



# DENVER WATER

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Dear Gross Reservoir Neighbor:

As Denver Water continues its design work for the potential expansion of Gross Reservoir, community concerns have been raised related to the noise and safety impacts of possible truck hauling on Highway 72 and other area roads. These important concerns deserve thorough review and research. To assure we fully understand the potential impacts, Denver Water will be conducting tests on current ambient noise levels, noise caused by the truck traffic and transportation safety issues that might be created by construction truck traffic.

Our plan is to conduct a test by using loaded trucks to gauge noise and safety issues using third-party experts who have conducted many similar studies. This test will occur on one day during the week of August 5, but because we want to ensure that traffic is typical for the day of the test, we are purposefully not providing the date. Our concern is that people may try to avoid the area during the test and that would skew the results.

It's vital that you know what's happening in your community related to this study, so here's what you might observe:

- About 10 large trucks, similar to what could be used for construction, will travel up and down the proposed haul route on Highway 72 and Gross Dam Road to Gross Reservoir. We will also do some testing along Crescent Park Drive to compare impacts along different routes.
- Trucks will be on the road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon
- Trucks will be interspersed with normal traffic so that the effects on ease of navigation and traffic patterns can be observed
- The noise the trucks create will be monitored and documented at various locations along the routes
- To evaluate safety and operation issues, the trucks' driving route will be filmed using a helicopter and cameras mounted on the trucks

We will host a community event in the coming months to discuss the findings of this study. We will be back in contact with you once the date and location of that event are determined. At this event we will also have more information related to the rail hauling option.

We recognize this test may be disruptive for the community and realize there may be some temporary traffic interruptions during testing, but this type of research is important to better address your concerns. We sincerely hope you are not inconvenienced by this activity. Should you have additional questions, please contact Joe Sloan at 303-628-6320 or [publicinformation@denverwater.org](mailto:publicinformation@denverwater.org).

Sincerely,

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