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Dear Commissioners Baker, Felt and Granzella,

It is my understanding that the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners will be considering the approval of a lot line adjustment between properties owned by Nestle Waters NA and the Jacobson/Cogan family. I am writing in support of the adjustment.

This fall I was able to tour the two properties with members of the Jacobson family, representatives from the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Division and the Department of Natural Resources. This boundary adjustment represents a win-win for both property owners as well as an improved pending conservation easement on NWNA lands. The conservation easement will benefit open space, land preservation, the local bighorn sheep population and other wildlife habitat. It will also provide important wildlife viewing opportunities.

The lot line adjustment, as well as the conservation easement, is supported by Nestle Waters and the Jacobson family. There will be no change in the net acreage for either party. Colorado Parks & Wildlife are also supportive of this lot line adjustment.

Thank you for your consideration of this lot line proposal. We should all be grateful to the landowners who worked so hard to come to an agreement that benefits all parties as well as the general public. As you well know, positive collaborative agreements such as this are few and far between.

Sincerely,

Representative James D. (Jim) Wilson