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I would like to state I do not object to the (122) two-family dwellings (61) structures being built at the Cottages at Mesa Ridge. The reason I am contacting the commission is the development will increase traffic noise along Hwy 21 North and South. The dwellings will roughly add another 244 cars (two vehicles per dwelling) increasing traffic noise along the highway. Highway 21 north and south bound currently supports heavy traffic to and from Ft. Carson, Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, and the Colorado Springs Airport.

I have reviewed the traffic noise document posted on the epreview portal. The document states an average noise level of 66 db for the cottages not the noise levels for the surrounding community. I have a personal sound meter which measures noise levels in the high 60's to mid 70 db all day long.

I believe El Paso County and CDOT both have neglected the noise levels along Hwy 21 from Sneffels to Fontaine Blvd. The county collects alot of taxes from the military bases and the airport. Most of the traffic going up and down the road is military traffic. I would like to see the county take some of those taxes and do a noise assessment and install noise barrier walls along the highway to buffer the noise levels for the surrounding community.

The section of road in question has heavy hauler trucks that engine break for a quarter of a mile when alerted to stop by an early warning signal light. Adding to the noise the vehicles and motorcycles seem to be using the strip of highway as a raceway 100 mph plus at times. This section of highway is rarely monitored by police.

To understand my concerns, I would like to ask for someone on the commission board to walk along the dirt path along Hwy 21 from Sneffels to Fontaine Blvd during high traffic hours M-F 0600-0900, 1200-1300, and 1600-1730 to grasp the noise levels that I am voicing my concerns about.

Respectfully, Michael Osburn