



## **Concerns Regarding PO Box or Rural Delivery of Census Forms in your Area**

**Some of my neighbors have received census forms in their PO Boxes with city-style addresses on the label. How did this happen?**

- The Post Office is sometimes able to connect your physical street address with your assigned PO Box number. In a small number of cases, the Post Office has placed these forms into a PO Box.
- In most situations, the Post Office will not place these forms into PO Boxes. Instead they send the barcode from the form to the Census Bureau so that a census worker can visit your house in May.

**Why did the Census Bureau try to address a form to my house using a street number...I have only a PO Box mailing address?**

- The city-style address on your census form was collected during a separate listing operation conducted by census staff early last year.
- Many areas across the country have PO Box Only delivery. In areas where the Census Bureau could pre-identify this situation, a different enumeration type involving a personal visit is being used.
- In situations where pockets of PO Box only mail delivery are discovered, we will send census workers to conduct the census face-to-face beginning in May.

**Why can't the Census Bureau use a PO Box or Rural Route mailing address to deliver forms?**

- Census forms delivered to households with city-style addresses via the Post Office is the most cost-effective method for a modern census. PO Boxes can change ownership at any time and PO Box owners may live out-of-state.
- The Census Bureau uses address matching software to locate city-style addresses within the proper jurisdiction. This automated process is not possible with Rural Routes and PO Box type addresses.

### **Help Centers Near You**

#### **Carbon Valley Rec Center**

701 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Frederick, CO 80530

Tuesdays – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Thursdays – 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fridays – 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

#### **City of Dacono**

512 Cherry Street  
Dacono, CO 80514

Tuesdays – 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Wednesdays – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Fridays – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM