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Dear Program Assistant Sonja Wiser,

Re: Proposed Clark County Unified Development Code Amendments (CPZ2019-00033).

Please take the necessary action to help stop this travesty. They are literally thumbing their noses at the county and the gorge commission. We have witnessed both groups taking swift and decisive actions in the past, for much smaller and seemingly minor transgressions, so it is hard to understand why the buck is continuously being passed from one agency to another.

So long story short, I and most of the community strongly support the staff recommendation to require surface mining permits to be processed as Type III applications. There is currently a scrivener's error in Clark County Code section 40.240.440.H that requires surface mining permit applications to go through a legislative (Type IV) process rather than going in front of a hearings examiner (as a Type III process). However, the Clark County Code sections that deal with the legislative process have no provisions for reviewing a permit application. This needlessly delivers uncertainty and confusion about how permits are processed. The error has been temporarily corrected by the County Council in Interim Ordinance No. 2019-09-13 which is currently in effect but it will expire if you don't act. Please recommend to the County Council that the interim ordinance be made permanent.

Regards,
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