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Chief
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street NW, Room 3331
Washington, DC 20240

David Lucas
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National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
134 Union Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Ashe and Mr. Lucas

I write on behalf of the 41 mayor members of the Metro Mayors Caucus of the Denver metropolitan region. We wish to express our appreciation for the decision of US Fish and Wildlife Service to postpone controlled burning operations on the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge this spring. We thank you for listening to the many voices expressing concern about the planned burning and hope this marks the beginning of a more robust communication between USFWS and the many local communities near the Rocky Flats Refuge about necessary and appropriate mitigation measures.

We hope that you will see, as we do, that this provides an opportunity to engage the communities near Rocky Flats in an authentic, and ongoing dialogue aimed at identifying strategies for managing the refuge in ways that are beneficial to the wildlife on and around the site, and to the residents of the Denver region as well.

If there is any way that the Metro Mayors Caucus can work with you to help build consensus around effective management practices at Rocky Flats, we are at your service.

Most sincerely,


Sue Horn, Mayor of Bennett
Chair, Metro Mayors Caucus

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