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**Subject: The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch PUD Development Plan, Preliminary Plan and Filing No. 1 Final Plat, Review #2 (PUDSP-19-007, SF-19-019)**

Hello Nina,

The Park Operations Division of the Community Services Department has reviewed The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch PUD Development Plan, Preliminary Plan, and Filing No. 1 Final Plat applications, and has the following additional comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks: Park staff acknowledges the inclusion of the 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of the project site, as shown on Sheet 5 of the Final Plat, however, the Final Plat Notes do not reference the dedication of the trail easement to El Paso County. As such, staff continues to recommend that the applicant designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch Filing No. 1 Final Plat, within Tract A, that allows for public access of the Meridian Ranch Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the aforementioned easement to El Paso County **within the plat notes** prior to the recording of the Final Plat.

This application and the following comments and recommendations were presented to and endorsed by the Park Advisory Board on November 13, 2019:

*"This is a request by N.E.S., Inc., on behalf of GTL, Inc., for approval of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch PUD Development Plan, Preliminary Plan, and Filing No. 1 Final Plat. The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch is zoned PUD and is located within the Meridian Ranch development, northeast of the town of Falcon, east of the intersection of Meridian Road and Rex Road. The proposed 28.9-acre development will include 16 single-family residential lots, with a minimum lot size of 1.03 acres. The property is within the Falcon-Peyton Small Area Master Plan boundary.*

*The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows the proposed and partially existing Meridian Ranch Secondary Regional Trail running east-west through the northern-most section of the property. This trail is completed and paved concrete trail to the west of the development, while it is proposed to the east, as it proceeds into Falcon Regional Park approximately 0.95 mile east of site. Furthermore, the*

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*proposed Arroyo Lane Regional Trail alignment is located 0.45 mile south of the property, while the proposed Eastonville Regional Trail is located approximately 1 mile southeast of the property. Both the Eastonville and Meridian Ranch Regional Trails will be constructed within the boundary of Falcon Regional Park within the next 6 months, thus allowing for future connectivity between Falcon Regional Park and the overall Meridian Ranch development.*

*The open space dedication proposed within The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch comprises 5.2 acres, or 18% of the subdivision, and therefore exceeds the required open space dedication of 10%. An extensive trail and sidewalk network connects residents to a variety of recreation facilities in the Meridian Ranch Development, including the neighborhood parks, community and recreation centers, and an 18-hole golf course.*

*The current PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan show a 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of the project site, however, the Final Plat notes do not reference the dedication of the trail easement to El Paso County. As such, staff recommends that the applicant designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch Filing No. 1 Final Plat, within Tract A, that allows for public access of the Meridian Ranch Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the aforementioned easement to El Paso County prior to the recording of the Final Plat.*

*County Parks acknowledges the waiver of \$7,296 of regional park fees as outlined in the 2014 Park Lands Agreement (Resolution #14-313, Reception #214075741) which addressed provision of Falcon Regional Park lands, and recommends urban park fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes. As stated in the Letter of Intent, the developer intends to submit a request for a Park Lands Agreement to address credits against urban park fees for this subdivision. Parks staff will review the agreement, and if acceptable, will submit it for endorsement at an upcoming Park Advisory Board meeting, prior to the recording of Final Plat. If no park lands agreement is requested, total final plat urban park fees would amount to \$4,608.*

***Recommended Motion (PUD Development Plan / Preliminary Plan):***

*Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that approval of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan include the following conditions: (1) designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch Filing No. 1, within Tract A, that allows for public access of the Meridian Ranch Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the easement to El Paso County prior to the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat; (2) regional park fees will not be required pursuant to the existing Park Lands Agreement for regional park land dedication; and (3) fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes in the amount of \$4,608 will be required at time of the recording of the Final Plats. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees, provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording the forthcoming Final Plat.*

**Recommended Motion: (Filing No. 1 Final Plat)**

*Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that approval of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch Filing No. 1 Final Plat include the following conditions: (1) designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement along the northern boundary of The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch Filing No. 1 Final Plat, within Tract A, that allows for public access of the Meridian Ranch Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the easement to El Paso County prior to the recording of the Final Plat; (2) regional park fees are not required pursuant to the existing Park Lands Agreement for regional park land dedication; and (3) require fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes in the amount of \$4,608. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees, provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording this Final Plat."*

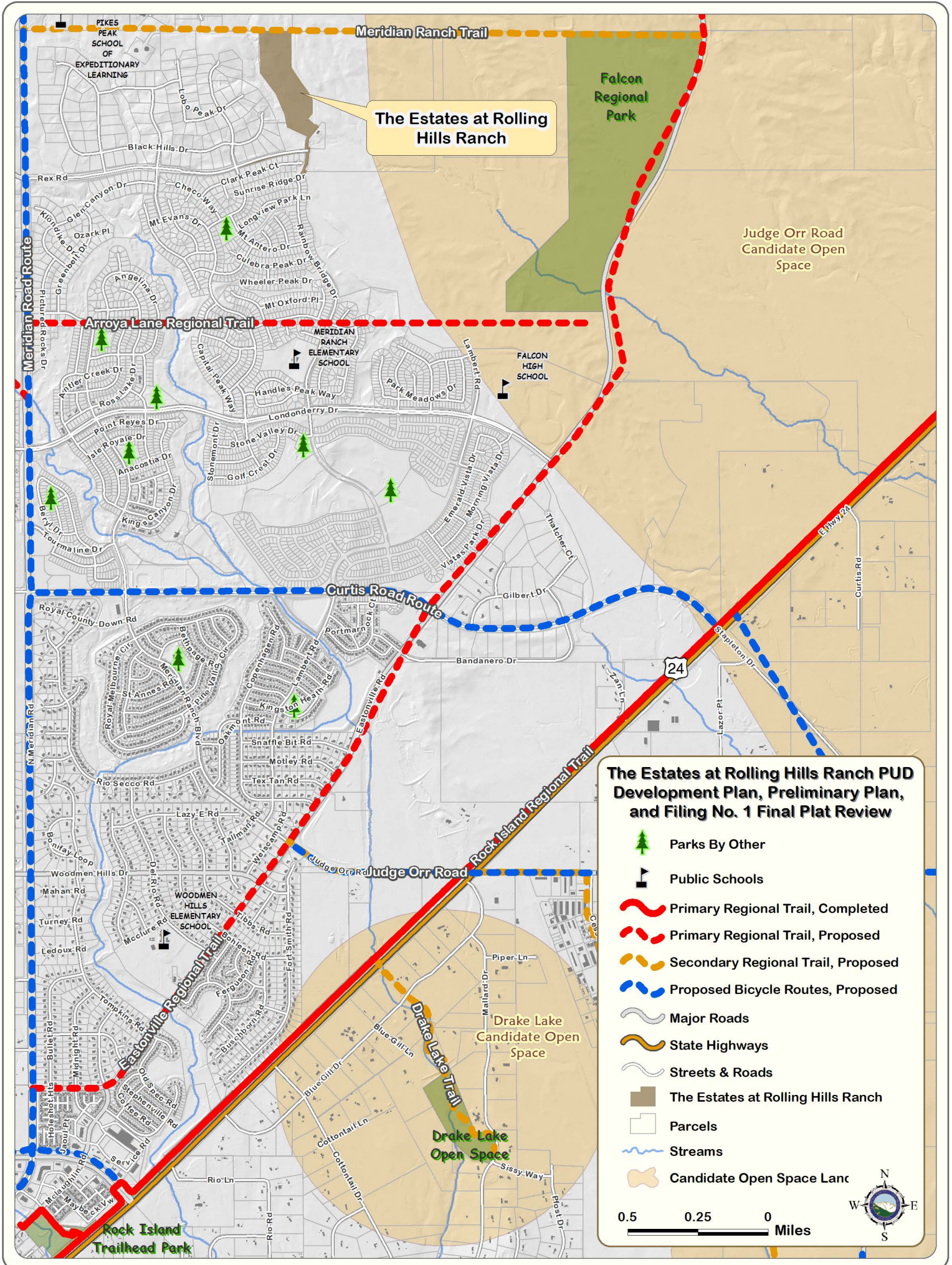
Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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# Development Application Permit Review



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<b>Name:</b>	The Estates at Rolling Hills Ranch PUD/Preliminary Plan	<b>Application Type:</b>	PUD / Prelim Plan
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		<b>Total # of Dwelling Units:</b>	16
<b>Applicant / Owner:</b>	<b>Owner's Representative:</b>	<b>Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres:</b>	1.38
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### REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK DEDICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents, while Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

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#### LAND REQUIREMENTS

##### Regional Park Area: 2

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**Total Regional Park Acres: 0.310**

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