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To The Honorable Diana DeGette

I am writing concerning a pending FCC proceeding (no. 98-153) that will affect how archaeological resources are investigated in this country. The FCC is proposing strict new regulations on the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) systems, that will render them nearly useless for survey and scientific research. These systems have been used to conduct efficient and non-destructive surveys in archaeology for several decades now. At the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation we have always encourage researchers to use non-destructive methods whenever possible. Would you please consider looking into this matter. Several radar system manufacturers are requesting minor changes to the FCC proceeding that would allow the current industry to survive and flourish. Please consider supporting efforts to allow for the continued use of GPR systems.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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