

Our family lives in Castle Rock and it's hard to believe that we have so many planes flying over our neighborhood from Centennial Airport. Our home is located in the northeastern section of Castle Rock, almost 15 miles from the airport, and it's still not uncommon for aircraft from the airport to blast over our homes at all hours of the day and night. It is truly a shame that so many people much endure such disturbances, just to serve a few.

Part 150 talks about aircraft taking-off over Cherry Creek Reservoir (north), recommendation 3. Many of the planes that fly between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM are cargo planes. They fly into the airport, drop off cargo or pick-up cargo, then depart. What this means to us is, if they take-off to the north, then they will be flying over our homes to land from the south. It's not expectable to have planes flying over our home at these late night and early morning hours. It's not uncommon to have these planes fly over every half hour all night long, and because our homes are so far from the airport many of the planes are still at full speed. Twin engine propeller planes at full speed are very loud, and unfortunately for us, most cargo planes that fly into the airport in the middle of the night are those types of planes. If this recommendation assumes that we will gain an equal amount of flights over our homes, then this recommendation is not acceptable. This would also hold true for recommendation 4.

It goes without saying that recommendation 5 is more than acceptable to us. Like I said, we have planes flying over our homes at all hours of the night, many times just minutes apart. Some are landing and others were taking-off. Again, most were those twin engine propeller cargo planes that are so loud.

We assume that recommendation 6 will not impact our neighborhood; that the open-space they speak of, is the open-space between our homes and the airport. Yes they need to "turn-off" over open space and before they reach our community. No they should not hold a 170 degree line if it guides them over our homes before they turn-off.

Recommendation 7- It is a shame that Centennial Airport adversely affects so much development in Colorado. Just to serve very few the airport wishes to stunt the growth of communities that would serve so many. When they say work with communities on ordinances, we hear a self-centered airport manager that is saying don't build homes, schools, libraries and shopping centers; don't increase the tax base. The airport is asking us to stop progress in Colorado.

Centennial Airport is a municipal airport and should be used for recreational aircraft, not cargo and commuter aircraft. It's becoming a mini-DIA. Now that DIA has been moved out to the middle of nowhere, we find business and individuals that are too lazy or feel that they are too important to drive there. The ordinances that need to be enacted are those that would rollback the number of aircraft flying in and out of Centennial Airport; the number of flight schools that operate out of the airport and insure that the airport remains a small airport, not a mini-DIA.

Recommendation 8 & 9 recommends the installation of noise monitoring equipment and a new, doesn't sound any different than what they already have, but a new Noise Abatement office. I'm not a rocket scientist, but if I had received over 12,000 noise complaints, I would first be able to determine that I had a noise problem and secondly where the problems were without the need of noise monitoring equipment.

Recommendation 10 definitely needs to be enacted. We (residents of Sapphire Pointe) continue to hear how aircraft have the legal right to use the air space over our homes. This may be true, but it doesn't give them the right to create as much noise as they wish when they use that air space. Motorcycles have the right to use our streets, but we sure wouldn't want one to drive by our house every five minutes for hours at a time, or drive by every half hour in the middle of the night.

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