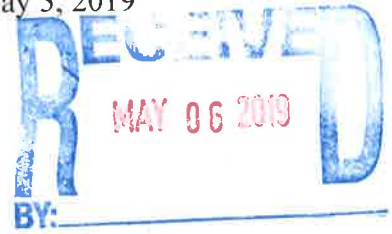




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RE: Forest Lakes Phase II PUD/Preliminary Plan Amendment – File No. PUDSP181

Dear Ms. Parsons:

I have received and reviewed that agency referral package you provided for the Forest Lakes Phase II project. Please understand the referral package was received in mid-December just prior to the Federal Government furlough which included most employees of the U.S. Forest Service. From our recent telephone conversation regarding this project, I understand the comment period and public hearing have been completed and that the project is in the final stages of approval.

As I am sure you are aware, the western boundary of Forest Lakes parcel adjoins National Forest System lands (Pike National Forest) in Section 29, T. 11 S., R. 67 W. 6th P.M., El Paso County Colorado. Given that the new development and planned infrastructure is in the vicinity of the National Forest boundary, please keep in mind the following:

- Be certain a Professional Land Survey is completed and lot boundaries are in place, monumented and consistent with the federal survey. This in part will help to reduce the potential of future property development features from encroaching onto National Forest System lands.
- No System trails currently exist beyond the proposed county regional trail easement terminating at the Forest boundary. Consequently, the constructed portion of this section of the trail should consider layout and designs that terminate prior reaching the National Forest boundary to avoid the creation of user created trails beyond the constructed terminus of the trail.
- Ensure all lot development features and access can be fully supported within the Forest Lakes subdivision and that development would not have any adverse effects on the adjacent National Forest.



- Also, please be advised that there are currently planned forest management activities to the west of the planned subdivision which may include the use of prescribed fire and other treatments focused on developing a landscape more resilient to large scale catastrophic fire events.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comment. If you have additional questions, please contact me directly at (719) 477-4201 or omartinez@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Oscar Martinez", written over the printed name.

OSCAR MARTINEZ
District Ranger