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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:

We are writing to express our concerns about the Denver Metroplex project and the lack of notification and involvement in our county. There was no public meeting held nor posting about the comment period in our newspaper of record. We did receive a letter dated April 17, 2019 alerting the Board of County Commissioners to the comment period and identifying the library as the recipient of project information. We discussed this information at our April 23rd public meeting but neither local newspaper reported on the discussion nor the project. We did send the attached letter from Commissioner Watson outlining our concerns but have been made aware that there are a number of residents greatly disturbed by the possibility of increased air traffic who rightly feel they have not been given the opportunity to have their voices heard.

In light of the lack of communication in our county we are asking to be allowed to enter comments into the public record and make certain that you understand our concerns. It is not only about increased jet traffic and the attendant noise in our subdivisions but the impacts increased traffic will have on public lands. Gilpin County is home to the 3rd most visited Colorado State Park, Golden Gate Canyon State Park. We are also home to the James Peak Wilderness Area, 17,000 acres set aside from motorized human recreation to preserve its natural condition. Increased planes and noise over these lands that Coloradans and visitors hold dear as a respite from the noise and rush of city life would be a perversion of the intent and a tragic loss for all who value parks and wilderness areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ron Engels
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