

United States Senate

May 17, 2024

Troy Miller
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Acting Commissioner Miller:

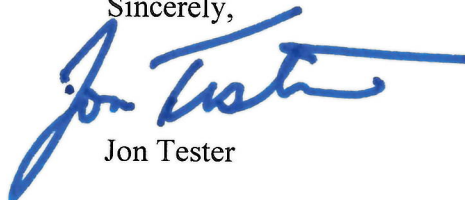
I write to raise concerns about reports that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will not be extending hours this summer at the Port of Wild Horse. I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and immediately expand hours at the port. The Port of Wild Horse and travel across the northern border is essential for farmers, ranchers, businesses, and families in northcentral Montana.

For years, the Port of Wild Horse has extended its hours from May to September to account for the warmer weather and increased travel during the summer season. These extended hours are critical for the agricultural sector, tourism, and everyday trade and travel between the U.S. and Canada. In addition to being the critical for Montana's economy, free-flowing trade and travel across the northern border is essential to our nation's economy, global competitiveness, and national security.

The Canada Border Services Agency transitioned hours for Wild Horse's sister port earlier this week, expanding hours to 8:00am to 9:00pm, seven days a week. Yet, reports from local residents indicate that CBP will not be increasing summer hours on the American side. I am especially concerned that this decision was made without any advanced notice or community input.

Actions like this show just how out of touch bureaucrats in Washington D.C. are with life in rural America. I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and immediately expand summer hours at the Port of Wild Horse.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester