

Save Fremont County

Stop the Dawson gold mine

If we don't act quickly, a mining operation may soon **disrupt our tourism economy**, place our **river and drinking water at risk**, and create **dangerous fire hazards**—while leaving taxpayers with a potentially toxic waste pool to maintain and clean up if it contaminates our river.

Get the facts

- **Mine site is just 1.5 miles from Cañon City limits**, adjacent to Dawson Ranch, and visible from downtown.
- The **mine will operate 24/7** with ore trucks and industrial vehicles running frequently on Temple Canyon Rd., 1st St., and Hwy 50.
- **65,000,000 gallons of fresh groundwater** will be pumped every year.
- A potentially **toxic tailings pond only 1,000 feet above Grape Creek**, feeding into the Arkansas River a half-mile upstream from the city's water treatment intake.
- There is **no plan to prevent or contain a wildfire** starting at the mine site.
- While some jobs may be created, **we're unlikely to see many local hires** because of the need for specific job skills.
- With only \$262k for reclamation, **taxpayers may wind up paying millions** of dollars to clean up the mine site once operations have stopped.
- The mine **goes against the "Picture Cañon City 2040"** vision and task force intended to protect our outdoor natural areas and recreational opportunities.

Get involved

- **Volunteer** with the Arkansas Valley Conservation Coalition (AVCC).
- **Express your concern** to the Fremont County Commissioners once they receive the permit following the State DRMS decision. Office phone: (719) 276-7300
- **Attend County Commissioner meetings** when the permit is on the agenda. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at 615 Macon Ave., Room 105, Cañon City, CO 81212.
- **Share this document** through email, print, and social media.

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