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**To:** Bennett, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: Sand mining-El Monte Valley

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Mrs. Marie Culver  
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the proposed strip sand mining by El Monte Valley Preserve LLC. I do not believe this 'company' has the best interests in mind for the residents and people who enjoy one of the last virgin river valleys that is easily accessible. They only have their own interests in mind: \$\$\$\$ , lots of \$\$\$\$. Some of them have already shown their disregard for this valley by illegally removing sand under a proposed golf course. The title of this company is deceitful. They say they will restore and improve this valley, but many of us don't believe due to past experiences with sites like this.

I board my horse at one of the boarding ranches at the east end of the valley. I ride in the river valley many days a month and observe the rich wildlife that lives there. It is a taste of the wild that has many trails to delight the nature lover. Once this area is destroyed, it will never be the same. You can find two giant holes that the last sand removal left. They can't be seen from the roads, but mar the beauty of the grassland area. If this goes as planned, I have the option to move my horse to a new location, but I picked this area because of its natural habitat and views of the surrounding mountains.

I can move, but the residents can't. What happens to their pristine wells? They will not be able to sell their property. Who would buy land near all this destruction and noise? Would the proponents live here? I think not!!! They just want to have more money to buy more houses, more cars, more whatever at the expense of the residents who want to keep life in this rural environment. **Would you buy land and live there, putting up with the noise, dust, and other annoying and dangerous elements? I think not!!!**

There are many reasons for this project to be denied: Valley Fever, the water issue, and many more too numerous to list here. The residents, both human and animal, deserve to have the quality of life kept the same, not destroyed. I teach environmental studies at the elementary grade level. ***What kind of legacy will you leave for the children and residents of this area?***

**Please, please, please help us keep the valley GREEN, not change it to the color of GREED!**

Most Sincerely Yours,  
Marie Culver