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El Paso County
ATTN: Ryan Howser
2880 International Circle,
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Re: Foundation Lutheran Church Subdivision Filing 1

Dear Ryan Howser,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the plans for the Foundation Lutheran Church Subdivision Filing 1 in El Paso County. This area included within the Development boundaries will sustain numerous wildlife species including, coyote, fox, raptors, songbirds, amphibians and numerous small mammals. CPW makes the following recommendations.

CPW notes that in the Natural Features Report for this project, it is stated that, "This property contains no significant features. The lot is currently vacant and flat with Prairie grasses growing across the 5.97 acres." During a site inspection, CPW found that there is a wetland area on the south side of the property that sustains numerous amphibians, including chorus frogs, western tiger salamanders, and other native amphibian species. Other wetland birds are also present. This area may be small in size, but it is not insignificant.

This wetland may not be jurisdictional, however, CPW recommends consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act due to the identification of possible jurisdictional wetlands on the site. CPW will comment on specific plans for wetland-related issues as part of that 404 permitting process but there are some general recommendations to be considered during the development of the wetland mitigation plan prepared as part of section 404 permitting.

CPW recommends no disturbance to the wetland area.

CPW appreciates being given the opportunity to comment. Please Feel free to contact District Wildlife Manager Aaron Berscheid at 719-227-5231 or aaron.berscheid@state.co.us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kroening', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Kroening
Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: SE regional files
Area 14 files
Aaron Berscheid, DWM