

March 10, 2021

Town of Blue River

Michelle Eddy CMC/CPM,

Town Manager/Clerk

RE: CDOT Proposed Chain Station

Dear Michelle and Town Board of Trustees,

On behalf of Timber Creek Estates HOA Board, we are in express opposition to any chain station being proposed for construction along Highway 9, and especially in front of the Town Hall and entrance to our HOA covenant-controlled neighborhood of high-end luxury homes and homesites. Given the proposed scope and size of the station site, we are outraged at the disregard and disruption to this populated area.

We are perplexed that no consideration of an impact of this magnitude has been given, knowing that the wetlands area is protected by the Federal governance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, along with the awareness of the Blue River headwaters flow and water quality protection. Wildlife protection of multiple species is critical and will be threatened. Noise, diesel exhaust, oil leaks and waste, and light pollution (80+ foot light poles stretching nearly ½ mile) will be unbearable with 13-26 semis utilizing the station at all hours of the day and night.

This is a quiet serene residential area. We cannot accept that CDOT will be allowed to impose such a structure that violates Blue River, Timber Creek Estates and other neighborhood ordinances, covenants and code requirements around noise, odor pollutants from exhaust emissions, and dark sky lighting interference. Citing this type of station which compares to the same lay-out as currently on Interstate 70 toward the Eisenhower Tunnel is careless, reckless, and without regard by CDOT. Furthermore, the preliminary proposal of this without receiving public input until it is too late is a total disregard of citizens' well-being, their potential dilution of property values, as well as a reduction in their quality of life and safety. This section of Highway 9 is currently denser in population with residents living remarkably close to the road. There are more than 90+ entrances (driveways and roads) of access between Blue River and Breckenridge with limited visibility, already creating dangerous driving conditions. To now all but encourage increased danger with an added volume of semi-trucks on a 2-lane highway is unbelievable. It is known that many of these semi-trucks are using Highway 9 to bypass the I-70 weigh station ports of entry as they are out of compliance for safety checks, weight loads, etc., thereby posing greater risk for accidents and other violations.

We strongly urge that Federal oversight become engaged immediately, as well as Breckenridge's Town Council or Board of Trustees, given the adverse effect that this increase in traffic will also have on flow

through the town of Breckenridge, and potential environmental impacts to the water resources, noise, and light pollution there and into Dillon Reservoir. We also encourage a grass roots campaign by all Blue River residents to strictly and strongly oppose this outrageous CDOT proposal before it is too late.

Please feel free to engage this Board as you deem appropriate.

Respectfully,

John M. Katok

On behalf of the Timber Creek Estates HOA Board