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Assistant Secretary Roth:

We write to highlight concerns shared with us by Boulder County and the City of Boulder regarding the plan by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to construct an eight-foot chain-link and barbed-wire fence around the 1,700-acre Table Mountain Field Site and Radio Quiet Zone, and to request more information about the project.

The Department of Commerce recently published a contract opportunity to install the new fence, replacing the existing agricultural fencing. We have attached letters from local governments expressing concerns that the fence replacement project will cause undue harm to local wildlife populations, primarily deer and elk, given that Table Mountain is known as an important wildlife corridor for the region's large ungulates.

Questions remain regarding the extent of NTIA's consultation with state and local governments, neighboring property owners, or irrigation companies about your plans for the 1,700-acre site, and whether appropriate environmental reviews have been conducted for the project. Boulder County and the City of Boulder request that NTIA coordinate with the appropriate state and local agencies to mitigate potential harmful effects of the project. We support their request and ask that you assign dedicated staff to work directly with the local governments to address their concerns.

While Boulder County and the City of Boulder did receive a response to the letters from the local NTIA office, the response does not sufficiently address their concerns.

We request that NTIA provide responses to the following requests and questions within 14 days:

- Please provide further justification for the need to replace the existing fencing with considerably more disruptive fencing. Please detail any additional security concerns that may have arisen and led to this decision.
- Does the project adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements? What steps have you taken to ensure that it does?
- To what extent has NTIA considered the potential effects on local wildlife populations from the project, and what, if any, steps are you taking to mitigate impacts on local wildlife populations, including large ungulates?

- What is NTIA's plan to coordinate with state and local governments, as well as other local parties, to address their concerns?

We appreciate your prompt response and look forward to working with you to ensure the concerns raised by local communities are fully addressed.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



John W. Hickenlooper
United States Senator



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Member of Congress