application by Buena Vista/Rockology to strip-mine La Bajada Mesa for crushed basalt.
I trust you will convey this to the CDRC. Thank you

Kim Sorvig

RESEARCH ASSOC. PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR, *LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE* MAGAZINE

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Jose Larranaga

From: Tara Bloyd <tabloyd@quotidian.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:23 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Categories: Red Category

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition of the proposed basalt gravel mine on La Bajada Mesa. Not only is the mesa listed as one of New Mexico's most endangered places, and thus inherently worth saving, but there are many other issues with the proposed mine that also make refusing it simply the only logical choice.

Mining in this site would result in environmental and cultural degradation of a landscape that has been historically, culturally and environmentally significant to New Mexico for hundreds of years. Reclamation would be next to impossible after stripping some 20 feet of basalt. There is little surface topsoil to set aside for reclamation. There are no strong standards to insure that reclamation would be a success and there is the likelihood that what would be left behind would be an endless source of dust. As those of us who live here know, we've already got plenty of dust!

The mine (or any similar industry), poorly sited on an otherwise open landscape, would result in impacts including: increased pollution from carbon emissions; fugitive dust from multiple crushers, conveyors and heavy industrial traffic; and blasting and night lighting. That would make living and/or driving anywhere in the vicinity significantly less pleasant than it is now. And for what, gravel? There is no need for another basalt gravel mine in the County or another gravel mining operation off of I-25. There are several existing gravel mines within reasonable proximity that can provide these materials to Rockology.

I haven't even touched upon the impact on the Cerrillos Hills State Park, the area's already incredibly limited water supply, the county's growth strategy, and the many other reasons that declining the mine is simply the only choice.

Please do the right thing and deny this mine.

Thank you,

Tara Bloyd
PO Box 818
Cerrillos, NM 87010
505-473-5714

Jose Larranaga

From: Claudia LeSueur <mspoppersalpacafun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: STOP Mining proposal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I'm a property owner off Hwy 14 and a tax payer and I am against the proposed strip mining for basalt gravel in La Bajada Mesa.

Aside from the mine being an unnecessary business (there are several gravel pits in the area already), the amount of water this project would use would deprive about 250 families of much-needed water (average home with family of four uses 3000 gallons/month) in this DROUGHT-STRICKEN area.

We need this water to survive or families and businesses will move away - and then what will you have?

Let's use our time and money to develop renewable resources - wind or solar power - and stop acting like the environment doesn't matter.

Please DO NOT APPROVE this measure! Buena Vista/Rockology LLC knew how this land was zoned when they bought it and must assume responsibility for that. Let's leave it as it stands and find other ways to bring in prosperity to Santa Fe County.

Sincerely,

Claudia LeSueur
Mrs. Poppler's Alpaca Ranch
18B Cedar Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87508

P.S. My Alpaca are a perfect example of sustainable agriculture - they provide fiber for flame-retardant and hypo-allergenic clothing while they are very gentle on the environment. Let's encourage sustainability!

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Ms. Sandra Jackson
4 Antigua Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-2200

Jose Larranaga

From: Jack Wikselaar <jackwikselaar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:23 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Categories: Red Category

Mr Larranaga,

My property of 163 acres borders Buena Vista Estates and as an adjacent landowner I take serious exception to their proposed plans for extraction of Basalt. Not only would the presence of a large scale mining operation significantly reduce the value of my property it would forever change the area in a negative way for many reasons some of which are:

1. DUST- Our area is very windy and additional dust would reduce visibility and may create health issues. The amount of water proposed for dust abatement may not be sufficient and my fear is that water would eventually be extracted from our fragile and limited aquifer.
2. DESTRUCTION OF VIEW - The grand and sweeping vista of La Bajada Mesa would be blighted by a large scale mining operation. The natural beauty of the Mesa would be lost.
3. NOISE - Already I must contend with the noise generated by the current mining operation in this area. The addition of a second operation would I fear significantly increase the noise level and echo throughout Waldo Canyon.

Finally, while I understand Buena Vista Estates desire to maximize the value of their property I contend that a basalt mine is not the highest and best use for this property. With its grand views, location within the I-25 Rio Grande corridor and the Rail Runner passing through the middle of their property, clearly a residential development would be of greater value and one that the property is already zoned for.

Regards,
Jack Wikselaar

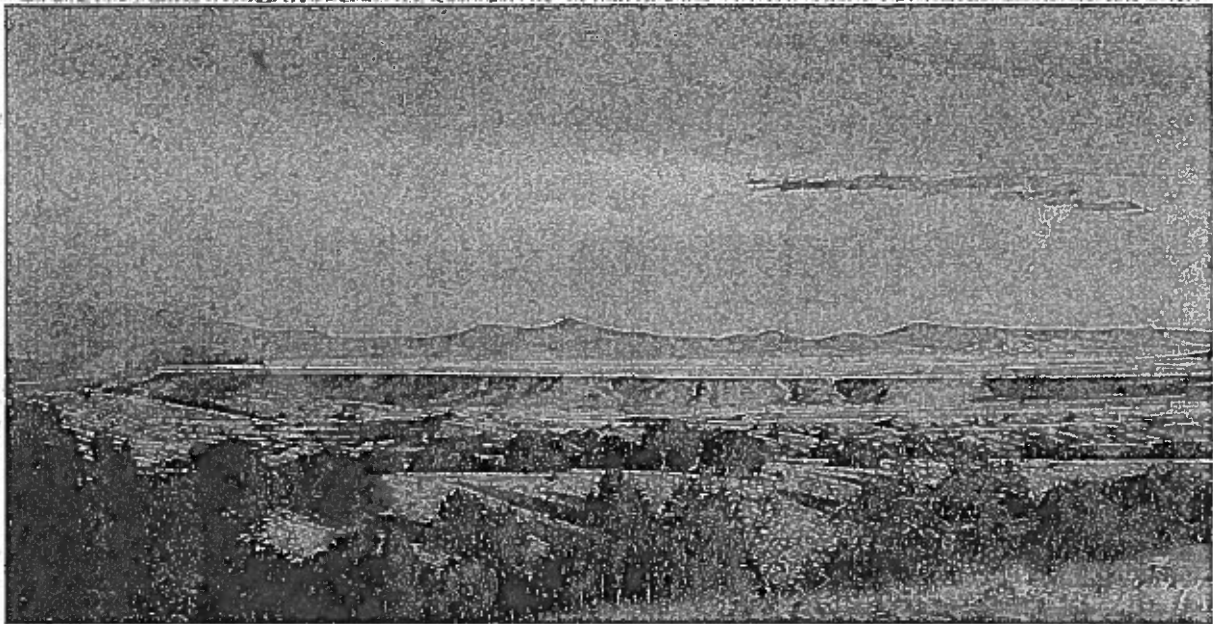
Jose Larrañaga, Case Manager
Santa Fe County
POB 276
Santa Fe, NM 87504

March 12, 2014

Re: CDRC CASE # Z/DMXT 13-5360 Buena Vista and Rockology LLC Application to Mine La Bajada Mesa

As a resident and voter, I write to oppose the application before the County of Santa Fe to permit a gravel strip mine on the top of La Bajada Mesa. Please add this statement to the information being presented to the CDRC.

The picture below shows La Bajada Mesa from a location to the southeast. This historic landmark would be permanently degraded if this application is approved.



Historian William Baxter says about La Bajada, "There is no more important geographical landmark in our State, and none with more historical significance." Yet the proposed mine would defile this historic, cultural, and scenic landmark for gravel. Mining operations would include 25 years of blasting, crushers, screeners, conveyors, truck traffic, and night-time lighting in a currently undeveloped and highly visible location. In return, the application estimates only seven full time jobs and \$122,500 annual gross receipts tax, a number which a leading economist feels is considerably overstated.

Mining requires water. Unconscionably, the County has agreed to sell nearly a million gallons per year of scarce, potable water for mining operations and for dust control. This water would be hauled by truck from the County Water Utilities on Hwy 14 to the mine site on the mesa.

The mining operations would impact near-by wildlife corridors and would be highly visible to local residents and to visitors. Viewscapes affected include dozens of miles surrounding the site, the I-25 "Gateway to Santa Fe", Waldo Canyon Road (the gateway to Cerrillos Hills State Park and the Galisteo parklands), the Turquoise Trail Scenic By-way, and places along the historic Camino Real de Adentro (the Spanish Colonial trade route to Mexico City, now overseen by the National Park Service and BLM.)

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Contrast this proposal with the Caja Del Rio Quarry which already produces basalt gravel for the County. That quarry uses piped effluent water, is well-situated near the county landfill, and will create a cavity that might later be filled with county refuse. There simply is no need for another gravel mine. Current supplies of gravel from operations elsewhere in the County far exceed demand. The County should not permit a new strip mine to mar La Bajada Mesa when other, more sensible options, already exist.

Here are some of the factors that make it critical for you to deny this proposed strip mine application:

- The application estimates using 18 million gallons of potable water for mining operations over 25 years. However, this may be a gross underestimate of the amount that would be needed in this windy, dusty place, based on information from other comparable mining operations.
- The sale of potable water for private mining and industrial purposes is an unconscionable precedent for the County to establish. This is not the best use of a diminishing water resource that will be critical to meet the future needs of all residents.
- If the County agrees to rezone these 50 acres for mining, then the adjacent lands on top of the mesa would become undesirable for less intrusive and intensive uses. Approval would establish a precedent to engulf more of the mesa in destructive mining, which is likely the applicants' intent. Previously denied applications sought mining zones up to two miles long on the mesa top.
- This proposal rushes to establish this mining zone use before the new Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan takes effect, and before action can be completed on a proposed National Monument status for La Bajada Mesa.
- For 25 years, dust from the mining activities would affect surrounding properties and those downwind for miles. This includes the highly-regarded Cerrillos Hills State Park, from whose planned gateway (Waldo Canyon Road) the proposed operations would be fully visible.
- The ongoing noise from the blasting, digging, grinding, and pulverizing of the basalt cap into gravel would significantly change the pervading quiet in the Cerrillos Hills State Park and for property owners for dozens of miles around this proposed operation. Light pollution from security lights at night will also be an unwelcome intrusion.
- The costs of maintaining County, State, and Interstate roads from the pounding of mine and water trucks for 25 years would be paid by taxpayers for the private benefit of the applicants.
- The benefits to the County and the local economy are minimal. The application estimates only seven jobs, and its estimate of \$122,500 in gross receipts taxes has been challenged as significantly overstated.
- The proposed site borders important wildlife corridors and sits within the Galisteo Watershed. It is flanked by two drainages, with the Galisteo Creek below leading to the Rio Grande.
- Finally, tourism is an important part of our economy. Tourists don't come to see strip mines.

I am asking the County to deny this application. Similar applications have been denied several times previously, and the fundamental issues have not changed. La Bajada Mesa is an important historic, cultural, and natural landmark, prominently visible for miles, that deserves to be protected and preserved for the benefit of all residents and visitors, not strip-mined to enrich a few individuals.

Thank you for your consideration

Don Van Doren
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Jose Larranaga

From: Don Van Doren <dvandoren@vanguard.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:16 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case: Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Attachments: CDRC-LaBajada-VanDoren.pdf

Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

Attached is a letter in opposition to the proposed mining operations on La Bajada mesa. Please share the letter with the CDRC Commissioners and include it in the case file. Thank you.

Best regards,
Don Van Doren

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Lola Misirlic <lmisirlic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:28 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Mar 12, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

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Belgrade, None 11000

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March 11, 2014

Jose Larrañaga
Commercial Development Case Manager
Santa Fe County Growth Management Department
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

I am writing as a Santa Fe County resident and a landscape ecology and planning professional to express my concerns about the proposed basalt mining operation by Buena Vista Estates and Rockology Limited LLC on La Bajada Mesa. I have studied and worked in the area for about 20 years and have (co)authored several reports about landscape values, wetland systems, and watershed restoration strategies for areas ranging from the Galisteo Basin to entire Santa Fe County. Various conclusions from these studies have a bearing on the proposed mine area.

In brief, in my opinion, the proposed mine undertaking would negatively affect landscape quality in an area where the larger Santa Fe community cannot afford this. Chances are too great that the undertaking would create cumulative negative impacts to the local economy, landscape integrity, and ecological conditions and processes throughout a wider region. My concerns comprise:

- **Established community and County planning goals and policies** have documented the importance of a rural landscape that maintain the cultural, historical and ecological values of the place, while the proposed mine appears to negatively affect these treasured values
- **Landscape integrity for wildlife and other ecosystem functions** and risks of fragmentation on the needs for wildlife to roam freely in order to maintain ecological landscape functions and maintain genetic diversity and individual survival over time
- **Surface and groundwater use** with effects on wetlands and on the equitably use of water in the County during times of increasing needs of fair and productive water uses and water sharing
- **Scenic and cultural/historical values** of the area, including visual quality of the landscape, clear skies and night sky qualities
- **Economic benefits** from our cultural and ecological landscape, including scenic landscape values, sense of wildness, and heritage and spiritual qualities of the landscape.

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Established Community and County Planning Goals and Policies

During visioning sessions in 2004 (documented in "Galisteo Watershed Conservation Initiative – Quality of Life at a Crossroads", 2010) and again during planning sessions for the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) of 2010, many people living in the Galisteo Basin have expressed what they appreciate about this area. The County's SGMP adopted a great variety of policy goals and strategies that support the community's vision. Key points include the area's rural character, peace and quiet, ecological resources, scenic landscape, night sky, and cultural and historical resources. The proposed mine project is not in line with these treasured community values and with many of the SGMP's policies and strategies.

Landscape Integrity for Wildlife and Other Ecosystem Functions

The La Bajada Mesa is part of a vital wildlife corridor, or rather a large wildlife linkage area, between the Manzano and Sandia Mountains to the south and the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the north. The area is also a pivotal corridor for wildlife traveling from the eastern parts of the Galisteo Basin to the west, across the Rio Grande, to the Jemez Mountains and vice versa. Furthermore, an international consortium of wildlife organizations and conservation biology scientists has identified the Galisteo Basin – also known as the Galisteo Wildway – as one of 20 crucial and endangered areas in the Western Wildway, a chain of wildlife linkages across the spine of the continent between Sonora State, Mexico, and Alaska. Ongoing wildlife and vehicle collisions in the area (and those documented by NM DOT in 2001) and wildlife observations on cameras on Santo Domingo Pueblo have documented this corridor. The corridor was confirmed by the NM Department of Game and Fish as part of the 2009-2010 Western Governors Association's wildlife corridors initiative and included on the County's natural resources map of the SGMP of 2010. The corridor is of importance to many species, and especially to large mammals, such as black bear, mule deer, cougar, coyotes, foxes, and many rodents and smaller animals, and possibly pronghorn antelope and elk. The proposed mine undertaking and associated road activity, lighting, noise, and water extraction from a wider area would fragment the landscape and disturb ecosystem functions necessary for shelter, safe passage, and foraging conditions for many animals, effectively threatening the potential for wildlife to freely roam the landscape. Animal movement is essential for their survival and for maintaining ecological resilience on the land with effects on a regional and continental scale.

Surface and Groundwater Use

The use of water at a rate of a million gallons a year for 25 years, from County sources along State Highway 14, would likely impact already limited surface and groundwater resources in Santa Fe County. Diversions of water from well fields along Highway 14 would reduce groundwater flows to the north through Alamo Creek and Bonanza Creek, which feed springs and wetlands in the la Cienega area which are of vital importance to ecosystem functions there and to Acequia-fed agriculture in the traditional community of La Cienega. Hence, the undertaking would compete with already stressed water needs for local agriculture and local domestic wells and weaken initiatives by Santa Fe County and the local community to grow and market more local food. If the water were taken from combined sources, such as provided through pipelines and the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD), the water diversion for the mine

undertaking would further limit water supplies for residential use in parts of Santa Fe County that already experience structural water shortages. Groundwater has been mined for more than 40 years and continues to be mined at low levels, and more so in dry years, despite the BDD and conjunctive use policies. The mechanics for groundwater and surface water flows and depletions in the area are well studied and were recently documented in various reports, such as the NMED document "Exploring Springs and Wetlands and their Relationship with Surface Flows, Geology, and Groundwater in the La Cienega Area of Santa Fe County" by McGraw and Jansens (2012).

Scenic and Cultural/Historical Values

The La Bajada Mesa is an area of significant cultural, historical, and scenic importance in the State of New Mexico. The area is well studied, and while there may have been few findings of cultural, historical, or spiritual value at the immediate mining site, the impact of the mine on areas and trails of cultural and historical value in the vicinity of the site will be significant and damaging to the local economy and our community's wellbeing. Additionally, the visual quality of the La Bajada landscape is of great importance as a gateway to Santa Fe and as a viewshed area of national stature. Coupled with the widely cherished values of clear skies and dark night skies in Santa Fe County, the disturbance of the qualities these values represent would significantly affect the regional economy and the sense of wellbeing in our local community.

Economic Benefits

Given the threats the mine undertaking poses to local quality of life, ecological resilience, landscape integrity for wildlife movement, water supplies and associated agricultural and ecological uses, and the tourist-related scenic, cultural and historical qualities our the landscape, approval of the mine would constitute great economic unfairness. There is a great likelihood that many local constituents would personally and in their business endeavors be affected by the mine, while the mining operation itself would not substantially contribute to the local job market and local economy. In fact, many commonly-held landscape commodities with their associated economic values would be sacrificed for the benefit of one single economic endeavor with few beneficiaries who mostly reside outside our local community.

Based on the concerns described above, I strongly urge Santa Fe County's Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners to reject the proposal for mine development on La Bajada Mesa. I thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,



Jan-Willem Jansens

Resident of Santa Fe County
Owner/Principal of Ecotone

El Vadito de los Cerrillos

WATER ASSOCIATION

March 11, 2014

Jose Larrañaga
Development Case Manager
Santa Fe County Land Use Dept.

CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

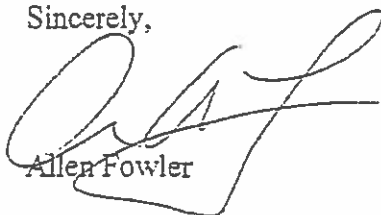
As a water association that provides potable water to people living in the Cerrillos area, we are especially aware of water issues and the ephemeral nature of this vital resource. We recognize that this holds true even with such imported sources as the County now has. In this critical time of drought and reduced aquifer recharge, the County will need to exercise caution in allocating its limited water supplies.

As a matter of fact, El Vadito was dependent on County water for several months in 2003 when our water source failed. We are truly grateful that the County came to our rescue. However, our need was for potable water for the several hundred residents of the Cerrillos area, not for non-potable uses that the Rockology mining company has applied for and is being considered by the County.

We wish to go on record in strong opposition to the proposed use of County water to be hauled to the Rockology mine site on La Bajada Mesa, most of which would be used primarily for non-potable purposes. We believe that the proposed use—heavy industrial mining of a landmark—is not in the best interest of the citizens of Santa Fe County and New Mexico.

The County should have a policy that does not allow such indiscriminate use of its scarce water resources.

Sincerely,



Allen Fowler

Jose Larranaga

From: Julie Weinberg <juliebweinberg@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:15 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Categories: Red Category

Greetings,

I am writing in opposition to the application to mine La Bajada Mesa. My husband and I have lived in La Cieneguilla for 32 years. We are opposed to the mine for the following reasons:

1. Environmental degradation of the beautiful and historic landscape that is the gateway to Santa Fe and its environs.
2. Threatens the water supply whether it is county supplied water or water pumped from wells.

Thank you.

Julie B. Weinberg
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Santa Fe, NM 87507

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Bartlomiej Tomczak <wom.bat@wp.pl>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 1:17 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

Mar 14, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bartlomiej Tomczak
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Lodz, None 90451

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of dogan ozkan <barisicindogan@gmail.com>
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Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

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Jose Larranaga

From: Joan Weissman <joan@joanweissman.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:43 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
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Dear Mr. Larra and colleagues,

It would be a tragedy to open the La Bajada area for gravel mining. Aside from the wasteful use of water for questionable value, La Bajada Hill is one of New Mexico's most famous landmarks. It totally goes against the economic goals of state tourism, as well as simply ruining a sight (and site) that has been ubiquitous in popular culture for generations. Even if the "hill" itself is not immediately included in the mining area, a positive recommendation would put the entire area at risk.

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Robert Rutkowski <r_e_rutkowski@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:57 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Rutkowski
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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of jeff hopkins <jhop-90@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:17 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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Sincerely,

Mr. jeff hopkins
69 Amber Ct
Lindenhurst, IL 60046-7912

Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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-----Original Message-----

From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Carol Bischoff
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:59 AM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 13, 2014

Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Bischoff
176 Old Hickory Pl.
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Jose Larranaga

From: Robin Gurule
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:06 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Debbie Williamson
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Robin Gurule
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 13, 2014

Department Administrator Robin Gurule
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Department Administrator Gurule,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Debbie Williamson
PO Box 21
Mountain Home, AR 72654-0021

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of natasha salgado <viega113@bell.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:04 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
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Mar 13, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. natasha salgado
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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Sandra Haddock <sklenk1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:57 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
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Mar 11, 2014

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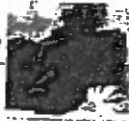
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You should absolutely not permit any new mining operations in New Mexico. Provide jobs in solar and wind industries instead. My husband and I are planning to purchase a business and relocate there, but have had second thoughts since learning the governor is now for the first time in history been allowing mining operations to pollute groundwater with impunity. This is very alarming, and quite obviously due to corruption. I understand that 2013 was the biggest year for tourism ever in New Mexico. We feel business prospects looked good based on that, but it seems the goals of your extraction industries, to use aquifers as waste water receptacles, are at direct odds with tourism. Are you really planning to sacrifice the beloved character of New Mexico to become solely a badwater mining/extraction state? It looks that way. We certainly will not purchase property there until this profound breach of the public trust in allowing industry to deliberately pollute the underground water supply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sandra Haddock
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Tomball, TX 77377-8156

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Letter to The editor

(986-8742)

New Mexico

/o Jennifer West

Crisis = opportunity

In April, 1997 many of us were shaken by a loud noise w/ continuous vibration. The source? Who knows. AFTER DRIVING AROUND we learned it was the start of the long-dormant pumice plant @ Zia + St Francis Residents, including the greatest concentration of public + private schools in Santa Fe (directly east of this plant on St. Francis) were deluged w/ pumice emissions which all inhaled. The daily discharge of vacuum bags of pumice into the air @ the end of each day, uncovered huge outdoor stockpiles, heavy-duty trucks driving on dirt roads, etc. went into our lungs + got into our houses. This plant began operations w/o a legal permit! This noise-vibration began daily @ 6:50 A.M.

Yes, the plant is gone. Without the incredible support of several neighborhoods, the schools, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, Tracy Hughes, Atty (pro-bono work) + other very special folks it all would have continued w/o checks.

IL.

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Dykston

Use black ink. Write on both sides of each page.

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MUCH WORSE TO COME. ON THURSDAY MARCH 20, THERE
WILL BE ANOTHER HEARING ON MINING ON LA BAJADA MESA.
HERE WE'RE LOOKING AT A 50 ACRE SECTION OF LA BAJADA
MESA FOR A 25 YEAR PERIOD! QUESTION: WHOSE BULK
WATER IS TO BE HAULED FOR THIS PROJECT?

LA BAJADA MESA IS A WIDE OPEN GATEWAY/LANDSCAPE.
HOW DO WE DEAL WITH INCREASED POLLUTION FROM CARBON
EMISSIONS, DUST FROM CRUSHERS, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL
TRAFFIC + BLASTING, NIGHT LIGHTING??

(LOOK AT A NM MAP. DIRECTLY EAST (AND DOWNWIND OF
THIS PROPOSED PROJECT) LIE TOWNS LIKE CANONcito, GLOVISTA,
PECOS, ETC. WINDS FROM THE SOUTHWEST WOULD CLEARLY
REACH SANTA FE, ETC.

ACT BEFORE THE DYNAMITING BEGINS @ LA BAJADA MESA.
WE ALL NEED TO BREATHE

BEFORE THE HEARING ON THURS., 3/20. CONTACT AS
FOLLOWS:

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN, Growth Mgt. Dept. Dir.

P.O. Box 276

SANTA FE, N.M., 87504-0276

ALSO: PENGREEN@SANTAFECOUNTY.NM.GOV.

Respectfully -

Wesley R. [Signature] NBB-76

Use black



Mary R. Dykton
1824 Arroyo Chamiso
Santa Fe, NM 87505-5733

of each page.

Fri. 3/14/14

Ms PENNY ELLIS-GREEN,
Growth Mgt. Dept. DIR.
P.O. Box 276
SANTA FE, NM 87504-0276

Dear Ms Ellis-Green -

Julia Valdez, liason @ The SF Co. Commissioners Office
gave me your contact.

The attached copy indicates my position on The
LA BAJADA MESA MINING project. Also for your
INFORMATION I WAS THE INDIVIDUAL who initiated
THE MOVEMENT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GOD -
AWFUL ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER - THE C. P. MINERALS
PUMPLE PLANT ON ZIA + ST. FRANCIS DRIVE. SOME big
prices were paid in health by many school kids AND
ADULTS IN THIS AREA DURING THE PUMPLE PLANT NIGHT
MARE.

No! No! No! on The LA BAJADA MESA MINING
Proposed project Health reasons / Climate Change / DROUGHT
Respectfully.

Mary R. Dykton
(505) 986-8742

No
I have

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Jose Larranaga

From: jim fisher <jimfisherjf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:53 AM
To: Miguel Chavez; Jose Larranaga; lsstefanics@santafecountynm.gov; Kathy S. Holian; Daniel Mayfield; Robert A. Anaya; Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: La Bajada

Please, whenever your involvement with La Bajada occurs, do not approve any changes to the LaBajada area.

Thank you

Jim Fisher
2120 Ridgeview Circle
Santa Fe, NM 8750

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Millie Mcfarland <milliemc@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 17, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

Dear Case Manager Larrañaga,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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The mining application proposes to use almost a million gallons of our increasingly scarce water per year for 25-years, while destroying an iconic landmark and diminishing the quality of life for all county residents and visitors.

Why are you donating county water in a time of drought???

Sincerely,

Mrs. Millie Mcfarland
23 Estambre Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508-8770

Jose Larranaga

From: Evie Padilla <evie@ziainsurancesf.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:33 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robert A. Anaya; Stephen C. Ross; Daniel Mayfield; mchavez@santafecountynm.gov; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: LA BAJADA MESA

To All Above

I do NOT support the proposed mining of gravel on or near La Bajada Mesa.

We must protect our precious natural resources especially our dwindling water supplies.

Sincerely

Evelyn Padilla

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Conrad Skinner <connski2@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:49 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 18, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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The mining application proposes to use almost a million gallons of our increasingly scarce water per year for 25-years, while destroying an iconic landmark and diminishing the quality of life for all county residents and visitors. I have little faith that correct and consistent dust reduction methods will be used. The areas to be mined are simply too large. Anyone who drives between San Felipe and Bernalillo knows that windblown dust from gravel mines in that stretch is choking, blinding and abrasive when the wind blows strong - as it does frequently.

Finally, I don't trust corporations in America today to live up to any kind of public obligation stated or implicit to protect the natural environment which is the true foundation of our lives as living species. The majority of large corporations pay their dues to the Republican Party, whose stated goal is dismantling environmental regulations and the agencies that enforce them.

Sincerely,

Mr. Conrad Skinner
46 Lone Pine Spur
Santa Fe, NM 87505-1481

Jose Larranaga

From: Gail Bass <gibass@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:07 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada Mesa Proposal

Dear Mr. Larranaga and Santa Fe County Decision Makers:

Please stand up for your constituents and vote against the proposal to change the zoning laws that would allow Buena Vista Estates Inc.; Rockology LLC; and any subsequent corporations to create gravel pits on La Bajada Mesa. This proposal is a travesty.

Please protect this area for generations to come. We need good people to stand up for the preservation of a unique and beautiful environment.

Sincerely,

Gail Bass, Esq.

gibass@comcast.net

Jose Larranaga

From: Philip J. Taccetta <pjtaccetta@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 9:26 PM
To: Jose Larranaga; Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: case Buena Vista Estates and Rockology Limited LLC

To all concerned,

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed Buena Vista & Rockology LLC basalt mine on the La Bajada mesa.

The unspoiled mesa is most suitable as a symbol of our pride in and respect for our shared home. The La Bajada mesa and escarpment is as enchantingly monumental and sublime an open space as is found anywhere in this country. As part of a state park or national monument, it can contribute to the allure of Santa Fe and surrounding areas as desirable places to live and to visit, and will help grow our economy in a broad-based and sustainable way into the future.

The proposed Buena Vista & Rockology basalt mine is situated conspicuously at the door step of our capital city, at the gateway most often experienced by residents and visitors alike. It is directly adjacent to the well-traveled I-25 corridor, one of the largest arteries of our economic life. Therefore, the mesa top landscape is a strong component of collective psyche; it influences human regard for the people and place and those who govern and manage the land.

Allowing the irreversible destruction of the La Bajada mesa for the acquisition of materials more suitably obtained from existing mine operations or from other previously impacted sites is analogous to smashing an irreplaceable artifact for bits of disassociated jewels and gold. If the mesa top is re-zoned and a strip mine is allowed to operate, we will shame ourselves in the eyes of future generations and create a monument to our lack of respect for the cultural heritage of our population and disregard for the future life of central New Mexico.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Philip Joseph Taccetta

UNM School of Architecture and Planning

Jose Larranaga

From: kristina.gray.fisher@gmail.com on behalf of Kristina G. Fisher
<kristinagrayfisher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

I am writing to urge you to deny the request to change the zoning on La Bajada Mesa to allow for the operation of a strip mine.

As someone who has lived in Santa Fe all my life and frequently traveled back and forth to Albuquerque, this area is incredibly special to me. The inspirational beauty of the landscape never fails to lift my spirits as I view it from I-25, Waldo Canyon Road, or the top of Tetilla Peak. It is very important to me that future generations of New Mexicans have the opportunity to enjoy La Bajada just as I have, and that will not be possible if it is strip mined.

A strip mine on La Bajada Mesa would seriously degrade a landscape that has been historically, culturally, and environmentally significant to New Mexico for hundreds of years. Today, La Bajada Mesa looks much as it did back in the days when it was the major obstacle separating the Rio Abajo and Rio Arriba regions of New Mexico. It is a living record of the history of human migration across the New Mexico landscape, and many artworks of all varieties attest to the profound importance of this unique area.

I am concerned that no visual impact report has been performed for the effect that this proposed mine would have on the views from I-25, Waldo Canyon Road, the higher trails above the Cerrillos Hills State park, or Highway 14—the Turquoise Trail, a National Scenic Byway that attracts many tourists each year. Waldo Canyon Road was identified by the New Mexico State Parks in a 2006 study as being the best access road for Cerrillos Hills State Park, and the traffic and visual impact of the proposed mine would severely impact this route.

The proposed mine would also result in visual pollution from night lighting. Astronomy groups regularly meet at Cerrillos Hills State Park in order to take advantage of the dark skies in that area, which would be impaired by night lighting from mining operations.

In addition to the visual blight posed by the mine, I am concerned about the amount of dust it would create. Along with further degrading the viewscape, blowing dust could create hazardous road conditions along I-25 for many years to come. Since there is so little topsoil on the mesa, the area would be nearly impossible to reclaim once mining ceases, and the dust source would continue indefinitely.

I am also concerned about how the proposed strip mine would affect local water resources. Buena Vista / Rockology has proposed to purchase 710,000 gallons of water a year (2.19 acrefeet) from Santa Fe County for use in controlling dust from the mining operation.

In this time of unprecedented drought, I do not believe that gravel mining is the highest and best use of scarce water supplies. It is not in the public welfare to use potable water to support an unsustainable, relatively short-term operation that would degrade a recognized historic and cultural landscape that could otherwise contribute sustainably to the county's economy through the tourist industry.

In addition, transporting the water from the county facility to the proposed mine would result in thousands of heavy water haul truck passes a year and would contribute to deterioration of our state and county roads, which local taxpayers would have to pay to repair.

When Buena Vista / Rockology purchased this land, it was zoned as it currently is—for agricultural/residential uses. The current owners thus have no protected rights to demand a rezoning, and are likely simply seeking to increase the value of a parcel of land which is currently for sale on the international market. The County has no obligation to enhance the value of the property to the detriment of the county and state as a whole.

In the past when strip mining has been proposed in this area (2005 and 2008), County staff recommended denial of the permit based on a number of reasons, including the threat to historical and archaeological resources. The establishment of the Cerrillos Hills State Park (east and downwind from the proposed mine site) makes a strip mine even less appropriate in this area than it was before.

I ask you to please act to protect the public interest, Santa Fe's scarce water resources, and a unique natural and cultural landscape that is greatly valued by so many Santa Fe County residents. Please reject this request to allow strip mining on La Bajada Mesa. Once that harm is done, it can never be undone, and the remarkable natural beauty of this landscape will be forever lost to future generations.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Kristina G. Fisher
1608 Camino la Canada
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 490-3237

Jose Larranaga

From: Robb <robbsfm@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada Mesa Mine NO!

Mr. Larranaga

I do not support a mining zone on La Bajada Mesa. It is hard for me to believe that there are people out there willing to destroy our beautiful landscape.

Thank you.

Robb Lucas
Eldorado

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Jose Larranaga

From: Teresa Seamster <tc.seamster@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada Mine Concerns
Attachments: La Bajada NNMG comments.docx

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

Please consider and enter our attached comments opposing the proposed re-zoning of a 50 acre property on La Bajada Mesa to allow a basalt mine operation. As county residents, our members are deeply concerned about the negative impacts of this proposed project.

Thank you.

Teresa Seamster
Northern N.M. Group
Sierra Club
1807 Second Street, Suite 45
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505
(505) 983-2703
tc.seamster@gmail.com

cc. County Commissioners
Director, Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Department
Stephen Ross, County Attorney



March 18, 2014

Mr. Jose Larrañaga, Case Manager
Santa Fe County
Growth Management Department

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

The Northern New Mexico Group of Sierra Club is based in Santa Fe and has 1,800 members in Santa Fe County. Our Group opposes the rezoning proposal sought by Buena Vista & Rockology LLC to develop a basalt mine on La Bajada Mesa.

After several meetings with concerned residents in the La Bajada area and detailed presentations from members of Rural Conservation Alliance, we have become concerned that this proposed mine will create long-term harmful impacts on both local residents and the county as a whole.

Specifically, the Northern New Mexico Group of Sierra Club does not support mining on La Bajada Mesa because:

1. There is no water on the 50-acre property and enormous amounts of water would have to be purchased from the County and trucked to the site for dust control and general water consumption at a time of continuing drought and scarce water supplies.
2. Mining at this site would result in the degradation of a cultural landscape that has been historically, culturally and environmentally significant to New Mexico for hundreds of years.
3. Mining the Mesa would industrialize this primary "Gateway" into Santa Fe whose economy relies heavily on state, national and international tourism.
4. We agree with 4 state legislators who recently wrote you in opposition to this mining proposal: Senator Peter Wirth, Senator Phil Griego, Representative Brian Egolf and Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richard.
5. There is no actual need for another basalt gravel mine in the County

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or another gravel mining operation off I-25 as there are several existing gravel mines within reasonable proximity that can provide these materials.

The current owners have no protected rights to demand a rezoning as they purchased the property with the current agricultural/residential zoning in place. The County has no obligation to enhance the economic value of the property to the detriment of the County and State as a whole.

Please consider these concerns and deny the application to rezone on La Bajada Mesa.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Seamster

Norma McCallan

Teresa Seamster & Norma McCallan
Co-chairs, Northern N.M. Group
Rio Grande Chapter of Sierra Club

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Jose Larranaga

From: nosstemp@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 1:46 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Fwd: La Bajada

-----Original Message-----

From: nosstemp <nosstemp@aol.com>
To: joselarra <joselarra@co.santa-fe.n.m.us>
Sent: Wed, Mar 19, 2014 12:38 pm
Subject: La Bajada

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I am returning to Santa Fe permanently after an absence of 40 years. The city I knew has suffered numerous assaults from developers in those four decades and the wounds are showing. I pray that the magnificent approach to this beloved place will not be further compromised and that our increasingly scarce and valuable water won't be sacrificed to a mining operation of small utility and less sense.

Sincerely,
Dan Nossiter
426 Abeyta

NOSSITER DAN ABEYTA

Jose Larranaga

From: Tom Shillinglaw <tom.shillinglaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: pengreen@santafecountynm; Stephen C. Ross
Subject: La Bajada

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I have read several articles in the New Mexican about a proposal to develop the top of La Bajada Mesa for a strip mining (including apparently for gravel). I will not be able to attend the County Development Review Committee tomorrow, but I just wanted to write you a brief note.

I am personally opposed to this proposal, and I would ask you (and Attorney Ross) what legal standard a developer has to meet in order to obtain what I assume to be some type of zoning variance, or other local county approval. If there is such a local standard, then I can only assume that a private developer trying to put a strip mine on the top of that historic mesa (the original Route 66, ancient Indian petroglyphs, etc.) would not be able to meet it. If however this matter is simply in the discretion of the local county body, then I would ask you not to approve it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Shillinglaw
P.O. Box 1657
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

Jose Larranaga

From: Senior, Diane <Diane.Senior@gartner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Letter of Concern: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Attachments: Rockology-Senior_Mar19.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

After review of the packet materials for the upcoming CDRC hearing of the above referenced case, my concerns in two key areas are detailed in the attached letter: 1) The application fails to meet several County Code requirements, and 2) the information provided in the application itself contains significant errors.

Please forward the attached letter of concern to the County Development Review Committee members for their review prior to tomorrow's hearing.

Sincerely,

Diane Senior

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Jose Larranaga

From: Kelly Steenhoven <kelly@spgcreatives.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:29 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: La Bajada gravel project


Dear Sir,

I am deeply opposed to any rezoning that would allow any company to do mining on the La Bajada basin. I not only believe it would destroy the value of our beautiful scenery which is a huge draw to our tourism economy, but it is an unwise allocation of water resources that become more precious by the day.

To all of you on this list that are eligible to vote, please vote no for any rezoning or any permits that would allow mining in this area.

Thanks you,
Kelly Steenhoven
22S Valle del Sol Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Jose Larranaga

 From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Marlene Foster <athenaofalbuquerque@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 19, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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 Sincerely,

Ms. Marlene Foster
60 Camino Torcido Loop
Santa Fe, NM 87507-4342

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Don Fewell <donirene4555@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 19, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mr. Don Fewell
8029 Eastern Ave Apt 308
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3114

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

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From: WildEarth Guardians [<mailto:action@wildearthguardians.org>] On Behalf Of Marlene Foster
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
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Mar 19, 2014

Growth Management Director Penny Ellis-Green Santa Fe, NM

Dear Growth Management Director Ellis-Green,

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Yolanda Figueroa <yolie204@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:52 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 19, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Yolanda Figueroa
8467 Sandstone Lake Dr Unit 201
Tampa, FL 33615-3063

Jose Larranaga

From: Michael Taylor <adobechaco@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:30 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Vote NO to deny La Bajada Mining Permit (please read short paragraph below)

Dear Santa Fe County Commissioners,

La Bajada is probably the most important natural landmark in New Mexico, traditionally separating Rio Arriba from Rio Abajo, and symbolically uniting our great Land of Enchantment. I am a 17th generation New Mexican whose ancestors have been ascending and descending La Bajada escarpment for over three hundred years. Movement through this incredible landscape continues today as we travel Interstate 25 back and forth to Albuquerque. It is truly the perfect gateway to the north, and an almost pristine approach to Santa Fe. Some may think that permitting this mine will have negligible impacts. I, and thousands of others, know that it will be the crack in the door to allow repeated abuse to our sacred cultural landscape - our common wealth. The litany of common sense reasons to deny the permit is huge as each of you know by now. Allowing the mining would be allowing a huge gash into the heart and soul of who we are. Please deny the permit. Your constituents will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Michael Romero Taylor
La Cienega

Jose Larranaga

From: Ron Hale <ronhale@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 3:44 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Kathy S. Holian
Subject: Proposed La Bajada Mesa mine

Mr. Larranaga:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mining operation on La Bajada Mesa. I am a 35-year resident of Santa Fe County and have hiked in that area, to show my kids some of the little-known petroglyphs. It is an irreplaceable cultural heritage treasure, as well as being the entry way to Santa Fe, whose livelihood depends on a robust tourist industry. Mining there would be destructive and short-sighted. Please do not grant the requested zoning change.

Thank you.

Ron Hale
73A La Barbaria Road

Ron Hale
P.O. Box 5851
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502
Telephone (505) 989-7543
Cell (505) 695-6181

Jose Larranaga

From: Margaret Sears <margsears@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Robert A. Anaya; dmayfield@santafecounty.gov; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Cc: Jose Larranaga; Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross
Subject: La Bajada mesa

Dear Commissioners,

There are a hundred and one reasons why La Bajada mesa should not be turned into a gravel mine, and you have heard them all. So, I won't bore you except to reiterate that such reasons are all valid and should be honored. While water is obviously everyone's top priority, alongside that in my view is hiking. Have you ever hiked up the mesa face from La Bahada village? And the view from the top! Hands down, it is one of the most dramatic hikes anywhere. New Mexico's natural beauty is at its gor-jus best. The icing on the cake are the primitive highway billboards: commercial signs painted on boulders during US 66's tenure and the stone shoulder barricades, some built during the Camino Real period. In behalf of me and the cows (not sure any call it their home anymore) please save La Bajada. To quote a reader in the *New Mexican* this morn "If there is anything we have in abundant supply, it is rocks, sand, and gravel.!"

Thank you, folks, for saving an irreplaceable segment of New Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Sears
1871 Candela
Santa Fe, NM

Jose Larranaga

From: John Steenhoven <john@spgcreatives.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: pengreen@santafecountynm.gov; 'sross@co.santa-fe.nm.us';
'ranaya@santafecountynm.gov'; 'dmayfield@santafecountynm.gov';
'mchavez@santafecountynm.gov'; 'kholian@santafecountynm.gov';
'Istefanics@santafecountynm.gov'
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225 Valle del Sol Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: La Bajada a Treasure must be Protected

Categories: Red Category

From: Lou Novick [<mailto:Info@lounovick.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:25 AM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
Cc: Stephen C. Ross; Daniel Mayfield; nchavez@santafecountynm.gov; kaolian@santafecountynm.gov; lastefanics@santafecountynm.gov
Subject: La Bajada a Treasure must be Protected

To All,

You must **STOP** the rezoning application for a strip mine we don't need to destroy the historical La Bajada Mesa, We have such unique landscapes and vistas **DO NOT DESTROY** it. I don't need another strip mine in my landscape photography. The gateway to Santa Fe must be protected.

Lou Novick
Santa Fe
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Jose Larranaga

From: Beth Strong <beth@stronginstitute.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 7:54 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Categories: Red Category

Dear County Commissioners,

I am asking you to reject the permit for mining on La Bajada Mesa.

La Bajada Mesa is an icon of New Mexico's beauty, history and hold an unique place in our country. It is listed by the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance as a Most Endangered Place. Mining on La Bajada Mesa will destroy both our literal view of New Mexico and all visitors' views of our enchanted state. We will become a state that cannot care for our cultural and archeological resources or protect the natural beauty of our state.

The use of precious water for mining basalt, when the county already has ample mining resources, would also become a travesty. Buena Vista/Rockology's plan for dust control and the amount of water they claim they will use to control the dust both render problems: Use of precious NM potable waters (a natural resource we need to protect and use carefully) and the potential that they will not control the dust and therefore risk threatening our air quality.

I could go on and speak more about the impacts of mining, the threats to local communities, the waste of water resources, the destruction of cultural resources, etc. But I trust that you have heard much of this in great detail.

I am asking you to reject Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited's permit for mining on La Bajada Mesa. Please do not support a mining zone on this mesa. Please protect this special place.

Regards,
Beth Strong

Jose Larranaga

From: Jeff Strong <jeff@stronginstitute.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:12 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited, LLC
Categories: Red Category

Dear County Commissioners,

I do not support a mining zone on La Bajada Mesa.

The impacts of mining here would destroy the geologic integrity of the Mesa and the Waldo Canyon area. It will use precious water resources, add light pollution, dust pollution, pollution from carbon emissions, add heavy industrial traffic and last of all: Destroy the visual grandeur of our treasured NM desert.

La Bajada Mesa is seen by all visitors and locals on their trek to and from Santa Fe. Seeing the mesa makes the trip.

Losing or even endangering the cultural and archeological resources of La Bajada Mesa is reason enough to reject the permit.

"La Bajada Mesa, listed by the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance as a Most Endangered Place, is the gateway to the city of Santa Fe and needs to be a protected cultural landscape. The arts, including paintings, drawings, pottery, photographs and films attest to the profound significance of La Bajada Mesa to New Mexico's culture and economy." from the RCA's website

"Reducing [La Bajada Mesa] to crushed basalt for road base would be a travesty in its own right. Overdrawing the regional water budget - which is already over-committed - for such a destructive purpose would be a double travesty." --RCA Protest witness, Kim Sorvig, Professor, UNM School of Architecture and Planning

Please vote against the mining on La Bajada Mesa.

Regards,
Jeff Strong

Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Lucina Guerrero <lumagu@aim.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:22 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now
Categories: Red Category

Mar 20, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

Dear Case Manager Larrañaga,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Please do NOT support a mining zone on La Bajada Mesa because this is part of the historic landmark that the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance (NMHPA) has recognized as one of New Mexico's "Most Endangered Places."

In order to mine, they need water, largely to control the dust and air pollution that a strip mine would create.

The mining application proposes to use almost a million gallons of our increasingly scarce water per year for 25-years, while destroying an iconic landmark and diminishing the quality of life for all county residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lucina Guerrero
27810 Tamara Dr
Yorba Linda, CA 92887-5842

Jose Larranaga

From: Janet Carlson <carlsonbookwork@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:45 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Mining in La Bajada

Categories: Red Category

Dear Sir:

I am unable to attend Thursday's meeting, but I urge you NOT to allow more mining at La Bajada for the following reasons (among others)

1. Mining would be a criminal use of excessive water during a period of drought for NM.
2. Mining would seriously and negatively affect tourism, Santa Fe's major industry.
3. Mining would be bad for the health of our visitors (and thus discourage them) and our citizens.
4. Mining would be an eyesore on a wonderful landscape.

Please reject more mining at La Bajada.

Thank you.

Janet Carlson

Janet Carlson
17 Wildflower Way
Santa Fe NM 87506

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Faith Garfield <garfield@newmexico.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:22 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Categories: Red Category

Mar 19, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

Dear Case Manager Larrañaga,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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The mining application proposes to use almost a million gallons of our increasingly scarce water per year for 25-years, while destroying an iconic landmark and diminishing the quality of life for all county residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Ms. Faith Garfield
128 Alamo Dr
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1518

Jose Larranaga

From: Barbara Harrelson <barbarah@newmexico.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:50 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics; Robin Gurule
Subject: No mining at La Bajada!
Importance: High
Categories: Red Category

Dear Santa Fe County officials,

I write as a concerned citizen of Santa Fe County who is opposed to the proposed gravel mining at La Bajada. In addition to the damage done to a historical landmark and part of our heritage, the water issues are paramount. We cannot afford to use our limited water to support such a project. New Mexico has enough gravel mining operations elsewhere, but only one La Bajada mesa.

I urge you to keep La Bajada unspoiled for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Harrelson

Barbara Harrelson
924 Old Taos Hwy
Santa Fe, NM 87501
505.989.4561

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Jose Larranaga

From: elreph@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:01 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Robert A. Anaya; ddayfield@santafecountynm.gov; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian
Subject: No to LB mining from 3 citizens

Categories: Red Category

We request that the proposed mining operation on La Bahada be denied. Too much water usage, rezoning of residential area affecting those who live nearby and negligible financial benefits to the county and its citizens makes this a bad idea.

Ellen Snyder, Loren Toole and Doris Accardi
939 Calle Arco, Santa Fe, 87501 505 920 7567

Jose Larranaga

From: emnorth <emnorth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:32 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,
Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr Larranaga

Instead of repeating issues I am certain you have been apprised of, I ask you to consider this: there are numerous empirical studies that show spending time in and seeing wild lands has a profound effect on psychological and personal well being. It's no mystery, really, as land-based people have known this for thousands of years.

Please remember that the land is our only real resource! May you be wise and thoughtful in your deliberations.

Michelle North
6595 Sahchu Ln
Cochiti Lake, NM 87083

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Jose Larranaga

From: Joann Garges <jhgargesg@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:33 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: La Bajada

Categories: Red Category

May I voice my concern. There are so many negatives over this gravel mining proposal but chief among them is water consumption. Please do what you can and thank u

Jose Larranaga

From: Leah Popp <leahpopp@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:18 PM
To: Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics; Jose Larranaga; Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: LaBajada gravel mine
Categories: Red Category

To the county and all county commissioners:

It is truly unimaginable to me that anyone would even consider allowing a gravel mine on the LaBajada mesa, much less those who should be dedicated to protecting Santa Fe County's people, land and water. You all have heard by now all of the best reasons why this should not be allowed, but it is imperative that you understand just how important this issue is to those of us who live here and are proud of the beauty and majesty of this land. Then, of course, there is the issue of the incredible waste of water that would be dedicated to this project. Our area is arid as it is and we go in and out of droughts every 5 - 7 years. Water is our gold! We cannot afford to throw it away on mining operations. There is no benefit to our county, only major deficits. This cannot be allowed. Please protect our people, our land and water.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leah G. Popp
Barak Wolff

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Jose Larranaga

From: Naomi Harrison <nharrison@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:36 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Stephen C. Ross; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,

To Whom it May Concern,

Just a very few reasons to NOT allow mining on La Bajada Mesa:

1. Using valuable water for dust control is simply unsupportable.
2. La Bajada Mesa is beautiful, and very widely visible to Santa Fe County residents and is seen by almost all visitors when arriving and leaving Santa Fe. Don't spoil the enchantment.
3. Residents on and near the mesa live there with the confidence of the current Residential/Agricultural zoning. You can't just change zoning that affects people's quality of life.

Mining on La Bajada is a disastrous idea and should be thoroughly squelched by the County.

Respectfully,

Naomi G. Harrison
15 Ladera Rd.
Santa Fe, NM

Jose Larranaga

From: Liberty Blueskyes <libertyblueskyes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Don't destroy Santa Fe's heritage

Allowing a strip mine near Santa Fe in the La Bajada basin is counteractive to preserving what millions of people come to our city to enjoy- our natural land's beauty and peace. We are better than old technologies that wreck our earth and are not sustainable for even the next generation. This mining only benefits a small percentage of people, the corporation and the relatively small amount of people. Let's look to better technologies that don't use our resources up and destroy our state's treasures!

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Jose Larranaga

From: Margaret Marti <margaretshieldsmarti@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:53 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Save La Bajada!

Categories: Red Category

We appreciate your doing all you can to save La Bajada Mesa from strip mining. Thank you.

Jose Larranaga

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: Santa Fe County Public Comment Form

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer LaBar-Jaramillo
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: FW: Santa Fe County Public Comment Form

From our online comment form for packet.

Jennifer LaBar-Jaramillo
Santa Fe County Manager's Office
Office Manager
(505) 986-6293
www.santafecountynm.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Harris [<mailto:Susanh@SusanharrisRealty.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:22 AM
To: Kristine Mihelcic; Jennifer LaBar-Jaramillo
Subject: Santa Fe County Public Comment Form

Web form results:

Susan Harris
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Santa Fe, NM 87505
Email: Susanh@SusanharrisRealty.com
Phone: 505-690-0220

Comments:

Urging Santa Fe Commissioners to Please Vote "NO"
on La Bajada Mining and associated Water requests.

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Jose Larranaga

From: Betsy Siwula-Brandt <betsys@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:17 AM
To: Betsy; Jose Larranaga; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics; Stephen C. Ross
Cc: Wolfgang Brandt; senatorgriego@yahoo.com; brian.egolf@nmlegis.gov; peter.wirth@nmlegis.gov; stephanie.garciarichard@nmlegis.gov
Subject: My La Bajada strip mining application input

Dear Commissioners,

I regretfully will not be able to attend your hearing this evening regarding the La Bajada strip mining application. Please accept this letter as our input for your hearing today and for the decision you must make. I am a Cerrillos resident and a degreed geologist. I worked for Exxon for 19 years in oil and gas exploration. Many of you know me from my help with the oil and gas ordinance in the past. I was very active in working with the county and assisting with this ordinance, along with many others.

After reading the Rockology proposal and local input on the application, including the concerns of our legislators, I believe there are many reasons to reject the La Bajada gravel mining. I am writing you to support the initiative to make La Bajada a National Monument. With the possibility of the mesa becoming a national monument (as you know the request was made to President Barack Obama in 2013), now is not the time to begin digging into the land, as the New Mexican paper recently wrote. There is certainly a precedent for this in our great state already and I think well worth uniting and fighting for. I want to give you my perspective on why —geologically speaking— the mesa should become a national monument (sources below include NM Museum of Natural History and Science):

As you may know La Bajada mesa is a volcanic in nature structure. What you may not know is New Mexico has the largest number, range of ages, diversity of types, and range of preservation, and some of the best type examples of volcanoes in the North American continent. Volcanoes are concentrated in one place in New Mexico - like a grand museum!

Arizona is the Grand Canyon state, Utah is the Mesozoic fauna state, Colorado is the big snow-capped Rocky Mountains state--and what then is New Mexico? **We are the Volcano state.** New Mexico has one of the greatest concentrations of young, well-exposed, and uneroded volcanoes on the continent. **And as a bonus, we are also the Rift Valley state.** Did you know that *we are one of only four or five big continental rifts in the world*, East Africa being one of the others. The fact is, New Mexico is one of the best places in the world to study the natural history of volcanoes.

Twenty percent of the U. S. National Parks and Monuments based on volcanic themes are in New Mexico. There are more here than Arizona, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington combined. The collection of volcanoes in New Mexico is exceptional. In most parts of the world people are so far removed from any volcano-- and must travel to see one. That is why so many people do and will travel to New Mexico-- to see at least one of the already preserved world-class examples, such as: the Albuquerque Volcanoes, a cluster of maar craters (Potrillo), or the largest young caldera in the world (Valles Caldera).

Every major type of volcanic landform (composite volcano, shield volcano, volcanic caldera, major ash-flows, pahoehoe and aa lava, maar crater, fissure eruptions, cinder cones) occurs in New Mexico. Volcanic phenomena tend to concentrate in only two of the three types of plate boundaries (subduction zones, transform boundaries, and rifting boundaries.) Transform boundaries, such as Southern California, tend not to have volcanoes. Subduction zones are the site of the big, explosive composite volcanoes, such as those around the Pacific Ring of Fire. Then there are rifting boundaries. The mid-ocean ridges-- like Iceland, and East Africa come to mind. **But volcanoes are rare on dry land. New Mexico is one of those rare places.** Kilimanjaro may be more spectacular than Mount Taylor, or Hawaii more active than New Mexico, but those are just isolated examples of volcanoes. In the final analysis, it is the number and diversity of well preserved volcanoes in New Mexico that is so special. There are many geologic reasons for why our volcanoes are recognized as the best reference examples in the world (see attached map).

That said— what kind of volcanic structure is La Bajada Mesa? It is the result of tectonic and volcanic processes related to the late Tertiary and Quaternary Rio Grande rift. The La Bajada "constriction" as it is known geologically, is the narrow structural trough, bounded by rift-flank uplifts, that links the southern part of the Española Basin and the northeast part of the Santo Domingo Basin. It is formed by the La Bajada fault zone which separates the Santo Domingo basin from the Cerrillos uplift. It consists of pre-rift and rift-related volcanic rocks of four discrete volcanic fields. I won't bore you with too many geologic details, I've attached a map for your reference (our state geologist

experts can fill you in with more details). I only want to point out that the pronounced La Bajada mesa is a very significant basaltic structure created by our Rio Grande rift. It is an important part of the volcanic history story of New Mexico. It should not be destroyed— but preserved— and is worthy of National Monument status.

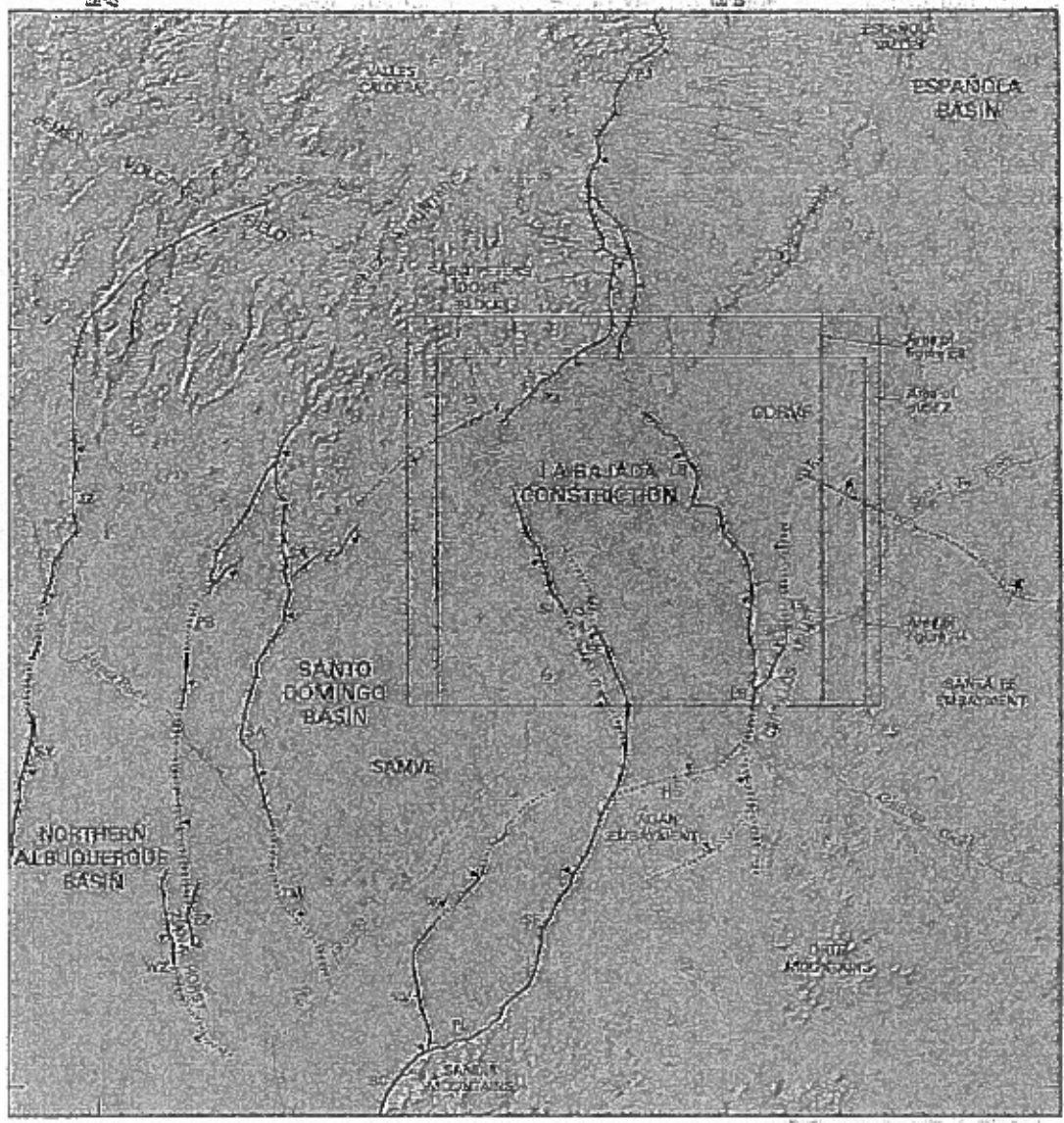
There is also great synergy in preserving the mesa for our all important state tourism— the very close by **Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument** was once a little-visited BLM site, the tent rocks became a national monument in 2001, and now receive many visitors, due in part to the easy access, just off I-25 between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. This easy access would also be true for a La Bajada National Monument. And it could be connected to our very nearby Cerrillos Hills State Park. This state park is extremely active and well run, adding the La Bajada Mesa to it --in a synergistic way --will only increase our active tourism in the area. The long term benefits of tourism to our state cannot be underestimated— especially when compared to a short term benefit of a gravel mine.

Thanks in advance for your consideration commissioners— I hope we can all unite behind— The La Bajada Mesa National Monument— and make it happen for our great state!

Very sincerely yours,
Betsy Brandt
Wolfgang Brandt
95 Vista del Oro
Cerrillos, NM 87010









8 Hydrogeologic Framework, La Bajada Constriction Area, Rio Grande RIR, New Mexico



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EXPLANATION

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|  North Albuquerque and Espanola rift basins |  Pliocene basaltic volcanic fields |
|  Santo Domingo rift basin |  Major fault—Bar and ball on downthrown block; dotted where concealed |
|  La Bajada constriction |  Axis of monoclinical ramp—Concealed; arrow toward lower limb |

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Janet Snowden <snowflower@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 20, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

Dear Case Manager Larrañaga,

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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In order to mine, they need water, largely to control the dust and air pollution that a strip mine would create.

The mining application proposes to use almost a million gallons of our increasingly scarce water per year for 25-years, while destroying an iconic landmark and diminishing the quality of life for all county residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janet Snowden
223 N Guadalupe St # 120
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1868

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Jose Larranaga

From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org> on behalf of Charly Drobeck <kebor@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Block Gravel Strip Mining on La Bajada Mesa Now

Mar 20, 2014

Case Manager Jose Larrañaga
NM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Charly Drobeck
PO Box 458
Tesuque, NM 87574-0458

Jose Larranaga

From: pstaratula@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 11:51 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Penny Ellis-Green; Robert A. Anaya; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,

Mr. Jose Larranaga:

There is no need for another basalt gravel mine in the County or another gravel mining operation off of I-25 as there are several existing gravel mines within reasonable proximity that can already provide these materials.

The amount of water needed is not clear. The application claims a total of 710,000 gallons a year or 2.19 acre feet, which is thought to be insufficient to accomplish the suppression of dust. Even this amount would generate thousands of heavy water haul truck passes a year and contribute to deterioration of our state and county roads, the repair of which the taxpayer would have to subsidize.

In keeping with the county strategy to allow growth only where it is wanted and timely, this is also not a good location and or use of our precious water resource.

Please consider this my request to deny approval of the subject mentioned proposal for the reasons mentioned as well as numerous other negative impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.
Steve Taratula

rika A. Garcia

From: Glenda Fletcher <gsfletch33@gmail.com>
It: Monday, January 13, 2014 9:42 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Mining La Bajada Mesa

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi,

I am writing to comment on the proposal to mine La Bajada Mesa. This proposal is ludicrous and unnecessary. Please consider these counter-arguments:

--Mining in this site would result in the degradation of a NM cultural landscape that has been historically, culturally and environmentally significant to New Mexico for hundreds of years.

--Mining the Mesa would ruin the geological integrity--the grandeur of this oceanic Gateway along I-25 into Santa Fe & Waldo Canyon Road--the road that leads into the Galisteo basin park lands, a sustainable and growing economic resource. The Mesa needs to be preserved as open space for the welfare of the county, city, state, and thus the nation.

--There is no need for another basalt gravel mine in the County or another gravel mining operation off of I-25 as there are several existing gravel mines within reasonable proximity that can provide these materials.

The current owners have no protected rights to demand a



rezoning as they purchased the property with the current agricultural/residential zoning in place. The County has no obligation to enhance the economic (sold by the cubic yard) value of the property to the detriment of the County and State as a whole.

Please take these points into consideration, and turn down this proposal.

Respectfully,

Glenda Fletcher
PO Box 467
Velarde, NM 87582

Erika A. Garcia

From: Alexis Pilialoahaeku'upu'uwai Higginbotham <mustangally1@gmail.com>
nt: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:37 PM
o: Jose Larranaga
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

I am the Vice President of The San Marcos Association, a community organization in southern Santa Fe County that has been around for over 28 years. As a representative of this organization, I want to say that *we are adamantly opposed to this mining application on La Bajada Mesa.*

This beloved New Mexican site has historical, cultural and environmental significance. It is the gateway to northern New Mexico, a breathtaking vista that would be irreparably destroyed if mining took place there. It deserves to be preserved as open space land. There are many gravel mines already within reasonable access. Why do we need another one?

The owners don't have a right to demand rezoning for their property. They knew when they bought it that it was zoned for residential/agricultural. You would set a terrible precedent if you rezoned this property and not for hundreds of other people around town who might also wish to change the zoning of their properties.

It is a *terrible* idea. Please know that the San Marcos Association is completely against it.

Sincerely,
Alexis Higginbotham
VP of The San Marcos Association

Erika A. Garcia

From: Miriam Misenko <miriamboldman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:14 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC"

I would like to express my feelings about the possibility of strip mining on La Bajada mesa. This would be an absolute travesty and allowing this to happen would create an ugly scar across our beautiful landscape that would remain visible for centuries. Our land and water are a precious commodity in this state and should not be abused. We all know that if you drive your car across the desert soil, just one time, those tire tracks remain for months. Now imagine the enormity of this mine, those tracks/marks/scars will be there forever! They can never be undone--EVER! All for a few years of greed.

My husband and I moved here specifically because of this magical landscape. We are artist/painters and La Bajada is a frequent subject in these paintings. Many of these paintings go home with tourists who have come to New Mexico and want to take a piece of this beautiful place home with them. I doubt with an ugly gash across the landscape this would be the case.

This strip mine will also lower our property values which directly affects the revenue received in real estate taxes.

Please do not let this happen!

Sincerely,
Miriam and Dan Boldman
464 Camino Cerro Chato
Madrid, NM 87010
(505) 470-7831

Diane Senior
317-B Camino Cerro Chato
Madrid, NM 87010
January 27, 2014

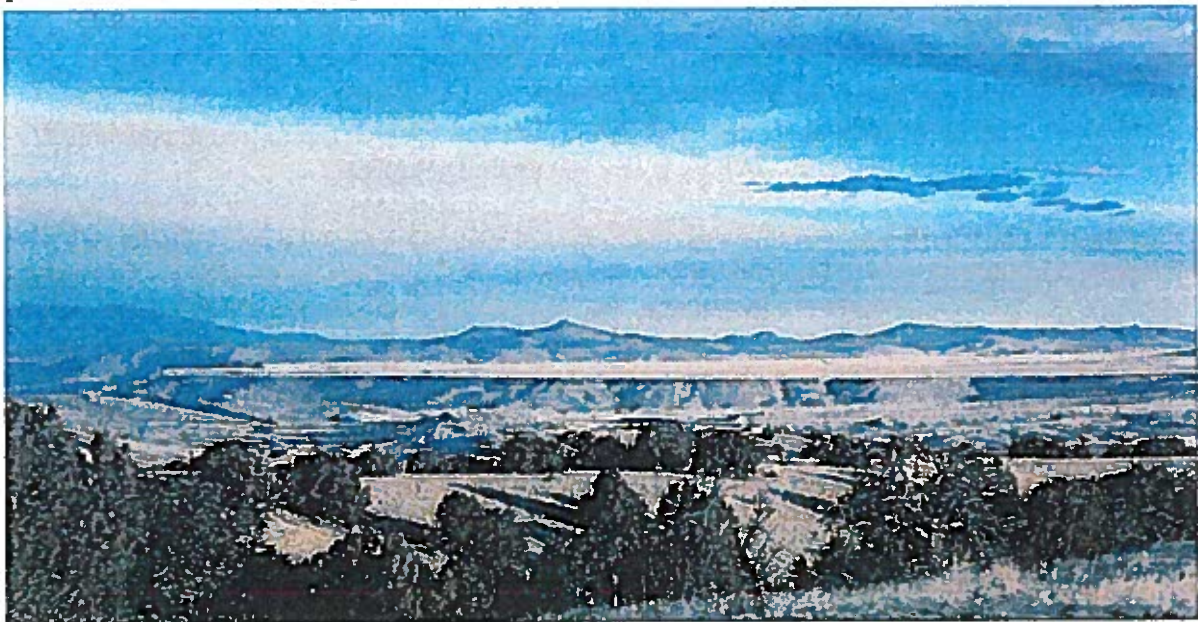
Jose Larrañaga
Case Manager
Santa Fe County
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

I am writing to you as a Santa Fe County resident and voter, opposed to the Buena Vista Estates / Rockology application to strip mine La Bajada Mesa.

The proposed mine location is poorly sited and would be a visible blight for miles around. This picture of La Bajada Mesa was taken from a side road off of Route 14, one of many places where the top of the mesa is clearly visible. Allowing a strip mine to be sited in such a prominently visible location would show incredible disregard for the visual impacts of extractive industry operations on the surrounding area.



Contrast this location with the Caja Del Rio Quarry, which is already producing basalt material for the county. That quarry is well situated near the county landfill, minimizing additional visual impacts and providing a potentially symbiotic arrangement by creating a cavity that might later be filled with county refuse. Why would the county permit a new strip mine to mar La Bajada Mesa when other, more sensible options, already exist?

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Santa Fe is a county that claims to value "sustainable growth." This application is one of those telling moments where we learn if it we really mean those words. The proposed strip mining of La Bajada Mesa – the literal consumption of an historic natural and cultural icon – is as patently *unsustainable* an enterprise as one could envision. The degradation of this precious landmark would cause irreparable harm to the landscape, diminish the quality of life for thousands of New Mexicans, and detract from the breathtaking beauty that calls visitors around the world to marvel at this place. Quite simply, La Bajada Mesa is a significant historic and natural landmark, prominently visible for miles, that deserves to be protected and preserved for the benefit of all residents, not strip mined into rubble to enrich a few individuals.

While it's true that our county has a history of mining, modern land needs and demographics have changed. Much of Santa Fe County's population and tax base now consists of transplants, like myself, who have chosen this area for its natural beauty, dark skies and quiet places. Tourists contribute heavily to our economy, marveling at the arid beauty of our lands and the majesty of La Bajada Mesa as they explore the county. These things matter more in the long term – culturally, economically, and even morally – than the short term profits of a few individuals.

Quite frankly, the proposed mining operation would destroy the very characteristics that make this a place worth living. My own home is eight miles from the proposed mine site, yet there are times of day when it appears close enough to touch. On windless days, I can just hear I-25, even further in the distance. In the evenings, the Cerrillos Hills block the lights of Santa Fe and I enjoy a night sky filled with some of the faintest stars visible to the human eye. Yet the proposed strip mine promises me 25 years of industrial blasting, grinding, truck traffic, dust pollution and night-time lighting, as the landscape I cherish is pulverized to line the pockets of those who would simply use it up. Where is the sustainability in that?

In addition to the scarification of the land, the proposed strip mine operations would diminish the quality of our night skies and the quiet of our rural areas. The application specifies pole mounted lighting up to 20 feet in height but then claims that "observance of light from outside the property will be limited." Those two statements are inherently incompatible and truly meaningless given the unobstructed views of the Mesa top for more than fifteen miles around. The application also cites the additional use of portable lights during "times that operations would occur during peak construction period." Peak construction time generally coincides with warmer weather – the very same time of year when we who live here open our homes to outdoors to enjoy this remarkable place we live. Instead, the applicants would have us endure the clamor of mining operations, even in the still of the night.

The issue of dust and airborne debris also needs to be examined with a critical eye. In an area where shifting winds in excess of 25 mph and gusts double that speed are common, should we have confidence in the applicants' assertion that "finished stockpile material will be located in an area that is protected as much as possible from the prevailing winds"? Where, exactly, would such a protected place be found on an exposed mesa top? And are the hundreds of thousands of gallons of potable water the applicants propose to truck in every year for dust control even

adequate for the task? Perhaps even more importantly, is that how our precious, ever-diminishing desert water resources are best used?

Can we even trust that the information in the application is true and accurate? In a letter to the Development Review Manager during Rockology's 2008 mine application process, James Siebert claimed that the "mineral extraction for construction materials is requested to supply ballast for the Railrunner..." This claim was refuted in a March 27, 2008 Albuquerque Journal article entitled, "DOT Denies Mine-Train Link." Now let's look at the current application. It describes the Project Location as "east of Interstate 25 and south of Waldo Canyon Road." Yet the Vicinity Map that follows shows the Site as *south* of Interstate 25 and *west* of Waldo Canyon Road. The subsequent Google Map provided on p.6 of the application places the "proposed quarry" in yet *another* spot. So where is it? After carefully reading the application, I certainly cannot say. Whether deception or simple sloppiness, is this outfit to be trusted to successfully manage an operation of such significance?

Reasonable, sustainable use of La Bajada Mesa is reflected in its current agricultural/residential zoning, not in the destruction of this stunning escarpment for gravel. Because people generally do not choose to live in or near environmentally degraded places, rezoning even parts of the Mesa for extractive industry would make it undesirable for any other purpose and essentially doom it to a future of mining exploitation. This special place deserves better.

Other property owners in the county deserve better as well. Although it is difficult to accurately quantify the potential impact of this operation on property values, it logically follows that anything that diminishes the environment and quality of life also diminishes property values. Many areas that would be visually and aurally impacted by the proposed strip mine are unserved by common public amenities such as water, sewer, electric, phone and even basic road maintenance. The only value our land holds is its rural character, its views, its skies and its quietude. The proposed mine would rob our lands of even that, with heavy equipment shattering the desert silence, dust obscuring the crystalline air, and nighttime lighting diminishing even the darkness of night.

The county has no obligation to grant the applicants' rezoning request. But I firmly believe that each Committee member and Commissioner – as an agent of the residents of this county – has an obligation to protect our open spaces and water resources for the long term common good of the citizenry. I sincerely hope you believe this as well and will decide to deny the Buena Vista Estates/Rockology application.

Respectfully,

Diane Senior
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Madrid, NM 87010

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Erika A. Garcia

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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From: Daniel Mayfield
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Stephen C. Ross; Penny Ellis-Green
Subject: FW: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

FYI

From: Ruth Fisher [rthfisher4@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:53 AM
To: Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics; Liz Stefanics; Robin Gurule
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

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Ruth & Harry Fisher
37 Taylor Loop
Santa Fe, NM

Erika A. Garcia

From: Penny Ellis-Green
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:21 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: FW: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Attachments: CDRC_Rockology_Larranga_Senior.doc; CDRC_Rockology_Larranga_Senior.pdf

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From: Senior,Diane [Diane.Senior@gartner.com]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Penny Ellis-Green; Robin Gurule; Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; Liz Stefanics
Subject: FW: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

From: Senior,Diane
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:46 AM
To: 'joselarra@co.santa-fe.nm.us'
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

Attached are my thoughts on the Buena Vista Estates/Rockology application to strip mine La Bajada Mesa. Please share my letter with the appropriate CDRC and BCC members.

Thank you,

Diane Senior

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Erika A. Garcia

From: ryan touns <findingrien@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 4:48 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC,

Dear Jose Larranaga-

I am a resident of La Cienega who supports the protection/preservation of La Bajada Mesa for its known historical and obvious environmental attributes. I do not support mining this location for many reasons:

-Mining this site would clearly degrade/ruin this spectacular and significant geological landscape and viewshed, diminishing the opportunity to protect The Gateway. I suspect you are aware of the longrunning efforts and large coalition of support to preserve it as open space for the welfare of the entire county and state?

-It is my understanding that there are already existing gravel mines nearby to provide these materials, and therefore no justifiable need to even debate this request currently.

-Given the changes we have been witnessing with the climate, and specifically regarding drought being a regular reality now here, we need to be acting from the wise perspective of long term sustainability.

-And, as an artist (photography, painting & pottery), I attest to the mesa's profound & inspirational grandeur! Once altered, forever altered...

I respectfully ask that this application to mine La Bajada Mesa, or any other following, be declined.

Thank you. Sincerely-

Ryan Touns
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La Cienega, NM 87507

Erika A. Garcia

From: Steve Kalminson <mayajone@cybermesa.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:25 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Re: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

To whom it may concern:

As a 40 year voting resident of Santa Fe County and one who enjoys a view of La Bajada from my residence in the Ortiz Mts., I wish to express my opposition to the proposed basalt mine in the La Bajada area.

This dramatic landscape should not be destroyed by a mining operation, including the detrimental effects of associated water use, dust and vehicular pollution.

I believe the area should remain zoned agriculture/residential and it's "gateway-to-Santa Fe-view" preserved.

Respectfully,
Steve Kalminson

Erika A. Garcia

From: Michele Chisholm <chisholmpottery@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2014 12:01 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Cc: Daniel Mayfield; Miguel Chavez; Robert A. Anaya; Kathy S. Holian; istefanics@santafecountynm.gov
Subject: "CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC"

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Please ***do not strip mine*** La Bajada Mesa for gravel. The Mesa is one of the most visible and scenic landmarks in our area. This pure, untouched, iconic and historic landscape is THE gateway to Santa Fe. There is no need to choose this location for mining since we already have the Waldo Mine and Caja del Rio Mines. And these mines already have access to water which does not need to be trucked in. The proposed water usage for this site is 100 million gallons per year for 25 years for dust control. This is a huge expense for the mining company who will probably not adhere to the environmental pollution control because of the enormous cost. Caja del Rio already has plans underway to mine for a landfill. If Buena Vista Estates, Inc. mines Caja del Rio, they will be helping the county to further meet the development of the future landfill. Now, doesn't that make much more sense?

If water needs to be hauled to this site from the prison facilities, the amount of truck traffic on our roads would create not only more possibilities for accidents, but would also eat up the asphalt on the roads to where the county would need to step in and fix them. The burden on our local fire departments and road departments would most definately increase.

La Bajada Mesa has been featured all over the world. As an artist who sells her work on the historic Santa Fe Plaza I see people from all over the world visiting our beautiful state. Please don't strip mine La Bajada Mesa.

Sincerely,
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Erika A. Garcia

From: Liberty Blueskyes <libertyblueskyes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:38 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: Bajada Mesa

Dear Sir,

It won't be long before The Land of Enchantment will have to change its description to The Land of Industrial Development. We don't have much water in New Mexico and are experiencing a severe drought. This proposal of mining basalt, destroying the landscape and using our precious water resources is not palatable to the public. Stop now before you destroy everything that is enchanting about our state.

I highly disagree with mining in our state. We can do better at developing sustainable, non destructive industries that work with the earth instead of against her.

Liberty Blueskyes
Resident of Santa Fe

Erika A. Garcia

From: emgraeser@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: CDRC Casa Buena Vista Estates & Rockology LLC

In addition to desecration of La Bajada, this mining project, with 24/7 lighting and noise, will be devastating to property values in a wide area and will virtually destroy tourism in this area.
It's unnecessary and a terrible plan!

Erika A. Garcia

From: Senior, Diane <Diane.Senior@gartner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:47 AM
To: Jose Larranaga
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From: Ruth Fisher <rthfisher4@gmail.com>
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To: Jose Larranaga
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From: Dr. Jim Campbell <drjim@rof.net>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 1:14 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

Please note my opposition to opening La Bajada Mesa to any kind of mining activity. La Bajada Mesa is the historic backdrop of our entire area. It has marked the cultural and environmental boundary between *rio arriba* and *rio abajo* for many generations, and shouldn't be altered for short-term economic gains. It's part of our shared historic and cultural heritage, not only joining past generations to the landscape, but future generations as well.

- One more gravel mine isn't needed. There are other gravel mines nearby, and they can provide plenty of material far into the future.
- La Bajada Mesa in its natural state is best conserved as open space. Nothing better introduces New Mexico's visitors to our state than approaching La Bajada. As a Santa Fé County resident who looks out on the mesa every day, I can assure you that the scenic view of La Bajada Mesa is one of the reasons I live where I do. Like generations before me, it tells me I'm home.

Please carefully consider what we'll lose if La Bajada Mesa is opened for mining, and reject the mining proposal.

Thank you.

James Campbell, PhD
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Erika A. Garcia

From: Ross Lockridge <murlock@raintreecounty.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:37 PM
To: Jose Larranaga
Subject: CDRC Case Buena Vista Estates & Rockology Limited LLC
Attachments: 2003-Most-Endangered-1.pdf

Dear Mr. Larrañaga,

I wish to submit for Staff consideration the Most Endangered [Place] recognition that the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance specified for La Bajada Mesa and Escarpment in 2003. This occurred after plans for the strip-mining of the Mesa were first conceived and sketched in 2002.

The text of the attached reads as follows:

La Bajada Mesa and Escarpment, Santa Fe

Significance: La Bajada represents a key landscape demarcation between what the Spanish colonial world termed the Rio Abajo and Rio Arriba regions of New Mexico--the lower and upper lands with their distinct ecologies and climates. It also represented the greatest single obstacle for movement across the land as signified by the many pathways that early travelers used to climb or descend the escarpment. These various paths stretch for miles along the escarpment eastward beyond the Cerrillos Hills to the Galisteo Basin and westward to the Canon Santa Fe. The wagon and, later, automobile roads passing near the village of La Bajada recall historic (and prehistoric) north and south movement. Early engravings and, later, postcards celebrated the escarpment and the challenges it posed to transportation. Many of these early images convey a sense of the grandeur of undisturbed open spaces, altered only by the engineering feats of modest roadways scaling the escarpment.

Threat: Mining and development could disturb the view shed of the entire escarpment. Any disturbances of the land (including cell towers) will diminish the capacity to appreciate the significance of the space. Retaining an undisturbed as possible view shed is essential to retaining a feeling for this important landscape and what it has meant historically for defining New Mexico's southwestern character.

--From: New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance, pp 4-5 of the attached (includes photos & text).

<http://www.nmheritage.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/2003-Most-Endangered.pdf>

Submitted by:
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