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Welsch-Howells Subdivision Request for Concurrence (ECOSphere Project code 2026-0098908)

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Wed, Jun 24, 2026 at 8:08 AM

To: Jon Dauzvardis <jon@ecologicalbenefits.com>

Cc: Ed Morgan <ed@guman.net>, Bill Guman <bill@guman.net>

Dear Jon Dauzvardis,

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) regarding the proposed Welsch-Howells Subdivision project (Project) in El Paso County, Colorado. The Service has reviewed your Project and has no concerns with this Project, as it is described, resulting in impacts to species listed as candidate, proposed, threatened, or endangered or critical habitat listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

We appreciate your efforts to ensure the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Thank you for contacting us and please let me know if you have any further questions. I can be reached at Julie_Reeves@fws.gov.

ECOSphere: 2026-0098908

Julie Reeves, Grasslands Biologist

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Dear USFWS,

Ecosystem Services, LLC Ecosystem Services, LLC (ECOS) was retained by Willian Guman & Associates, Ltd. (Guman) on behalf of Randy Welsh (Landowner) to perform a natural resource assessment of the Welsch-Howells Site and to prepare a Wildlife and Natural Features Report (Report) for the Subdivision Project.

The Site is located in the southwest portion of the Black Forest, due east of northern Colorado Springs in El Paso County, Colorado. It is situated south of Kettle Creek, east of Howells Road, west of Milam Road and north of Mountain View Drive. It is adjacent to rural residential lots to the east and west. The Site is specifically located within the South 1/2 of the

Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M., El Paso County, Colorado (El Paso County Parcel 6214000112). The center of the Site is located at approximately Latitude 38.998754° north, Longitude -104.752782° west at an elevation of approximately 7,000 feet above mean sea level.

The Site is currently unplatted, and the Applicant is seeking approval of a Zoning Change from RR-5 to RR-2.5 to create a subdivision. Upon approval of the Zoning Change, the Project will contain two single-family, residential lots, both of which will be 2.5 acres in size. The western lot will include an existing residence (11525 Howell Road). The eastern lot will include one new home and appurtenant structures.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has mapped potential PMJM Habitat that overlaps the Site in the southwest and northeast corners. However, based on ECOS' on-site assessment and site plans, ECOS determined that the Project will not have an effect on PMJM or any other T&E Species. No potentially occupied PMJM habitat exists in the southwest corner of the Site. Potentially occupied PMJM habitat in the northeast corner of the Site will be preserved and not disturbed by Project activities.

The Project is in the Final Plat stage under first review by the El Paso County (EPC) Planning Department. EPC is requesting a "Clearance Letter" for the Project from the USFWS. ECOS has attached our Wildlife and Natural Features Report for your review and is seeking concurrence with our findings to send to EPC as part of their required documentation.

In addition to ECOS' Report, ECOS used the iPaC System to generate a Species List (attached) and obtain an ECOSphere Project code to facilitate your review. **The ECOSphere Project code is 2026-0098908**

Upon review of the attached, please feel free to email me back with any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much.

Jon Daužvardis, P.W.S.

Owner, Restoration Ecologist



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