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**Date:** November 20, 2019

**To:** Gabe Sevigny, Planning and Community Development Department

**From:** Nancy Prieve, Environmental Division, Community Services Department

**Subject:** Rollin Ridge Estates Final Plat SF1922

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The El Paso County Environmental Division has completed its review of the Rollin Ridge Estates Final Plat SF1922. Our review consisted of the following items: wetlands, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, general wildlife resources and noxious weeds.

1. Documentation regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer’s (USCOE) jurisdictional determination shall be provided prior to project commencement. The applicant is hereby on notice that the USCOE has regulatory jurisdiction over wetlands. It is the applicant’s responsibility, and not El Paso County’s, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act.
2. The Natural Resources Report states that “the project area lacks adequate riparian or wetland habitat for Preble’s.” The applicant is hereby on notice that the USFWS has regulatory jurisdiction over threatened and endangered species and migratory birds, respectively. It is the applicant’s responsibility, and not El Paso County’s, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act.
3. The Natural Resources Report provides recommendations regarding migratory birds which should be followed in order to avoid possible violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is the applicant’s responsibility, and not El Paso County’s, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
4. Information regarding wildlife protection measures shall be provided including fencing requirements, garbage containment, and riparian/wetland protection/buffer zones, as appropriate. Information can be obtained from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant obtain the necessary approvals from all federal, state and county agencies as a part of their planning process.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (719) 520-7845.