



## NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development is conducting a review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for housing programs. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data. Rural area designations are reviewed every five years. This review will utilize the 2020 United States decennial census data.

Based on the 2020 US census data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas in Colorado:

### **Currently eligible communities under review (rural in character):**

1. Larimer County – Wellington
2. Mesa County – Fruita
3. Montrose County – Montrose

### **Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible areas):**

1. Adams County – Manila
2. Adams County – Watkins
3. Boulder County – Canfield
4. Boulder County – Erie
5. Boulder County – Longmont
6. Denver County – Denver (closing areas of density within county\*\*)
7. Denver County – Littleton (closing areas of density within county\*\*)
8. Larimer County – Windsor
9. Mesa County - Clifton
10. Weld County – Windsor
11. Weld County – Johnstown
12. Weld County – Firestone
13. Weld County – La Salle
14. Weld County – Erie
15. Weld County – Brighton

### **Ineligible communities under review (reconsideration of eligibility):**

1. El Paso County – Henkel (East of I-25 beyond I-25 corridor)
2. Pueblo County – North of Pueblo; East of I-25 (East of Bragdon & Pinon)

The public shall have 90 days from the date of this public notice to submit comments regarding the potential loss of eligibility for Rural Development housing programs. Comments should be sent to [codirinquiries@usda.gov](mailto:codirinquiries@usda.gov). For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Colorado Rural Development Housing Program staff at (720) 544-2903.

\*\*Areas of density are determined by 1,000 persons/square mile.