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TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER FOR RDU QUARRY EXTENDED TO AUGUST 5TH

RALEIGH, NC: A Wake County judge has extended to August 5, 2019, the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that restricts Wake Stone Corporation (WSC) quarry activities on the Odd Fellows tract bordering William B. Umstead State Park. The extension was agreed by all parties to the case.

“Allowing a private rock quarry to mine public land is a momentous decision with significant environmental and community impact,” said Jean Spooner, Chair of the Umstead Coalition. “All parties have agreed that additional time is needed for careful evaluation of such a precedent-setting action.”

The Umstead Coalition, Tamara and Randall Dunn, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC), and William Doucette (plaintiffs), had filed a Complaint for Declarative Judgment and Injunctive Relief on March 12, 2019. The TRO was initially granted on March 18th for 10 days to enjoin the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDUAA) and WSC from fully engaging in quarry activities on the 105-acre tract. The legal action responds to the RDUAA’s March 1 approval and execution of a long-term lease of mineral rights to WSC, in conflict with State law.

About the Umstead Coalition and TORC:

The Umstead Coalition has been working since 1972 to support and protect William B. Umstead State Park through fundraising, sponsorship of volunteer activities, and oversight of environmental and legal protections.

Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC) is a volunteer organization dedicated to ensuring the future of mountain biking in the Triangle area of North Carolina through the promotion of responsible riding, establishment and maintenance of mountain biking trails, and preservation of North Carolina’s natural resources. TORC works with Wake County to maintain and enhance the single-tract trails at Lake Crabtree County Park.

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