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Dear Neighbors,

Well, here we are again, getting ready to oppose another bid at making Corkscrew road a hazard to our health and children's health. I have been informed that soon there will be another application for a "dirt mine" where the old flint property used to be. It has been purchased by a group that wants to mine the "dirt" out of it, so they say. This is the first step to breaking into Corkscrew road area to open it up for eventual "rock mines" and all the like.

Dear neighbor, here is my proposal. If we rally together and attend the hearing meeting that I will announce and let you know about, and you attend just one of them and sign up personally that you are against the added truck traffic, lights, noise, and wear and tear on our road, not even mentioning the "moonscape" look to this beautiful land, we will stop them cold. We have already beat two large companies that tried to mine off of Corkscrew. The commission is with us on not turning Corkscrew into another Alico road industrial park.

Our lives are at stake. I really mean this radical statement. How many people are going to have to die by over use of these dump trucks running 80 miles an hour, passing each other, and racing back to the mine for more dirt, to make another load before quitting time? How many more have to die that run in the ditches made on the road by dump trucks, that fill with rain and make driving hazardous and "planing" almost certain. I have seen the smashed cars that were hit head on when they lost control on Corkscrew, due to the ditches made in the road by thousands of loaded dump trucks. People please respond for the sake of your families, neighbors, and quality of our lives.
(corkscrewroad.com for all the information, emails and news)

If you respond on this new application for about 800 acres to be "dirt" to be mined, around 1500 truck trips a day for 310 days a year, 12 hours a day, we will stop all the rest that are starting to "chum" each other, and creating a "feeding frenzy" for mining on Corkscrew. The bottom line is money, (about 1 billion dollars of dirt), not necessity. We do not have to have Corkscrew mined in order to keep doing business in Lee County. There are plenty of other sources available for future growth, without "strip mining, and moonscaping" this beautiful area.

This new mine will create another source of light pollution, noise pollution, dust, and visual pollution right in front or close of your homes, subdivisions, and in your lane of traffic.. Think about it. Call me if you will help in some way.

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