Date: 19-April-2016

To: Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners

From: Kristy McFarland, Gunnison County Assessor

RE: Alternate Protest Period

In accordance with §39-5-122.5, C.R.S., I am respectfully requesting that Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners elect to use the alternate protest and appeal procedure in 2016.

The regular and alternate schedule are as follows:

Regular	Alternate	
5/1 – 6/1	5/1 – 6/1	Assessor level appeal
6/30	8/31	Assessor mails Notice of Determinations
7/1 – 7/15	9/1 – 9/15	Property owners petition to the County Board of Equalization
7/15 – 8/5	9/15 – 10/31	County Board of Equalization conducts hearings

The benefits include the Assessor's office having more time to investigate the merits of each protest, and physically inspecting properties as needed. This extended discovery process will hopefully lead to a higher level of resolution at the assessor's level of appeal. The CBOE will also have a longer time period to hold hearings. Property owners have the same opportunities to remedy their property valuation in both the regular and extended appeal periods.