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To: Public Comments - Mining Permit 92-10, Triangle Mine, Wake Stone Corporation
Modification Application for a new rock mine - ncminingprogram@ncdenr.gov

May 7, 2020

Please accept this letter as a request to DENY the Permit Application requesting to add a new rock mining pit on the Odd Fellows Tract adjacent from William B. Umstead State Park, and DENY the permit modifications being requested on the existing quarry pit.

As The Umstead Coalition's partner, the Eno River Association shares Umstead's mission to protect William B. Umstead State Park and all North Carolina State Parks. If approved, this mine would be the first private rock mine on public property next to a State Park in our state. This would be a terrible precedent, as it negates both the protection and mission of our Parks. The permit application should be denied due to a "significantly adverse effect on the purposes of a publicly owned Park" - William B. Umstead State Park.

The Odd Fellows Tract has been identified as a vital protection need for William B. Umstead State Park. This fact is highlighted by its listing on the "Critical Land Acquisition" for water quality protection. This tract is vital to the recreational and wildlife-connector corridor along Old Reedy Creek Road, near the Park's Harrison Avenue entrance. The proposed rock mine would cause tremendous harm to water and air quality, as well as severely disrupt our enjoyment of Umstead State Park.

Please accept this letter as a request to restore the promised 50-year sunset clause to the existing pit. And, to restore the promised "undisturbed vegetative buffers."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica L. Sheffield".

Jessica L. Sheffield, Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina
Jeremy Tarr, Policy Advisor to Governor Cooper
Dwayne Patterson, Director, N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Chair, Wendy Jacobs and Durham County Commissioners
Mayor, Steve Schewel and Durham City Council Members

