



## Board of County Commissioners

Oct. 12, 2022

Mr. Doug Raitt  
Construction Manager  
Denver Water--Gross Reservoir Expansion Project  
Via Email to [Douglas.Raitt@denverwater.org](mailto:Douglas.Raitt@denverwater.org)

Dear Mr. Raitt,

We are writing to insist that Denver Water immediately limit the number and frequency of total road closures to area residents on Gross Dam Road. The number and frequency of these full-day closures is having an unreasonable negative impact on county residents who live in the vicinity of Gross Reservoir.

Denver Water's most recent closure schedule was posted as follows:

- **Monday, Oct. 10: Road closed, 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 11: Road closed, 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday, Oct. 12: Road open, trucks on the road, use caution
- **Thursday, Oct. 13: Road closed, 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, Oct. 14: Road closed, time 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Closing the road, our county road, in its entirety for four out of five weekdays in one week is unacceptable. Residents use our road to commute to jobs, take children to school, access appointments, and drive to points for a variety of purposes that require travel along Gross Dam Road. This extended and frequent period of road closures has been frustrating for our residents and we understand and sympathize with their aggravation around this most recent and latest impact on them.

**Closing the road in its entirety also creates a public safety hazard in an emergency should a resident need immediate medical attention or a wildfire prompts swift evacuations. Tensions and fears about wildfires are always on our minds and the minds and concerns of our mountain residents. Can you assure us that you are working closely with the Sheriff's Office and local Fire Protection Districts as part of these closures?**

We demand that these total closures cease in frequency, and that when closures are necessary, that you allow access during morning and evening commuting times or institute a pilot car program that can escort passenger vehicles through the closures to reduce the time that Gross Dam Rd. is closed completely to residential traffic.

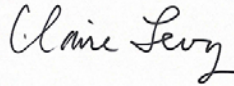
We also request that at all times there be a flagger present or an on-call representative with authority to open the closure for any resident who needs immediate ingress or egress for health or safety reasons.

Sincerely,

Boulder County Commissioners



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Commissioner Matt Jones

cc: Joe Pelle, Boulder County Sheriff  
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