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Re: Final Determination to Close the Parlin, Colorado 81239 Rural Post Office

I wish to comment on a number of items that were used to determine that our rural Post Office located in Parlin, Colorado 81239 be closed:

Page 2 - Paragraph 1: Those of us who live in Ohio City and above, have 22 miles to travel to use the Gunnison Colorado Post Office.

Page 2 and page 6 - Item 1: Duh!!! This paragraph pertains to **Wyoming** as I actually found **Bairoil** on a map north of **Rawlins, Wyoming!!!**

Pages 2 - 8: The Parlin Post Office was founded in 1880 and the history is unique to early Gunnison history. In winter, the only store located in the community, is closed and the post office is the hub of the community. (There are a number of other businesses located "up" the valley but none in the immediate area.) Parlin P.O. is a transfer point on the mail coming in from Salida Post Office, serving the Quartz Creek Valley a distance of over 16 miles. Travel time for the rural mail carrier would be double what she travels now. She has around 100 drops in summer, which does not count the ones in Parlin, At present she cannot sell stamps etc., and if this plan is implemented, would have no way to weigh packages. Many of us in the area are elderly and with our snow, cold and icy conditions, the added travel could be treacherous. My husband and I have been shipping packages to our military personnel in the combat zone. Over the past 6-7 years, we have shipped over 700 packages (55 so far this year). Parlin has had the flat rate priority mail boxes we need, has helped when we needed help, and the rural carrier and OIC are to be commended for their professionalism. We have stopped in at Gunnison on occasion and not only is the access more inconvenient, the clerks do not provide the friendliness that we have come to depend on, both at the Parlin P.O. and the now closed Ohio City P.O.

In closing, I just received an e-mail from Senator Michael Bennet's office regarding a moratorium on the closure of rural post offices that he and Senator Udall plus others are trying to implement. Seems to me that your office is trying to get us all closed before they can get this passed? And if by the letter that was put out by the office of Delivery and Post Office Operations, that office doesn't know the difference between Wyoming and Colorado???????

Sincerely Yours,

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