

LAUREN BOEBERT
3RD DISTRICT, COLORADO

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BUDGET COMMITTEE



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0603

1609 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-4761

PUEBLO DISTRICT OFFICE:
503 NORTH MAIN
SUITE 426
PUEBLO, CO 81003

GRAND JUNCTION DISTRICT OFFICE:
743 HORIZON COURT
SUITE 112
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81506

DURANGO DISTRICT OFFICE:
THE WEST BUILDING
835 EAST 2ND AVENUE
SUITE 204
DURANGO, CO 81301

BOEBERT.HOUSE.GOV

May 24, 2021

Louis W. Uccellini
Director
National Weather Service
1325 East West Hwy
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Director Uccellini:

I write to you today requesting the timely approval of the San Luis Valley Radar dedicated data portal to enter the National Weather Service's system. The delay in integrating the San Luis Valley Radar's data into the National Weather Service's forecasting and modeling programs should not be occurring.

The San Luis Valley Radar's data, once approved, will improve the weather data for the entire state of Colorado. It appears that this assistance and improvement is being delayed and held at standstill on the federal level. I'm concerned and request an explanation. The NWS in Pueblo would benefit greatly from the use of this improved data. Once approved, the people in my district will have clearer weather forecasting that will benefit local economies and potentially save lives.

Additionally, \$1.8 million was raised in efforts to build this radar system. This project was approved, built, is functioning, and for some reason has yet to be utilized. The bureaucratic red tape this project is facing needs explanation. Efficient use of resources is a necessary component of federal organizations, and non-utilization of the data means ignoring the system's contribution to an important regional issue.

It is important the people of my district see the benefits of this program soon, following the swift approval of this data coming to fruition. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Bt".

Lauren Boebert
Member of Congress