

Additional Public Comment for ASI20-001 1041 Permit for Xcel Southeast Metro Gas Pipeline

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From: Elizabeth Watts <elizabeth.watts@verizon.net>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:32 PM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Cherry Creek State Park

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Watts

513 SE 27th Way

Boynton Beach, FL 33435

From: M R <marenr2622@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:21 PM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Opposed to the Pipeline

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am writing to you today as I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Sincerely,

Maren Rosmorduc

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Mobile: 303-883-6823

From: DL Taylor <dltaylor521@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 8:46 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Cc: kyle.clark@9news.com

Subject: No on disrupting last prairie dog colony in Cherry Creek Park

Dear Commissioners,

As an avid wildlife photographer, I ask you to reconsider removing or severely disrupting this last colony in Cherry Creek Park. Prairie dogs provide food to raptors, foxes, and coyotes! Removing their food source eliminates a home for these species, and others!! A visit to Colorado Wildlife & Nature Photography FB page shows how many photographers actually use our parks!!

If you don't rethink this pipeline path now, when these species disappear, we will point to this action, and your responsibility in this as the source of the damage!!

Leave the prairie dogs. Change the pipeline path. Keep Cherry Creek Park what it is! Decisions need to be made considering more than cost. You can save the cost of relocating by changing the path of this pipeline.

Sincerely,

Debra Taylor

Denver

DLtaylor521@hotmail.com

Atten: kconti@arapahoegov.com; nsharpe@arapahoegov.com; jbaker@arapahoegov.com; njackson@arapahoegov.com; bholen@arapahoegov.com

From: Heather Hellyer <kaya97524@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:43 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Cherry Creek State Park's Prairie Dogs

Dear Commissioners,

I was so disappointed to see that the Xcel Energy pipeline was approved, as it runs right through the middle of the Cherry Creek SP Prairie Dog town. I understand that one of the requirements to Xcel was to hire a relocation expert to move the prairie dogs to another location. However, why not just work the pipeline safely around the prairie dog town? If the prairie dogs are removed it will affect far more wildlife who live with and depend on the prairie dog population in that area including birds of prey, coyotes, badgers etc.

When are we as a country going to begin to set an example of caring for our wildlife? This is just another situation where money comes before a healthy ecosystem and it's so sad. Please find a way to work with wildlife so that it does not disrupt their lands they live on, the migration patterns, and access to water

resources. This is all so important not only for our lands but also for human generations to come. If we continue to make decisions like the Cherry Creek SP pipeline decision, there will be no wildlife for our children and their children to enjoy.

Thank you,

Heather

Concerned Citizen

From: Jennifer Hoffman <emailjenniferhoffman@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 12:36 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Save the Cherry Creek State Park prairie dogs!

Dear Ms. Conti,

I visited Cherry Creek State Park last weekend and spent a blissful half hour watching a majestic golden eagle standing in the shallow water of the reservoir, enjoying the warm air and cool water. Imagine my distress upon learning that your committee has approved the destruction of park habitat for an oil pipeline. It may seem to you that prairie habitat is "useless," but the fact that it is an official conservation area should give you pause. Without a stable population of prairie dogs, the health of the ecosystem that currently supports golden eagles, foxes, and myriad other beautiful and valuable species will be seriously endangered.

I am appalled that the commission would take such a short-sighted step in a year when we are seeing the awful impacts of our disregard for the environment in the form of wildfires, freak snowstorms, deadly hurricanes, and extreme temperatures. But since you appear set on prioritizing short-term profits over the long-term health of our natural surroundings and the citizens who benefit from them, there is at least one way in which you can try to mitigate the damage.

You must ensure that Xcel Energy does NOT hire their own "experts" for the job of relocating the prairie dog population that will be forcibly displaced by this project. Xcel has no experience in this area and no incentive to ensure the success of the relocation project. You must require that they hire EXPERTS in Reverse Dispersal Translocation (RDT) to safely move this population. Failure to do this will mean the collapse of this rare and valuable ecosystem.

Please do the responsible thing to preserve the prairie dog community in Cherry Creek State Park!

Thank you,

Jennifer Hoffman

Denver, CO 80210

On Oct 7, 2020, at 1:24 PM, Michelle Hayward <michellehayward1313@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hayward

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From: louis gauci <lgauc8@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:37 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Please do not use lethal control of prairie dogs - they deserve to live!

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Thank you for your attention.

Louis

From: Jeff Duran <jettaa72@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:09 PM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Cherry Creek state park pipeline

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction. These creatures have families just like we do and have a right to a life. We all have a duty to protect the creatures that God has entrusted us with. They really are a gem and people from other states are often fascinated with them when they see them as they

only exist in certain states. We tend to take them from granted. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeff Duran

From: Lawrence Crowley <magic@ecentral.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>
Subject: No Pipeline in Cherry Creek State Park

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Crowley

From: JANINE KONDRECK <j9kondreck@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>
Subject: prairie dog relocation

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Sincerely,
Janine Kondreck

From: shirley s <starryshirley@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:30 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Strongly Oppose Pipeline Proposal

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Shirley Swan

From: Stacey Larson <srlarson@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:28 AM

To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>

Subject: Please do not kill the prairie dog community

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy over three miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, however, I ask that you require Xcel Energy to retain a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

You must surely agree that harming less is better than killing, correct? The animals have done nothing harmful or wrong, but humans want to kill them simply based on inconvenience to humans. Their desire to live free from exploitation is as strong as yours, having to plea for their lives seems ludicrous when it should be normal to not kill as a superior solution.

Thank you for your consideration of this important message that is literally life versus death to sentient beings whose lives are inherently valuable despite human characterizations of them.

Sincerely,

Stacey Larson

Highlands Ranch, Colorado

On Oct 7, 2020, at 10:35 AM, Caroline Life <caroline@lifes.com> wrote:

Dear Arapahoe County Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to the pipeline proposal that will destroy 3+ miles of wildlife habitat in Cherry Creek State Park. If this proposal is passed, I ask that you REQUIRE Xcel Energy to retain ONLY a passive relocation expert who does not use lethal control and is trained and experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation to safely and viably move the prairie dog community out of the path of destruction.

We are losing thousands, if not millions, of prairie dogs each year in our state, as construction grinds these iconic beings and their homes to dust. You and Excel can and should ONLY work with a passive relocation expert.

I and the prairie dogs are counting on you! Please!

Sincerely,

Caroline Life
Aurora, CO Resident
Frequent Cherry Creek State Park visitor

Caroline Life
651-283-1851

From: Caroline Life <caroline@lifes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>
Cc: Jan Yeckes <JYeckes@arapahoegov.com>
Subject: Re: Require Xcel to retain passive relocation expert for Cherry Creek State Park prairie dogs

Thank you Nancy and Jan! I very much appreciate this. Counting on you guys! Please reject the proposed pipeline or if it goes through, PLEASE demand only passive relocation for the prairie dogs. Wishing you good health as well!

Best,

Caroline

651.283.1851

From: sgarmony <k9kidsnash2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Kathleen Conti <KConti@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Sharpe <NSharpe@arapahoegov.com>; Jeff Baker <JBaker@arapahoegov.com>; Nancy Jackson <NJackson@arapahoegov.com>; Bill L. Holen <BHolen@arapahoegov.com>
Subject: Cherry Creek Pipeline

I have received the information that you are planning to CUT CORNERS in your endeavor to relocate the prairie dogs in the way of constructing an environmentally hazardous pipeline through their habitat.

I urge you to ensure that Xcel Energy hires passive relocation EXPERTS experienced in Reverse Dispersal Translocation (RDT). EXPERTS. EXPERTS. (Not a construction company or Ronnie Purcell who poisons them) to relocate these precious animals of that ecosystem.

If you truly care about life and not just your interests whatever they may be, money, fame or just to do a duty a job requires you to do, please follow your conscience and not a corporation who doesn't care about wildlife. All Life is important. By carrying on with this project, you are contributing to your own life story. Killing is wrong and knowingly running a gas pipeline through a state park protected habitat conservation area is asking for a disaster.

Please, you don't have to go along with the crowd. Stand up for wildlife. Sleep better at night knowing you did the right thing.

Thank you,

Susn Garmony