



# El Paso County Sheriff's Office

*Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal*



5415 OLD STAGE ROAD

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to section 30-10-512, Colorado Revised Statutes, the El Paso County Sheriff serves as the fire warden for "the unincorporated area of the county outside the boundaries of a fire department." In this role, the Sheriff's Office provides "fire suppression efforts in case of prairie, forest, or wildland fires", but does not provide emergency medical response or structural fire response. Id.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office Wildland Fire team serves vast areas of open space across many miles of the County. Many wildland fire events require coordination with other districts, state agencies, and federal agencies for response due to the limits on staffing and apparatus. However, coordination attempts do not guarantee participation or coverage by any other district or agency. For example, federal partners may not be authorized to respond to incidents that are not located on federal land. No intergovernmental agreement mandates that any district personnel respond to any other district to assist; they participate as they are able and willing. In fact, the Sheriff's Office understands that the two agencies nearest to the subject property, Colorado Springs Fire Department and Broadmoor Fire Department, have specifically advised the applicant that they are not confident their apparatus would be deployed to the subject property to assist in the event of an emergency due to road conditions.

Any emergency responder trying to reach the subject property must traverse challenging terrain. The narrow, dirt road surfaces can be rough, the path of travel can be steep and winding, and conditions are frequently impacted by snow and ice at elevation. Some emergency response equipment can be damaged by driving in those kinds of conditions. This may dissuade another agency Any response, if attempted, would be slow and difficult in an emergency.

With all these factors in mind, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office cannot provide a fire commitment letter for this proposed development.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Floro", with the date "8.18.26" written below it.

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