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## Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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El Paso County  
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Re: Latigo Trails Filing No. 9

Dear Mr. Howser,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the plans Latigo Trails Filing No. 9 in El Paso County. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is in receipt of the above referenced permit application and is familiar with the site. This area included within the development boundaries will sustain numerous wildlife species including elk, deer, pronghorn, mountain lion, black bear, coyote, fox, raptors, songbirds, and numerous small mammals. CPW makes the following recommendations.

Interactions with wildlife should be considered after the project is completed. The following is a list of general recommendations the CPW would like to be taken into consideration with the residential side of this development in order to avoid nuisance conflicts with wildlife. Many times these conditions can be enforced through the local Homeowner's Association or through covenants.

Pets should not be allowed to roam free and fences should be installed to decrease or eliminate this problem. It is strongly encouraged that dog kennels have a top enclosure, regardless of the height of the kennel. Dogs and cats chase or prey on various wildlife species. One benefit to keeping animals under control is that they are less likely to bother other people, be in roadways or become prey for coyotes, foxes, eagles, hawks or owls.

Feeding of all wildlife should be prohibited, with the exception of songbirds. The use of bird feeders, suet feeders, and hummingbird feeders are discouraged. However, if feeders are used, they should be placed so they are inaccessible to raccoons or skunks and other wildlife species that might cause damage or threaten human safety. It is illegal to feed big game including deer and pronghorn.

Trash should be kept indoors until the morning of trash pickup. Skunks, raccoons, and other scavenging wildlife are attracted to garbage and do become habituated, but an even big concern is that trash is an attractant to black bears. Pet food is also attractive to bears and



scavengers, so pets should be fed inside. If pets are fed outside, feeding should occur only for a specified period of time and food bowls returned afterwards to a secure site for storage. Pet food left outside attracts various wildlife species which in turn attracts predators. Barbecue grills should be placed in a secure area when not in use.

When landscaping lots, it is strongly recommended that native vegetation be used, as wildlife can be attracted to ornamental and floral landscaping features. Planting of trees and shrubs that are attractive to native ungulates (deer, elk, and pronghorn) should incorporate the use of materials that will prevent access and damage (fencing, tree guards, trunk guards, etc.).

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact District Wildlife Manager, Aaron Berscheid, should you have any questions or require additional information at 719-439-9601 or via email at [aaron.berscheid@state.co.us](mailto:aaron.berscheid@state.co.us)

Sincerely,

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

Cody Wigner  
Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: SE regional files  
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Aaron Berscheid, DWM