

# **Destructive Apperson Ridge Quarry planned for Sunol**

## **Save the tule elk and other wildlife of the Sunol Valley**



**Sunol's quiet charm and unique wildlife are threatened.** Alameda County approved a hard rock quarry at Apperson Ridge (east of Sunol Valley, between Sunol Regional Wilderness and San Antonio Reservoir) in 1984. Oliver de Silva, Inc. plans to remove the ridgetop and destroy 680 acres of endangered species habitat in the heart of the Sunol tule elk herd's home range. The quarry will feature daily dynamite blasting that will be heard in Sunol Wilderness and the town of Sunol as well as 1,000 trucks per day on Calaveras Road.

**The quarry will destroy wildlands and displace wildlife.** The project will drive the Sunol elk herd out of their home range, impact nesting golden eagles and peregrine falcons, and damage habitat for sensitive species such as the California red-legged frog, Alameda whipsnake, California tiger salamander and western burrowing owl. The quarry will impact water quality and habitat for landlocked steelhead trout in Indian Creek above San Antonio Reservoir.

**The environmental review is inadequate and illegal.** Alameda County conducted the Environmental Impact Report for Apperson over 20 years ago! The approved mitigations for impacts to endangered species and their habitat are completely inadequate. The County recently approved expansion of the quarry access road and indicated they will allow quarrying with no further environmental review and full knowledge the project will evict the Sunol elk herd.

**What you can do:** Write or call the Alameda County Planning Department and your Supervisor and insist Alameda County conduct a new EIR for the quarry. Tell the County it is unacceptable to displace the Sunol elk herd and endangered wildlife. Also write or call the California Department of Fish and Game and insist they not give the quarry a Streambed Alteration Permit without a new EIR. **Write to:**

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**For more information about the quarry and what you can do visit the Alameda Creek Alliance web site at [www.alamedacreek.org](http://www.alamedacreek.org) and click on "Action Alerts."**