

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 15
SERIES OF 2019**

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE TRANSFER TRAIL MINE ABOVE
GLENWOOD SPRINGS AND SUPPORTING COUNTY REGULATION OF
THE MINE

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Resources (“RMR”) owns a small limestone mine known as the Transfer Trail Mine, or Mid-Continent Quarry, overlooking the City of Glenwood Springs in Garfield County, Colorado (the “Mine”); and

WHEREAS, RMR is seeking to expand mining operations by 5,000% to allow mining 12 hours per day, blasting from 9am-4pm and hauling out as many as 500 trucks per day for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion would lead to large visual impacts in Garfield County, significantly increase truck traffic in the area, damage the region’s tourist economy, and seriously impact the water and air quality for citizens of the City of Rifle as well as thousands of other rural Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, the Mine is located within Garfield County’s Public Lands Zone District and is subject to County Resolutions and a Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners has issued a Notice of Violation concluding that RMR is not operating the Mine in compliance with the applicable Resolutions and Special Use Permit and requiring RMR to correct the violations on or before June 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, RMR is claiming the County does not have authority to enforce the Resolutions and Special Use Permit against RMR and has requested a court to rule that RMR is not subject to the Notice of Violation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rifle believes local jurisdictions should be part of the decision-making process and have priority regulatory authority for projects affecting their citizens since they know and understand their communities the best.

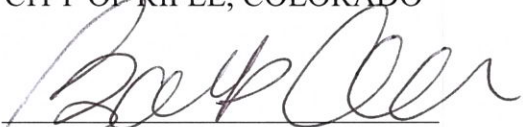
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The City incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings by the City Council.

2. Because of its belief in local control, the City Council officially declares its opposition to the Mine expansion and supports the County's demand that RMR comply with local regulations, County Resolutions and the Special Use Permit.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 4th day of September 2019.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By 
Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

