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El Paso County Planning and Community Development
c/o Kari Parsons - Project Manager
2880 International Circle, Suite 110
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Re: 1041 Northern Delivery Water System

Dear Ms. Parsons,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the development plans for the 1041 Northern Delivery Water System project and is familiar with the project site locations near Old Northgate Road and Highway 83, along Rollercoaster Road and then following Baptist Road till it connects to the Town of Monument site within El Paso County. CPW staff has visited the site and offers the following comments for your consideration.

The southern terminus of the proposed waterline sits near or adjacent to Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM) critical habitat. PMJM is currently on both the Federal and State threatened species list. Temporary and permanent construction impacts in this area may temporarily or permanently impact resident wildlife. CPW recommends contacting the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding developing in or near potential PMJM habitat.

CPW is concerned about any trees that may be removed during construction. Some of the removed trees may be currently occupied or historic bird nesting sites. Please take care to avoid removal of trees with occupied nesting birds. We recommend leaving as many native healthy trees on site and replacing trees that are removed with comparable native species on a 3:1 basis. Dead trees, or snags, provide valuable perching areas for native birds and should be left standing where possible.

CPW recommends that a Noxious Weed Management Plan be followed closely during the development of the properties. All disturbed soils should be monitored for noxious weeds and noxious weeds should be actively controlled until native plant revegetation and reclamation is achieved. All areas disturbed by the development should be revegetated with native plant species.



CPW appreciates being given the opportunity to comment on this development project. Please feel free to contact Wildlife Officer Corey Adler at 719-439-9637 or corey.adler@state.co.us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kroening', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Kroening
Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Corey Adler, DWM
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