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City Opposes the Proposed RMR Mine Expansion and Requests Federal Action

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs is requesting action from federal agencies to prevent the proposal of the Rocky Mountain Resources (RMR) mine expansion on federal land next to Glenwood Springs. Following RMR's submission of its Operating Plan modification to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Glenwood Springs is requesting the following assistance from federal agencies:

- **EIS:** BLM should require RMR to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to identify the significant effects the proposed mining expansion will have on the quality of the human environment.
- **Non-Compliance Findings:** BLM should conduct public hearings and make proper findings, determinations, and penalties for non-compliance by RMR under its current permit violations.
- **Real Public Information:** BLM will not provide the public a copy of RMR's most recent application for the Operating Plan modification to allow the mining expansion, and the Department of Interior has not fully answered a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information about the proposed mine submitted by a local citizens group, the Glenwood Springs Citizens Alliance. Real information should be promptly provided to the Glenwood Springs public.
- **CO Congressional Delegation Support:** Glenwood Springs and the region call for support from our Colorado Congressional delegation and request that they stand with the public values and regional economy of Glenwood Springs.

RMR currently owns and operates a small limestone mine on the mountain near Transfer Trail overlooking Glenwood Springs. RMR's current proposal to BLM includes an operation expansion of 5,000% to allow mining 24 hours a day, blasting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and hauling up to 500 trucks per day. This major increase in mining will lead to large visual impacts, increased truck traffic through town, damage the tourism economy, and negatively impact the water and air quality for thousands of residents and neighboring communities.

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