



## **Your Voice Needed to Protect Safety & Quality of Life on Bird Farm Road**

A new landowner along the Big Horn foothills is proposing to develop a sand and gravel mining quarry on Rhiner Creek just off the Bird Farm Road. It is proposed at 579 Bird Farm Road and the quarry is located on their property between Bird Farm Road and Highway 87. Approval for the proposed sand and gravel mining operation will be considered by the Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on June 5th at 5:30 p.m. It will then proceed for a hearing before the Sheridan County Commissioners in late June or early July.

The proposed quarry poses a serious health and safety risk due to large gravel trucks that will haul gravel on Bird Farm Road to Highway 87. Bird Farm Road is a heavily traveled road especially during the summer months for events at the Big Horn Equestrian Center and during the rest of year for the school district. Side dump, belly dump and end dump trucks traveling along Bird Farm Road and entering Highway 87 will create a danger to landowners, tourists, school children (who get on and off the bus along Bird Farm Rd) and citizens in the area traveling those routes. The Sheridan County Commissioners may reject a gravel mining operation if it presents an unacceptable health and safety risk.

Besides the significant safety threat posed by the location of this quarry it will also have a significant negative impact on the scenic and rural character of the area and the Big Horn foothills. It will impact the historic Bozeman trail route, pollute the air and impact downstream water quality and irrigation.

Please take a few moments to send a letter to the Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Commission today to express your concerns about this mining operation and ask them not to permit this quarry due to the safety issues that will be caused by big gravel trucks travelling on Bird Farm Road and pulling out onto Highway 87.

**Send your letter today to:** Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Works Department, 224 South Main Street, 4th Floor Addition, Sheridan, WY 82801. You can email comments to [agarrett@sheridancounty.com](mailto:agarrett@sheridancounty.com). Comments are due by June 5th but if they are received earlier - by May 27th - they will be included in the Commissioners meeting packet.

If you can, please show up for the hearing on June 5th on the 2nd floor of the Sheridan county courthouse.

**Please pass this alert on to your friends and neighbors.** Thanks for your action and support!