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Tom Hoby  
Director, Jeffco Parks and Conservation  
700 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 100  
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Mr. Hoby,

The City of Golden, pending final design, is a supporting stakeholder for the proposed nighttime vehicle access management gates on Lookout Mountain Road as it travels through Jeffco Open Space and Denver Mountain parklands.

We support the proposed management for safety, natural, and cultural resource protection reasons. The City of Golden has been dealing with chronic quality of life issues stemming from high traffic volume on Lookout Mountain Road which has become a magnet for driving enthusiasts. The excessive sound produced by motorcycles and other vehicles, including those with altered mufflers has created significant noise pollution challenges. Speeding and the fast breaking vehicles generate additional public safety dangers. The past few years have seen a considerable increase in guns being fired from the top of Lookout Mountain creating substantial fear for residents living in the area..

We have done considerable public outreach and there is nearly unilateral support for the addition of nighttime vehicle access gates and for this installation to be accomplished as quickly as possible. The City of Golden has been working closely with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office respond to and address the variety of public safety related issues along Lookout Mountain Road. Countless hours of work have gone into trying to figure out how to mitigate the dangers and disruption along this roadway. In addition, significant financial resources have been spent by the City of Golden trying to alleviate traffic related challenges. We believe it is time for a proactive solution that includes limited time closing of the road at night.

The City of Golden has been an active supporting stakeholder in this project since the summer of 2023. Thank you for considering taking this positive step toward safety and protecting cultural, and natural resources on Lookout Mountain.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Vargo  
City Manager

  
Joe Harvey  
Chief of Police

cc: Mary Ann Bonnell  
Lori Foster