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Denver Metroplex Draft EA
Federal Aviation Administration
Western Service Center - Operations Support Group
2200 S. 216th St.
Des Moines, WA 98198-6547

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed shift in flight plans from Denver International Airport. While I understand the goal of the Denver Metroplex Project is to decrease flight delays and increase fuel efficiency, I believe it is paramount that the communities below the flight path have a forum to present our concerns and that these concerns be taken to heart.

I was dismayed to read a letter to the FAA from our Congressman Joe Neguse asking that the flight path be moved south of Boulder County and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. While I sympathize with the residents of south Boulder County, this move would bring the flight path right over Gilpin County and the James Peak Wilderness Area. Their concerns apply equally to our community and I have spoken with our Congressman's staff and suggested that the only equitable move forward is to vary the flight paths. We all have the same concerns about our quality of life, the ability to recreate and relax in the high country and the protection of our valued wildlife and wilderness areas.

I can't think of one county or community that would welcome a flight path overhead yet we all realize the importance of air travel. Although it may not align with your goals for efficiency, please consider dispersed routes so no one community is inundated.
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Gail Watson
Commissioner
District 3