

June 24, 2021

Dear John Green (johngreen@elpasoco.com) and El Paso County Officials,

I oppose the proposed rezoning (RS-5000) and the traffic signal at highway 115 and Pawnee.

An additional light would cause an even more dangerous drive on Hwy 115.

Besides, there already is a nearby light to the Pawnee location since 2015. This is a high speed highway with vehicles driving 60 miles an hour in both directions. With traffic already coming to a stop at the bottom of the hill on 115, there is no need to place another light at the top. We have weather that can cause visibility issues due to snow and fog and heavy down pours of rain and the highway has already been made wider to address safety in 2015.

Adding over 150 new homes on Rock Creek Mesa Road is impossible to imagine and will change our lives forever. More people means dangerous traffic issues, overflowing waste, increased incidents of crime, and let us not forget the fear of not being able to escape when a fire breaks out.

It is irresponsible to the community of Rock Creek Mesa to allow these changes. Just say No to RS-5000 as the wins far outweigh the risk of loss. It is personal when you feel your County doesn't care that you played by the rules to build a home here but allow others to break the rules to build 160 homes to make a profit. This new developer didn't buy the lots to plant trees and that is what the lots are only zoned for. We invested up the road on Rock Creek and continue to work hard to build our dream home and we are careful to follow the rules. Play fair! When did it become okay for El Paso County to disregard Us in the Master Plan (Southwest Hwy 115 Comprehensive Plan) ?

Do the right thing. Preserve the beauty and nature of this region that inspired the State to open a park and allow the land to remain preserved. There are plenty of opportunities in the County to build housing and we are seeing that progress in 2021. Do not destroy the peace that is found here by inviting more families that this land cannot support. There cannot be a way to ensure everyone will be safe in the event of a fire and the need to evacuate when the reality is this is rural land with only one road in and only one road out. Say No and protect Us please! Do not enable a developer to come in and change the zoning laws as if you do, you will invite problems for El Paso County and Colorado Springs. Fire protection is everyone's problem. Please, we cannot stand by and watch our homes go up in flames because the fire trucks couldn't get there when the proposed housing is too condensed.

Respectfully,

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