

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ONLINE COMMENTS, GENEVA ROCK REZONE PROPOSAL

The following provides an executive summary of the comments Draper City has received via its online comment form. Nearly all comments were against Geneva’s proposed expansion of their mining operations. 161 comments have been received as of Friday, August 17th, 2018.

AIR QUALITY
Air quality was the biggest issue cited in public comments. Commenters were concerned about Geneva’s ability to mitigate dust with their current and future operations, particularly given the wind patterns at the point of the mountain location. Commenters cited fugitive silica dust, heavy metals, and particulate matter as their main concerns. Several said they have experienced layers of dust on the exterior of their cars and homes. Some were worried about the effects of mining-related dust not only for area residents but for residents in other parts of the region.
HEALTH
Most commenters were concerned about what they felt were the negative effects of poor air quality from Geneva’s operations on public health, especially vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. Some referenced the increase in emergency room visits on poor air quality days and exacerbated symptoms associated with asthma.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Commenters were worried about the proposed expansion deterring high-tech companies from locating to the area known as, “Silicon Slopes” in the future and were concerned about the affects the proposed expansion could have on property values.
AESTHETICS
Many commenters referred to Geneva’s current operations as “ugly” and an unfortunate “eyesore” located at what should be a prime gateway into the community. Some felt the operations looked like they were “eating away” at the mountain.
SAFETY
Several comments referenced the heavy truck traffic on 14600 S. and the associated gravel they felt damaged their windshields. A few commenters worried whether expanding mining further into the mountain would seismically destabilize it.
ENVIRONMENT
The impacts to the surrounding environment, including wildlife and natural vegetation were cited as concerns.
GROWTH
Commenters worried about what the negative mining-related impacts such as noise, vibrations, and dust would have on the fast-growing residential neighborhoods and business areas.
RECREATION
Several commenters were concerned about the proposed expansion’s effect on the hang gliding and para gliding activities. Two comments were in favor of Geneva’s proposal because they felt that it preserved the flight park for their recreational use.