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To all concerned:

I attended the recent planning commission meeting out of concern for the future of our lifestyle we currently enjoy in Chapel Valley. It's obvious that will be a thing of the past if the proposed Red Rock Canyon route is built. Not only is the drastically increased traffic in the area unwanted, it would also create many unsafe conditions for those of us that live here as well as people from other areas of town that go to Canyon Lake and walk to and from the dog park. It is already fairly hazardous at the intersection of Chapel Lane and Jackson Blvd. I can't imagine how dangerous it will become if there is an increase in traffic through Chapel Valley. Many of us residents walk the along Red Rock Canyon Road on the sidewalk as well as along the shoulder to the dead end up the canyon. That will no longer be an option for us if the road is extended through the canyon. None of Chapel Valley has sidewalks other than Red Rock Canyon Road. We walk all over this neighborhood on the streets and do so safely because we have only light local traffic. It will become too unsafe for us residents to walk through our neighborhood streets if Chapel Valley becomes a short-cut for others to speed through. We certainly don't want a bunch students speeding through on their way to and from Steven's High School. We choose to live in this area for the unique lifestyle the area provides and don't want that taken from us.

The issue of Chapel Valley having only one entrance/exit was not an issue until Mike Derby wanted to build a resort at the entrance of Chapel Valley. Not only would this take away from the residents of Chapel Valley, it would also take away from the aesthetics of Canyon Lake that all residents of Rapid City have a right to enjoy. The law offices on one side of the lake have already impacted the area too much. Why would development on the opposite side of the lake be allowed to destroy what is left of the view? If any of you lived here, you certainly wouldn't want to see a \$50,000,000.00 unwanted road through your neighborhood or further commercial construction around the lake.

Thank you,

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