

**Colson Creek Rock Pit  
Environmental Assessment**

**Appendix A**

**Summary of Comments Received from Public Scoping**

**Carol A Evans, US Fish and Wildlife Service**

- Will there be adequate silt protection to keep dust generated from the road from entering Colson Creek?

**Mike Tibbetts, Shoup**

- What will happen to the timber cleared from the site? Interested in commercial timber sale.

**Jess B. Elgin, private property near project area**

- Adequate erosion control and proper maintenance on the Colson Creek road relative to the increased truck traffic associated with this project to maintain the water quality in Colson Creek.
- There is a high level of knapweed infestation due to prior ground disturbance from road construction and timber sales in the Colson Creek drainage from the past, what measures is the forest service taking to prevent further infestation?
- Could sources of rip rap be found in the main Salmon River Canyon, for example the scree slope below the Staoddard Pack Bridge. Or, terracing the hillsides in the main canyon to provide a wider road and room for parking.
- Use the piled up material in “mine hollow” left over from copper mining as a source of road base material.
- Use technical knowledge and available resources to find available material much less expensive than the proposed project.
- We oppose the project as written.

**William English, private property resident in the vicinity of the Colson Creek road**

- Concerns and opposition to the rock pit development regarding safety issues:
- Enforcement of traffic speeds and parking along the Salmon River Road.

- Would like a plan to suppress dust generated by the equipment hauling from the proposed project area in the summer months, particularly in the residential areas.
- Is requesting:
  - consideration and implementation of parking enforcement on the Salmon River Road,
  - widening in the narrow areas to at least 35 ft,
  - more frequent maintenance of the road,
  - and watering of the road in the proximity of homes along the road to minimize dust and reduce safety problems as a result of the proposed project.

**Bobbi Balis, Private Property, uses Colson Creek for all water needs**

Concerns:

- How long the pit operation will be going on, prefers it not be 7 days / week
- What are the wildlife impacts from blasting
- What will be the impact to the water quality of Colson Creek (their water source)