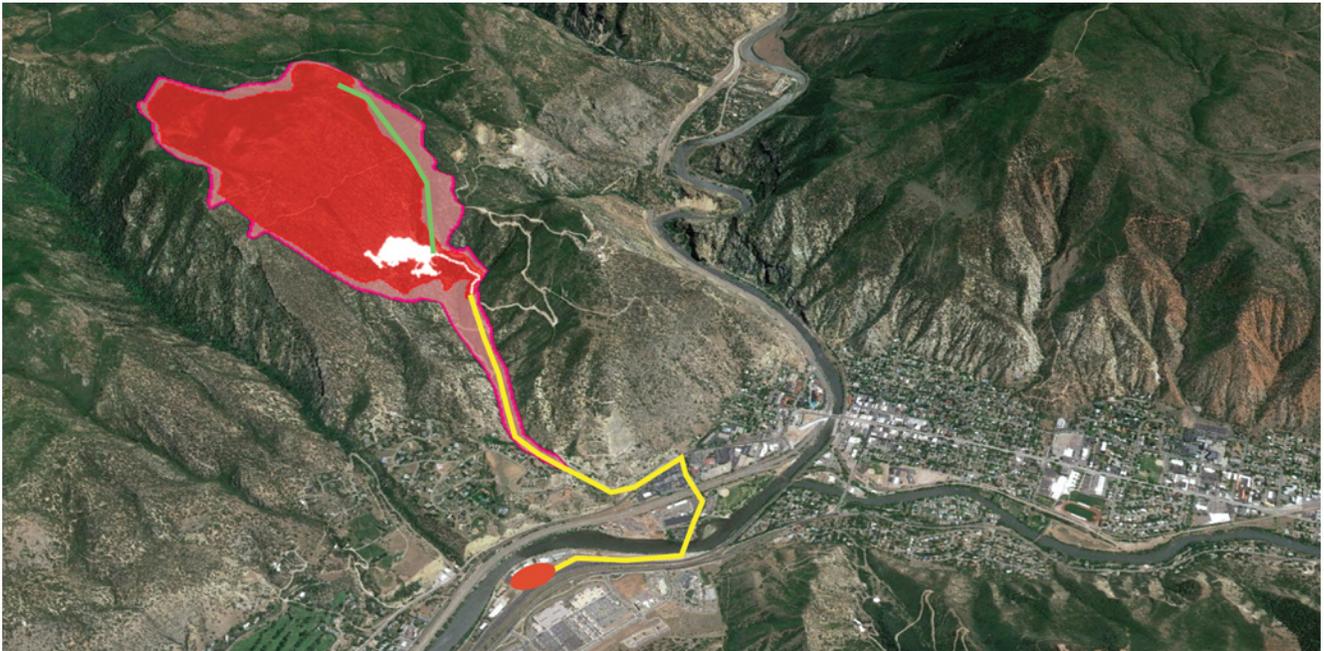


RMR's limestone quarry plan for Glenwood Springs

Bad for our community, our environment and our economy



RMR's proposed 321-acre quarry area shown in red, inside 447-acre permit area shown in pink. The existing permitted quarry area of 15.7 acres is in white. Rock conveyor line shown in green. Haul route shown in yellow, extending from the proposed mine to Highway 6 and Devereux Road, and connecting to a rail load-out, shown as an orange circle.

What is Rocky Mountain Resources proposing?

- Expansion of the current 15.7-acre quarry to a highly visible mine of 321 acres, within a total permit area of 447 acres.
- Blasting and crushing 5 million tons of rock per year over the next 20-plus years.
- Operations seven days a week, year-round.
- Development of a new haul route along Transfer Trail, from the mine to Highway 6.
- Hauling truckloads of rock on Highway 6 and Devereux Road to a rail load-out facility near the Colorado River, up to 450 round trips per day.
- Filling up to 50,000 railroad freight cars per year, or 137 per day, near the center of Glenwood.
- Moving aggregate 200-plus miles east by rail to RMR's Rocky Mountain Rail Park, near DIA, for the Front Range construction market.

What are the impacts?

- A mine scar running 1,800 vertical feet down the mountainside, visible from most of Glenwood.
- Constant truck traffic between the mine and rail yard, one truck in each direction every 96 seconds, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

- Noise from rock blasting, crushing, loading and hauling.
- Dust, air pollution and carbon emissions.
- Use of water to control dust at the mine.
- Potential risk of polluted storm runoff or debris flows from the exposed mine area.
- Destruction of habitat for wildlife, including deer, bighorn sheep, bear, mountain lion, bald eagles, hawks, songbirds and bats.

What are the consequences?

- Long-term daily impacts to quality of life for residents and visitors.
- Acute impacts to vital tourist attractions: Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, Iron Mountain Hot Springs and Glenwood Hot Springs Lodge & Pool.
- Disruptions to boating, fishing, activities at Two Rivers Park, and recreation on Transfer Trl.
- Severe impacts to the community, including truck traffic, dust, noise, light pollution, health risks and unsightly visuals.
- Congestion and road damage from heavy truck traffic on Highway 6, Devereux Road and Devereux Bridge.
- Potential decline in property values, tax revenues and community vitality.

What is the permitting process?

- Permits for the project must be approved by federal, state and local governments. If all permits are approved, quarry expansion operations would start about 18 months later.
- The lead permitting agency is the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), since the proposed quarry area is on public land managed by BLM.

What is the BLM permit review process?

• Part 1: Mineral exam and baseline studies

Prior to conducting a permit review, BLM is conducting a mineral exam. This study will determine whether the limestone deposit meets 1872 Mining Law standards as a “locatable” mineral, or is of a common variety and thus is considered as a “saleable” mineral.

Under the 1872 Mining Law, a deposit that meets “locatable” standards is subject to a very limited BLM permit review process, and mined material is exempt from royalty payments.

A deposit that does not meet “1872” standards and is determined to be “saleable” is subject to a complete environmental review, and royalties are due on mined material.

The mineral exam is expected to be complete by spring or early summer of 2020.

BLM is also conducting advance studies of hydrology, cave formations, ethnography and biological and cultural surveys.

• Part 2: Environmental Impact Statement review process

RMR submitted proposals in November 2018 and March 2019. Both were deemed incomplete.

RMR’s third proposal, submitted July 11, 2019, was deemed complete by BLM on Aug. 12.

BLM also announced its intention to evaluate the proposal, along with RMR’s non-compliance with its current federal permit, through the environmental impact statement process. The EIS process would begin in late spring or early summer 2020, once the mineral exam and several other baseline studies are completed.

What matters are in litigation?

Issues related to RMR’s current quarry operations have become the subject of litigation filed by RMR against Garfield County.

In a public review meeting held April 22, 2019, the Garfield Board of County Commissioners found RMR’s current quarry operations out of compliance with its county special use permit, which has been in place since 1982. The commissioners set a June 1 deadline for RMR to bring operations back into compliance.

Rather than comply, RMR filed federal and state lawsuits against the county in May 2019, alleging the county does not have jurisdictional authority over its mining operations.

Garfield County has engaged outside legal counsel to assist in its defense, and has filed a motion to dismiss the federal case.

About Rocky Mountain Resource Holdings

Rocky Mountain Resource Holdings (RMR) is an LLC that invests in agribusiness, oil and gas, industrial processing and mining.

Its subsidiary, RMR Aggregates Inc., operates the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry, and is seeking governmental permits to expand.

Chad Brownstein is the CEO of RMR. Robert Wagner is vice president of mining operations and the local representative for RMR Aggregates. The firm is based in Beverly Hills, Calif., with a satellite office in Denver.

The quarry was first approved in 1982 at 15.7 acres for Mid-Continent Resources to extract limestone rock dust for its coal mines. CalX Minerals acquired the quarry in 2009, expanding its permit to 100,000 tons per year, 20 trucks per day, and on-site rock crushing.

RMR Aggregates Inc. acquired the quarry in 2016. It is producing crushed rock for construction and limestone dust for industrial uses.

More info at rmrholdings.com

About Glenwood Springs Citizens’ Alliance

GSCA is a nonpartisan group of Glenwood Springs residents and businesses working to ensure that Glenwood Springs is a desirable place to live and visit, now and in the future.

We believe the expansion of the Mid-Continent limestone quarry proposed by RMR Aggregates Inc. poses the risk of devastating impacts to the economy of Glenwood Springs and to the surrounding environment.

Our team is:

- Providing multi-disciplinary scientific analyses of the RMR proposal.
- Educating residents and businesses about the quarry expansion proposal and its impacts.
- Leading community-based efforts to oppose RMR proposed expansion.

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