

## **Supporting Emails for Lookout Mountain Road Closure**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Mary Ann Bonnell, Natural Resources Director for JEFFCO, made several presentations to government and neighborhood stakeholders regarding this proposed closure. I attended her presentations to JEFFCO Commissioners, the west side neighborhood (Lookout Mtn), and the east side neighborhood (Golden) meetings. Her proposal was very well received by the vast majority of all audiences.

With a month or more between presentations, this outreach process is taking a very long time to complete. Already the project has the support of Denver Mountain Parks, JEFFCO Open Space, JEFFCO Road and Bridge, JEFFCO Sheriff's Office, JEFFCO Transportation and Engineering, Foothill Fire, Golden Fire, Genesee Fire, Golden Police, Highland Rescue, and CSM.

Commanders Williams and Aten state that nighttime issues on LMR consume a disproportionate amount of their limited patrol resources. Since issues commonly involve activities like discharging firearms, stolen vehicles, illegal drugs, and drunks, it's necessary for them to send multiple patrol cars to respond to issues (for the safety of the patrolmen).

Ms. Bonnell tells us of the extensive damage to our natural resources in the 4.2 miles of Park that would be gated at night. ALL of the road in question falls within Park lands and there are no businesses or residences.

Here in Beverly Heights, we are particularly concerned with the unending nighttime gunshots. We're finding bullet projectiles in our driveways. There are very real safety concerns about the gunshots. Between the noise from the gunshots and from vehicles with illegal (or no) mufflers, this neighborhood is seriously impacted by LMR. Further, the 20 MPH speed limit is a joke. It's commonplace for motorcycles and cars to race up and down the road. Surely, you're aware of the bicyclists who suffered life-changing injuries from such a vehicle speeding on the wrong side of the road just this winter. We still have no radar enforcement of speed limits.

Please expedite nighttime closure of LMR. With overwhelming support across the board from all stakeholders, why should we wait another day or month or year?

Regards,  
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I, as a resident living in Beverly Heights, do request this to happen ASAP. Reasons are numerous, life & death, home damage from bullets. We need this and I support it 100%! Please close off this road ASAP!

Thank you,  
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Hello,

My name is Stephen Szadokierski and my wife and I live at the base of Lookout Mountain (below the "M"). I'm writing about the study being done to determine if barriers should be put up to close the road at night. Although we have not been able to attend the meetings, we do support a potential barrier.

I fully agree with the concept and feel that this action should be taken. We have often heard gunshots coming from up the hill and always wonder when someone (or us) is in the line of fire. I have also called the Golden Police non-emergency line asking if they can do anything regarding the gunshots. Unfortunately, they generally do not of the staffing for timely addressing of the matter. Some have even told me they heard the shots as well. This does beg the question of nothing will be done until someone is shot.

In addition, we see vehicles up on the road/lookouts pretty much every night, sometimes very late at night. I don't really know what activities may be going on (I hear rumors of "drug deals" but have no way of knowing) but feel it is unnecessary and hope that you will address it.

A few factors:

- The sooner the better – the discussion of next winter seems a bit too slow. If it is possible to take action before that it would be good.
- Again, gunshots are a particular worry. Vandalism is unpleasant and probably costly but not deadly.
- Our schedule does not easily permit us to attend meetings but would be happy if given a chance to review your conclusions and plans online.

Thank you for listening to your constituents,

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Hello,

I am writing regarding the evening closure of Lookout Mtn Rd. (LMR) We live on Goldenvue Dr in Beverly Heights, just a few houses off 19th St. We moved to Golden in 2015 because of the access to trails, proximity to our work (at NREL and for Jeffco Public Schools) and for the small-town feel. Had we known when we moved into our neighborhood how dangerous it is to live at the bottom of LMR, we may have chosen a different neighborhood.

Sadly, we have called the police about at least a dozen instances of gunshots and heard from neighbors about many other times that we have not woken up. We have neighbors who have had their fences driven through by intoxicated drivers and found bullets in their yards. We found drug and alcohol paraphernalia in the parking lot by our neighborhood park, and smelled it coming from cars speeding by. While some of these things happen during the day, a majority happen at night. We are regularly woken up between midnight and 3am by people racing cars up the mountain or shooting guns.

The instances of nighttime concerns is highest on days when it is nice outside, with summertime being the most concerning. Waiting until next winter to close the road and install a gate is too long, considering we have already been waiting years for this to happen. We don't feel safe letting our kids play outside on summer evenings for fear of getting shot by a stray bullet or run over by an intoxicated driver in their own yard!

We urge you to close the road as soon as possible. We are happy to help get this moving quickly, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to help expedite the process.

Thank you for your hard work on this matter. We appreciate all you have done to get the closure approved and are hopeful the evening closure can begin prior to this summer.

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Hello,

We are writing regarding the Lookout Mountain closure timeline. As property owners at 2010 and 2020 Mount Zion Dr., we strongly urge that the gate be installed and operated before the busy summer months. We are deeply concerned about the increase in gunshots in our neighborhood.

We would be happy to review the gate plans online if it speeds up the process. We are very interested in the proposed design, as this will be visible from our property, and we are concerned about noise and light pollution from the gate and the traffic.

Sincerely,  
Jim Gardner & Phyllis Walsh  
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We are writing this email to express our full support for the impending nightly closure of Lookout Mountain Road.

Moreover, we feel that it is extremely risky to wait until next winter since gunshots are heard frequently and the residents of Beverly Heights are constantly vulnerable to injury and even death.

My husband and I live at the bottom of Lookout Mountain Road, and I am fearful of the characters driving past our house nightly, armed and with questionable intentions. When at home I spend much of my time in my office and the family room, which are both in the front of my house, just yards away from Lookout Mountain Road and the Beverly Heights parking lot. I feel like I'm a sitting duck if bullets fly.

More specifically, here are some examples of what we have experienced:

- Last summer we were having a barbecue with our family in our backyard, when we heard several gunshots ring out. This was at 8 pm.
- My neighbor, also on Lookout Mountain Road, had a window blown out by a bullet several years ago.
- Our 80 plus year old neighbor found a bullet on the ground while walking to the park and subsequently discovered that there was evidence of two bullet holes on a traffic sign just across the street from my house and my neighbors.
- We have observed multiple instances of cars and pickups meeting in the parking lot across from our house at all hours and handing things from one car to the next. There is really no reason to keep this parking lot open at night as there are no people in the park and no cyclists riding up LMR in the dark. We are fearful that when Lookout Mountain Road is closed, criminal activity will occur in the Beverly Heights parking lot rather than on top of the mountain.

My husband and I lived in NYC in the past, so we are not at all naive when it comes to the dangers of criminal behavior. The difference here is that in NYC we knew the dangerous neighborhoods and simply avoided going there. Here there are criminals or bad actors coming to our neighborhood and we live here so we cannot possibly avoid them. Please help us out ASAP.

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Hi, I could unfortunately not make it to the meeting. However, I heard that you were planning on waiting to install the gate until next fall or winter. I live on Lookout Mountain Road and Goldenvue Drive. (2060 Goldenvue) We just had a shooting where the bullet was shot towards our house, and it ricocheted off the traffic sign, no more than 40 feet from our front door. I went outside and found the bullet and casing. Shooting towards my front door right next to my kids bedrooms. I don't know what needs to be done, but I know that this gate needs to come up quickly before somebody actually gets hurt. Just in the last year, we have had two shootings outside our house. Our roof has been hit by a bullet, and the bullet that went towards our front door could've easily hit somebody. Please take this seriously, and get this gate done before summer.

Tor Jorfald  
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Dear Tom Hoby,

I live at 2075 Foothills Road in Beverly Heights, and I attended the meeting last night. Thank you for your time and for talking to us.

I want to make sure that everyone involved knows that residents in our neighborhood are STRONGLY in favor of the closure, but that waiting until next winter is really not acceptable.

Gunshots are becoming increasingly common and are absolutely terrifying and dangerous. I don't feel safe in my home or being in my driveway or front yard. In addition, the danger from fires, especially in the summer, that could arise is also terrifying. It just feels terrible to us to wait until next winter.

I am totally comfortable reviewing the gate design online instead of having to schedule another meeting and delay the closure further. Anything we can do to expedite the closure is really important.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Sara Molden  
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My name is Kelley Matthews, my husband and I live in the Beverly Heights neighborhood. I am writing about the issue regarding the closing of Lookout Mountain park road closure at night.

I fully agree with the concept and feel that this action should be taken as soon as possible. We often hear gunshots coming from up the hill at night and worry that someone (or us) is in the line of fire.

- Regarding the road closure/ gates: The sooner the better – the discussion of next winter seems too slow. We have momentum on this solution and should take it prior to increased summer after hour gunshots and activities. Does Jeffco and Golden PD have the staff to control increased summer activity on this road at night? We can help them by closing the road prior to heavy summer activity.
- Again, the gunshots are a particular worry. Vandalism is unpleasant and costly but will not kill or harm innocent victims. Let's hope a stray bullet incident does not become the reason to step up something that could have happened sooner due to "administrative" efforts.
- I am more than happy to review your conclusions and plans online to avoid delayed meeting scheduling.

Thank you for listening to your constituents,

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Hello. I am writing to support the gate installation project on Lookout Mtn Road, and I strongly believe that these should be installed as soon as possible. From the latest update I was given, there appears to be some debate about whether this gate installation should wait until next winter to minimize traffic disruptions this summer. I live at 2030 Foothills Rd at the base of Lookout Mountain. My wife and I have our bedroom on the top story of our house and have our bedroom windows open during the summer nights. We experience countless episodes of gunshots, muffler backfires, screeching tires, and other similar noises all summer long. This has only been worsening over the last few years. The gunshots are obviously the most concerning and dangerous issue here. I'm fully aware that the internet is full of misleading information, but here is a citation from a CDC study which is very credible: "According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, falling bullets can hit the ground at speeds greater than 61 metres per second (m/s). Bullets travelling between 46 and 61 m/s penetrate skin. Faster than this, and they can penetrate the skull."

There is little doubt that the bullets that are being fired off on LMR at night (many neighbors have found casings in their yard) could seriously injure and/or kill a resident in this neighborhood, including one of the many children who live here. I just can't accept that traffic disruptions take precedent over the lives in our community, especially those of our kids.

Please prioritize our safety and push to get these gates installed before the summer when this gunfire problem is at its worst.

Thank you,  
Erich Wolff  
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I wanted to send some follow up with proper article citations to show how dangerous falling bullets can be:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5350a2.htm> [cdc.gov]

This is a study looking at how many injuries occurred in Puerto Rico on New Year's Eve, 2003, where firing into the air to celebrate is fairly common. The study found that "bullets from probable celebratory gunfire caused 19 injuries, including one death."

The article also specifically states "When fired into the air, bullets can return to the ground at speeds greater than 200 ft./sec., a sufficient force to penetrate the human skull and cause serious injury or death."

That last statement comes from this study from the Journal of Trauma in 1994 which is available here:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/15201838\\_Spent\\_bullets\\_and\\_their\\_injuries\\_The\\_result\\_of\\_firing\\_weapons\\_into\\_the\\_sky](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/15201838_Spent_bullets_and_their_injuries_The_result_of_firing_weapons_into_the_sky) [researchgate.net]

Thanks again,  
Erich Wolff, MD  
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Good Morning,

Thank you all for the time and effort that you continue to exert to ensure the safety of us residents of Golden and Beverly Heights, as well as the many visitors.

I attended the community meetings held on Lookout on Dec 13, 2023, and in Golden on Feb 8, 2024. To recap highlights:

1. As was discussed at both meetings, the frequency of gunshots has increased. It is very disturbing having gunshots outside my bedroom window and bullets found in my driveway. I bought my home at 2041 Crestvue Circle in 2007 in part because this was a safe neighborhood. I don't feel safe in my own bedroom (window faces Lookout Mountain Road) or yard these days.
2. **I vote to have the road closure gates installed as soon as possible, waiting until next winter is not acceptable.** The frequency of gunshots and visitors is significantly increased in spring/summer/fall months, thus there are even greater safety concerns to us residents and the visitors.
3. I support review of the gate design online and whatever else is needed to expedite the process.

Again, thank you for working hard to implement safety measures for Golden residents and visitors. Please let me know if there is any way I can help to support/expedite the process.

Best Regards,

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To all stakeholders:

I write to relay my support for the LMR gates as soon as possible, ideally before the summer when the traffic and gun shots are at their highest. Given that parked cars are not permitted during the time period being proposed, the immediate implementation should not impact that many drivers. Waiting for next winter for implementation is not acceptable.

As a resident in the Beverly Heights neighborhood, it is clear that gunshots are increasing on the mountain. I fear that someone may be injured by an errant bullet. The longer officials wait to install, the greater likelihood that this fear may become reality. Some of my nearby neighbors no longer feel safe in their homes. Moreover, continuous nefarious and criminal behavior on the mountain could be immediately addressed by expediting the installation of a gate.

Please include me in any further correspondence on this matter. It is easier for me to review potential designs online instead of having yet another meeting. I believe that I am not alone in that assessment.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Julie Clark  
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Hello,

I am a resident of the Beverly Heights neighborhood in Golden and am writing to express my strong support for the night closure of Lookout Mountain Road, as discussed in the meeting this week. Just this week, our neighbors found bullets within 100 feet of homes and this activity only increases as the weather gets better in the summer. Along with our neighbors, we call in gunshots pretty much every summer weekend. Not knowing where these bullets will fall, we are considering reinforcing the walls/ceilings of our children's bedrooms so we can feel safe in our own home. Not to mention the time a green laser came from one of the lookouts through the window of our home and onto my daughter in our living room. This only reinforced the direct line into our home and our concern for our children's safety.

Because of the increase in activity, it is very important to us that the road be shut down as soon as possible, and before the summer when gunshot activity is the highest. If this means we need to review the gate design online (with a place to provide feedback), I am supportive if it will expedite the process.

Thank you all for your attention to this matter. It is not lost on us that the different agencies are coming together in support of this safety concern. I hope we can all continue to work together to get the road shut down as soon as possible.

Best,  
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Please close Lookout at night NOW!!! Waiting till summer makes no sense and only increases the opportunity for dangerous outcomes and extreme hassle to the neighbors.

1. Residents are in favor of the closure of LMR at night and want the gates installed as soon as possible – waiting until next winter is not an acceptable timetable.
2. Gunshots are increasing, and residents sometimes feel unsafe in their own homes.

Francine Butler  
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Greetings,

We are reaching out to inform you that we have participated in two community meetings concerning the nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Road. Both meetings had a large turnout with a very positive community opinion over 95% that it should happen as soon as possible. There is a very great sense of urgency to get this accomplished as soon as possible, some in the community have expressed that they are thinking about moving out because of the consistent gunfire that happens multiple times a week. There was a lady that said she now sleeps in her basement because her bedroom windows face the mountain, and she is afraid for her life! Parents won't let their children play outside after dark because of the gunfire and multiple bullets that have been found in our yards and on our houses. My wife had to pick up our 15-year-old Labrador dog and run into the house as the gunfire was directly above our house as the idiots were driving down the mountain shooting from their car. We feel like we live in a war zone and our quality of life has diminished to being terrible, unable to sleep at night waking up to gunfire with adrenaline, 911 calls and fear when this will end up deadly!!! Please take this seriously as this is a matter of life and death. We need this project expedited as quickly as possible with emails to all of us for final design input, we do not need more meetings we need action!!!

Under Fire,  
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Good morning. I appreciate all that this group is doing to work through and address the issues surrounding Lookout Mountain Road.

As residents of the Beverly Heights neighborhood since 2009 my wife and I have seen many things occur over the years that do not fall into the category of enjoying the scenery or outdoor recreation on the mountain. As avid bikers it is not uncommon to see the aftermath of night activities on the mountain with broken glass, bottles of alcohol, drug paraphernalia and bullet shell casings. Being a part of multiple community meetings over the years, the lack of clarity of jurisdiction between Golden, Jeffco and Denver Parks seems to always be an issue in getting timely responses when incidents occur.

Given that, we are in favor of closing the road overnight and ideally would like the gates installed as soon as possible to prevent another summer of drinking, partying and most importantly shooting guns where the bullets make it down to our neighborhood. We are in support of reviewing gate designs online and would be supportive of anything you can do to accelerate the time frame.

Thank you again for all that you are doing on this front and for addressing what has become a critical safety issue in recent years.

Regards,  
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All,

My name is Al Davis and I am a resident of Golden living in the Beverly Heights neighborhood. In reference to the closure of LMR and the current schedule of completion to be late 2024, I want to express my concerns along with many other neighbors in the Beverly Heights area. Of all the issues identified (vandalism, drugs and other criminal activities), gunshots are most concerning. The incidence of gunshots has increased both in frequency and location now including the neighborhood, dangerously close to homes. I would respectfully request you utilize all means and methods of design and construction to accelerate the timeline. I am in agreement with online design review if that assists in moving forward faster.

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Hello all,

I was at the meeting on Feb. 7th to discuss the potential closing of the road. I live at the juncture of 19th and Smith just before Lookout Mountain Road. There have been a number of incidents over the last three years. Two automobiles drove into our stone wall coming down the mountain in the middle of the night. Fortunately for us the cars could not reach our house but did damage to the landscape. I can only assume the condition of the drivers since we were not home at the time. Two years ago, we had a window in our sunroom shot out. The window faces the juncture of the three roads. Again, fortunately for us we were not home when it happened. This past year the sign on lookout was targeted by someone with two bullet holes. If you look at the holes you see a miss would actually target our house again!!!

Needless to say, I am in total favor of closing the road asap at night to, hopefully, avoid future incidents. I am worried that the action may move to our lovely park, but I would think that could be patrolled a bit easier than the top of Lookout.

Lastly, I would add that I was a member of a committee that discussed possible solutions to this problem as well as the noise issue from cars coming down at 2-4am in the morning. Although everyone on that committee was cordial, the movement toward closing the road never moved very far in the two years I was on that committee. I am so pleased with the new attitude toward a solution and remain hopeful that if all approvals occur, we can move toward implementation before the summer crowds reappear.

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Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you for your time and the effort you have put in to work on this problem.

I live at 2075 Foothills Road in Beverly Heights, and I attended the meeting last week.

I want to make sure that everyone involved knows that residents in our neighborhood are **STRONGLY** in favor of the closure, but that waiting until next winter is really not acceptable.

Gunshots are becoming increasingly common and are absolutely terrifying and dangerous. I don't feel safe in my home or driveway or yard. In addition, the danger from fires, especially in the summer, that could arise is also terrifying. It just feels terrible to us to wait until next winter.

I am totally comfortable reviewing the gate design online instead of having to schedule another meeting and delay the closure further. Anything we can do to expedite the closure is important.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Sara Molden  
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Good afternoon,

This is the first time I have contacted a member of my local government. I state that firstly because I appreciate you taking the time to read my email. Secondly, it is because I do find this to be important. I live in the Beverly Heights neighborhood at the base of Lookout Mountain. I love where I live and feel so lucky to be able to raise my two children here.

Last year I found a bullet in our camper that is parked next to our house. I was really confused how it got there and then noted that there was a hole in the roof. It didn't take long to patch it up, but considering my two children sleep less than 15 feet from where I found it, I started to take heed of the irregular gun fire I heard from lookout mountain. I wanted to write you, because I would hate to read in the news that someone was hit by a stray bullet and injured or killed and not have taken the effort to make you aware of this incident and my desire to ensure that we do what we can to stop such a tragedy.

I am an ER doctor and I know firsthand what gun violence does and how senseless it can be.

So please consider closing Lookout Mountain Road after dark to decrease this risk of such an incident and to also better protect our Golden Police Officers and Jefferson County Sheriffs who patrol Lookout Mtn nightly. Our safety and their safety are paramount.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,

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Hello from Beverly Heights –

I'm writing to **request your approval and support for an accelerated implementation timetable for the proposed installation of gates that close Lookout Mountain Road to vehicles at night.**

Over the last year, multiple county departments and other local officials have done an excellent job of working together to develop an effective plan to address the increasing frequency and dangers posed by gunshots on Lookout, as well as the other issues with vandalism, drug use, etc.

During the recent community meetings that were led by Mary Ann Bonnell (who did a great job), it has been very clear that resident support for the plan is overwhelmingly positive – and that there is a growing sense of urgency to take action sooner than later.

We hear **more gunshots now than ever**, and **residents continue to find bullets in their yards**. Some people who live next to Lookout Mountain Road are afraid to sleep in their bedrooms at night because their windows face the mountain.

At the most recent meeting, we were told that the schedule for installation would be sometime next winter. The exact reasons were unclear, but it sounded like there was hesitation to implement the change during peak usage season.

Unfortunately, **peak road usage season is also peak shooting season** – and it seems critical to move quickly now that community feedback has been obtained.

We realize that there is work to be done with design and technology testing, but there are existing gates in Jeffco and elsewhere that can provide learnings and best practices. If technical resources are needed, we can help find people in the community with relevant expertise or enlist our colleagues at the School of Mines. Residents will be happy to review the design online instead of requiring another meeting.

Now that “the people have spoken”, we need our county officials to take action. With your approval and a mandate to implement the plan, we would like to see a **90-day timetable that results in installation by June 1.**

We appreciate and respect the process and progress made over the last year – but **are asking for your help in taking action to approve and complete the project.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Bud Rockhill  
Beverly Heights Resident  
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To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Beverly Heights just below Lookout Mountain (at Smith Road and 19th/Lookout Mnt Road) and I'm writing because of my concern regarding the delayed installation of the proposed closure gate. Next winter is not soon enough for an installation!!

I understand that during summer traffic is highest, but that's also when we'll have the most volume of people causing vandalism, shooting guns, and trashing the place. I hike with my dog during the spring, summer, and fall up Chimney Gulch to the Windy Saddle parking lot usually 2-3 days per week, and I often bring with me a trash bag to pick up broken glass, beer cans, fast food trash, etc. in the parking lot. To be honest I'm really tired of picking up other people's trash in my own backyard, and I'm even more tired of hearing gun shots throughout the night and in the early morning. I should have a natural fear of mountain lions and wildlife on Lookout in the evening/early morning, not being shot by a gun!

Please consider installing the gates as soon as possible. Residents above and below the proposed closed region are in favor of this nighttime closure, and we'd rather it be done now.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

~Lara Canham

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Good morning,

My name is Becky Luna and I live in the Beverly Heights neighborhood. I am writing to express my support for nighttime closures of LMR. My husband and I regularly hear gunshots during the night, particularly in the summer months. We have two young children and live adjacent to the open space. As such, we are very unsettled by the sound of gunshots so close by. The frequency of incidents appears to be increasing over time, as LMR becomes an increasingly popular destination (both day and night). We are grateful to live in this community and welcome the daytime visitors who are enjoying the beautiful outdoors. However, having cars speeding up and down the road after dark and shooting firearms presents a significant safety hazard to themselves and our community.

We are interested in anything the County and City can do to speed up the process of installing a gate to close LMR at night. My husband and I are both civil engineers and would be very comfortable reviewing the gate design on-line and providing feedback rather than having another community meeting.

Thank you for your time,

Becky Luna

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Dear Commissioners and Council Members,

February 14, 2024

We are writing to you in support of the proposed pm road closure of Lariat Loop Road, **the sooner the better**. We have attended both community meetings and voiced our support.

We have been living on Bonvue Drive in the Beverly Heights neighborhood for over 30 years and have a front row seat to Lookout Mountain Road. Each year the traffic has become worse and worse, becoming completely intolerable.

On weekends the traffic is bumper to bumper and continues through most of the night. The gangs of screaming crotch rockets, rumbling/roaring Harleys, race cars with modified back firing devices, and screams/blaring audio systems out car windows, are deafening and nerve wracking. We have not been able to keep our windows open in the evenings for years and even with them closed we often can't have a conversation in our living room without frequent interruption. We no longer invite friends over on the weekends because there is so much noise from the street, we can't hear ourselves talk. We have had to put subtitles on our TV because of the constant noise interruption.

We used to be startled and alarmed when we heard gunshots at night. Now we just say: "Did you hear that? Was it a backfiring car or a gunshot? Do you think it was close? Shall we go down to the basement?" We have given up calling 911 because the problems happen so frequently. We see/hear the Police and Sheriffs' cars racing up the hill and appreciate their efforts, but what a waste of limited funds, time, and efforts! We, and all our neighbors are sooo tired of it all!

It is really sad that our increasingly frequent conversation over these years has been about selling and leaving our lovely home and friendly neighborhood of over 30 years, just to get away from this imported noise and tumult.

This modest proposal of just closing Lookout Mountain Road at night brings us a welcome prospect of at least some relief at night. It doesn't solve the problem of all the racing later in the day and early evenings and weekends, but it is a start.

We trust you can join in support for this proposal and, again, **the sooner the better**. It would be such a relief to get it done by this summer. Please respond via email if you have any questions or desire additional information.

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Dear County Commissioners

I am writing to you today regarding the ongoing illicit activities occurring on Lookout Mountain Road (LMR). As a resident of the Beverley Heights Neighborhood here in Golden, I want to express my concern for what is becoming a chronic and increasingly dangerous situation for residents in our neighborhood and residents in the greater Golden community.

Gun fire from the LMR lookout is occurring multiple times a week now. This is disconcerting to say the least. Bullets are being found in our neighborhood on roof tops, in yards, on driveways, and in the streets. Neighbors are literally collecting baggies full of bullets as evidence and would be happy to show you how this is a growing problem.

I speak for many other families in our neighborhood when I say we do not feel safe in our homes at night. Imagine hearing and seeing gunfire regularly from your child's bedroom. Imagine this for yourself. Surely you would do something about it if you could. Therefore,

1. I am in favor of the closure of LMR at night and want the gates installed as soon as possible – waiting until next winter is not an acceptable timetable.
2. Gunshots are increasing and residents feel unsafe in their own homes.
3. I am comfortable reviewing the gate design online instead of having another meeting.

*Here is an excerpt of our 911 calls log made in response to gun fire from LMR.*

- 8/4/23 - called 911, 9 shots from look out, car racing down after shots. 3:10am
- 8/6/23 - called 911, four gunshots from Lookout Mountain Road 9:45 PM
- 8/18/23 - called 911, 6-4-1 gunshots from Lookout Mountain Road lookout, watched car drive down road, tracked it visually passed BV neighborhood described car progress down road to 911 operator hoping for police intercept. 2:27-2:35am
- 8/23/23 - called 911, 3-2 gunshots from lookout mountain road lookout. Dim lights at the lookout, like car headlights turned off, running lights still on. 2:47am
- 8/25/23 - called 911, 3 gunshots. Sounded close like cars on Lookout Mountain just above the neighborhood. see two vehicles now on Lookout Mountain Road. Red taillights just below the M. 12:57am-1:03AM.
- 9/3/23 - 16 shots fired from lookout Mountain Road look out. Cars fleeing scene shortly after shots. 5 cars coming down the mountain. Called 911 to report. The incident. cars are racing down the mountain. 10:20pm
- 10/13/23 - 6 shots fired rapid succession. 2:30am

We hope that you will make the conscious choice to support our neighborhood and make Golden a safer community by closing the road at night.

Best regards,

Adam Bearup  
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Hello,

My name is Kristin Dalla and I am in huge favor of installing a gate on LMR as soon possible. My husband and I, and our two daughters have been residents of Beverly Heights for 25 years. It is no longer acceptable to allow criminal activity to take place on that road at night.

That road is an integral part of our community. We are avid hikers and hike Chimney Gulch weekly. I bike LMR a lot during summer and my girls get with their friends and drive up near windy saddle AT NIGHT to hangout and listen to music.

Criminal activity is not only happening at night. I witnessed several people spray painting rocks on chimney gulch trail.

Now that Golden has a Marijuana dispensary it's only going to get worse.

Please do something sooner than later before someone gets killed. A gate at night is such a simple common sense solution.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Dalla  
[akdalla@msn.com](mailto:akdalla@msn.com)

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Hi, we live on the base of lookout mountain and our home backs up to lookout mountain road. We have been trying to have the road closed for over five years and it looks as though we are getting closer to seeing that happen. We are very much in favor of having the gates built asap rather than late this year.

Gun shots are increasing, and we sometimes feel unsafe in our home. We are comfortable reviewing the gate design online, so as to speed up the road closure.

Thank you!!

Lael and Terri Martin  
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Hello,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed gates on Lookout Mountain Road. We live in the Beverly Heights Neighborhood and can hear gunshots from people shooting above us every week in the summer and at least once a month in the winter. Our neighbors have found bullets in their yards and on their roofs. I am the father of small children. Being woken up to the sound of gunshots on a regular basis is not acceptable. Please support the gates to be installed as soon as possible.

I understand from the last meeting there is some planning on waiting to install the gates till next winter to not inconvenience users of the road. Summer is the time when gunshots are the most prevalent. Installing them in the summer will do the most good. Please help to keep our neighbors safe.

Thank you,  
Chris Hawkes  
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Dear Commissioners, City Council Members, County Employees, and City Employees,

Thank you for your service to the Jefferson County and Golden communities. My name is Katie Hawkes and I am a resident of the Beverly Heights neighborhood in Golden. I am contacting you today to share my continued support for the proposed Lookout Mountain Road nighttime gate installation and to express urgency for installation timing.

Nighttime gunshots continue to take place and will only increase during the warmer months. Waiting until next winter is not an acceptable timetable.

I understand that community input is required to review the gate design. An online comment submission system - rather than an in-person meeting - would mitigate scheduling challenges while maintaining a timely installation schedule.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you for your actions thus far on this issue, as nighttime closure will make a difference in community safety and quality of life.

With gratitude,  
Katie Hawkes  
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Hello All,

I am writing to ask for the nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Rd. I am a resident of Beverly Heights and I cannot stress enough how beneficial this would be for our neighborhood. Given its proximity to Denver, I believe it has become a playground for unsavory activity. The noise coming off the mountain EVERY night is staggering. We hear vehicles with loud music speeding up the entire mountain when we are trying to sleep and are woken up to gunshots in the middle of the night. I have seen bullets on the side of the road, along with alcohol bottles, trash, and skid marks everywhere. I have had a man, who came down the mountain, running from the police go through my yard in the middle of the night after abandoning a stolen car.

I know there is talk about installing gates next winter. The biggest concern is having those bullets shot down into our neighborhood. The incidents accelerate during the summer months. Please consider installing the gates immediately. This neighborhood deserves better than having to wait to see how bad things will get.

Thank you for your consideration,

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