

Subject:Rock Creek Mesa rezone

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Hi John,

I wanted to write in and tell you that I am opposed to any rezoning of our area to RS-5000. It will completely change the character of our area. I moved here to get away from the city. RS-5000 is not appropriate. We live in a wildlife corridor and this will have an adverse impact on wildlife as well as the people. I have spoken to all of my neighbors as well as others and I haven't met a single person who is for it. It will increase traffic, crime, displace wildlife, increase fire danger and put much more strain on our first responders who are already underfunded and understaffed. It's not a matter of if but when there is an emergency such as a wildfire there will be severe evacuation problems for residents. This has already happened when we recently had a grassfire at the corner of Pawnee & Piute.

While the Cheyenne Mountain estates mobile home park may have water and infrastructure problems the rest of us do not. That is simply an issue with the owner not investing in his business. That is not the responsibility of the rest of our community. I have well water and can also supplement if need be. I have a brand new engineered septic leech field that works great. I'm very happy with my water and water quality. Others in our neighborhood are happy hauling water and most are already in Rock Creek Mesa water district water anyway. Our systems are fully functional.

Every time we are sent a planning map it grows even larger, constantly changing. We were told by the developers in the last meeting that they're only developing native grassland and that simply isn't true. The majority of this land is mountain foothills with ponderosa and scrub oak woodlands. Hence why most of it is already zoned F5 forestry and agricultural grazing land.

I have no issue with new development but two dwellings in 5000 square feet does not fit the character of our neighborhood and it's not fair for existing residents, land, roads and wildlife.

I do understand that our county is growing and there is the need for more housing but it should be realistic for our area.

I hope you take our comments and concerns of the Rock Creek Mesa residents seriously.

Thank You,
James Chelin