

April 23, 2023

Levy County Planning and Zoning Department
320 Mongo Street
Bronson, FL 32621

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is written in **opposition** to Petition SE 23-01: Ryan Thomas for 3RT Sand Mine.

Top two concerns:

1. **Environmental impact** – destroy vegetation and deforestation, cause erosion, endanger animal habitats and pollute water sources. This is just a small list of environmental impacts, especially with an area as large as 400 acres.
2. **Personal and neighbor impact** – noise level of large trucks constantly running, dust and dirt into homes and neighborhoods, damage to our small road that will cost the county more money due to all the large trucks.

I am sure there are many more areas of concern but these two come to the forefront of my mind when I think about a mining operation of that size in a small residential area.

Please consider the environmental impacts as paramount; it is very difficult to unring that bell once the damage is done in our small, wonderful, protected part of Florida. And, as many of we natives know naturally beautiful areas like Bronson are becoming a rarity.

Thank you,



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