

Larimer County Manager and Commissioners

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July 31, 2017

Ms. Hoffmann and Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter with my concerns regarding the proposed site for the WOLF II project.

My name is Cheri Dent and I own D Dart Ranch and the property that borders the proposed site on the north and east. This land has been a part of my family's ranching operations for over 75 years. It is used annually as summer grazing for our cattle and is a vital part of program.

The WOLF sanctuary, if approved, would have a devastating effect on the continued use of my property for the livelihood of our ranching operations. Contrary to the statements and information that the proponents have made, I believe the barking and or howling from the wolves would unnerve and keep the cows and calves that we graze on the property in an unhealthy and constant state of unsettlement. Our cows are bred and raised to respect and fear to a high degree the barking of the working dogs that we use. They also have a natural protectiveness for their calves from predators such as coyotes and wolves.

The WOLF project will directly affect the four families that our involved in our ranching operations livelihoods and the ability to continue our way of life and ability to continue to retain enough cattle to remain successful and continue our breeding program.

The property would virtually become useless for our needs as summer grazing and also would make it unsuitable to lease to anyone else as grazing due to the proximity of WOLF.

My husband and I have long contemplated the possibility of building a home on the property after his retirement. The WOLF II project would diminish the tranquility we would have hoped of enjoying by living on the property.

Development of the land is not a reasonable possibility due to the strong objections, complaints and concerns of the residents near the proposed site that along with the complaints from neighbors near the current site in Rist Canyon the value of my property would be greatly impacted.

From these concerns you can see that I do not feel that this proposed project does not in any way have a positive benefit or outcome to anyone adjacent to its location.

Thank you,

Cheri Dent

