



**Black Forest Trails Association**  
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**Colorado Springs, CO 80908**

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Kari Parsons, El Paso County Development Services

**Re: Redtail Ranch Preliminary Plan & Final Plat**

Dear Kari,

Black Forest Trails Association (BFTA) would like to request addition of public non-motorized multi-use trails to the Preliminary Plan and Final Plat for Redtail Ranch. This is a critical opportunity to connect with existing non-motorized, multi-use local trails and also with an existing local access point for the El Paso County Parks Partnership Trail on Black Forest Section 16.

The purpose of the Black Forest Trails Association is: "To create a safe, legitimate, non-motorized, multiuse recreational trail system that connects Black Forest neighborhoods to each other and the El Paso (Colorado Springs) Regional Trail System." [www.blackforesttrails.org](http://www.blackforesttrails.org)

Addition of local trails to the Preliminary Plan and Final Plat of Redtail Ranch will implement Goals, Policies and Proposed Actions in the 1999 Trails Addendum to the *Black Forest Preservation Plan*, especially those which pertain to Trail Integration of Neighborhood Trails with the County Regional Trail and Open Space System in Black Forest (A.4.1), Roads as Trails (A.4.2) , and Trails in New Developments (A.4.3).

The trails will also fulfill Goals in the El Paso County Parks Master Plan, Plan Recommendations, including:

Page 4, Overall System Mission/Role, Goal 2: Provide a connected system of trails. Work with others to address regional issues and connectivity.

Page 5, Regional Trails, Goal 1: Work collaboratively with others to create a continuous, connected system of regional trails.

The proposed Redtail Ranch subdivision presents important opportunities for trail connections from Meadow Glen Lane to County Regional Trail System on Black Forest Section 16 via

Linnwood Lane and (future) to The Pineries Open Space along Sanctuary Pine Drive, Vollmer Road & Pineries Ranch Drive. Maps are attached/included for illustration purposes.

We propose the trails be located over utility easements which would not be fenced and/or over emergency fire access roads.

Black Forest Trails Association is prepared to provide manpower to clear trail routes and provide and install trail identification signage.

There are two offsite private properties for a trail to cross between the south end of Meadow Glen Lane and Lot 1 on Redtail Ranch which borders Ward Lane on the east. Easements across the northern edge of the offsite properties will complete the connection with Meadow Glen Lane. Black Forest Trails has worked with both of these property owners in the past in providing neighborhood trails.

The existing N-S access easement between Redtail Ranch Lots 4 and 5 could double as a trail corridor and an emergency fire lane from Ward Ln to Linnwood Ln.

We look forward to working with you to connect our community!

Thank you,

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