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El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department  
2880 International Circle, Suite 110  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Re: Romens Subdivision Rezone

El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department:

This firm represents the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District (the “District”), a formed and operating ground water management district with the powers enumerated in the Colorado Ground Water Management Act, C.R.S. § 37-90-101 *et seq.* The District has reviewed the rezoning application submitted by Catamount Engineering (“Applicant”) to subdivide the original property into seven lots and rezone the lots from A-35 to RR-5. According to the Application, water supply for the seven lots will be met through individual residential wells drilled into the not-nontributary Dawson aquifer and wastewater served through individual onsite wastewater treatment systems.

The district provides the following comments for your review and consideration:

### ***Compliance with the District’s Rules***

The Romens subdivision is located within the District’s boundaries and therefore Applicant’s proposed water and wastewater service must comply with all of the District’s Rules and Regulations.

In particular, the proposed wells must comply with District Rule 17(B), which limits withdrawals from large capacity wells in subdivisions. Rule 17(B) provides that “withdrawals shall not exceed .5 acre-feet per year per single family residence, single condominium unit, apartment unit, single unit with a multiple-dwelling unit, or equivalent within the Subdivision or cluster development supplied by the well. In the event a Subdivision or cluster development is supplied by multiple wells, production from all wells supplying the subdivision or cluster development shall not exceed the product of (the number of single family residences, single condominium units, apartment units, single units within a multiple-dwelling unit or equivalent within the Subdivision)X(.5) acre feet per year.” Rule 17(B) also states that “[i]n no event shall production from the well exceed the rate or amount set forth in any determination of water rights issued for the well by the Colorado Ground Water Commission.”

### ***Wastewater Treatment – Septic Systems***

According to the Application, discharged wastewater will be treated through individual on-site wastewater treatment systems. At many locations within the Upper Back Squirrel District, shallow groundwater and seasonally high groundwater exists. Because of this, the District has

concerns with individual on-site wastewater treatment systems within the District's boundaries. The District has enacted a policy which encourages the use of central wastewater systems, as opposed to the use of individual septic systems, in any proposed subdivision consisting of three or more lots to minimize the possibility of contamination of the alluvial aquifer in the basin.

The District reserves the right to provide additional comments at a later date founded upon information not readily ascertainable from the above-referenced application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized "L".

Lisa M. Thompson  
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