



**Hanover Fire Protection District**  
**13325 Old Pueblo Road**  
**Fountain, CO 80817**  
**(719)382-1900**



**To:** Whom it may concern

**From:** Chief Carl Tatum

**Reference:** Letter to provide Fire and EMS to the Palmer Solar Project;

The Hanover Fire department will provide Fire and EMS to the Palmer Solar Project. Hanover Fire department currently has 3 stations throughout our district. Station 2 would be primary response to this location and we could have our first truck on scene within 5-7 minutes to the Westside of this project the East side project could be 15-20 minutes if we can cut through the project on what looks to be a service road. If we are able to use that service road it will need to be year round seasonal access; if not then our response times to the Eastside project could be extended out to 30-45 minute response times. These times may be longer if the railroad crossing at Bridesall rd is blocked due to train activity.

The project will require welding on site and may have multiple crews working at both locations at the same time. We understand that the site will be stripped from vegetation down to soil approximately 70% of the solar field. We have agreed that each welding team will have 3 members assigned a welder, his helper and fire watch that will have fire blankets and fire extinguisher. We also agree that each site will have a water tender on location with driver that can respond to any spot fires that may happen.

These fire precautions were agreed to by the fire department and the projector manager. During fire restrictions and Red flag events we have agreed to look at them on a case by case basis. Smoking areas will be set up and adhere to by the contractor and sub their subcontractors on site. A parking area will be establish and mowed down so there is no chance of exhaust system starting a grass fires. The project manager understands any fires that are started off there site they may be held liable for all cost to extinguish the fire.

If you have any questions please give Chief Tatum a call at 719-492-2729 or Office 719-382-1900.

Thank you

  
Chief Carl Tatum



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October 29, 2018

Dear Fire Chief Carl Tatum,

Thank you for your involvement with the Palmer Solar Project and Williams Creek Substation to date. We have appreciated your feedback on project design and construction practices to prevent and adequately prepare for a rangeland fire event. As you are aware, the Palmer Solar Project is a 60-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility sited on land in unincorporated El Paso County within the Hanover Fire Protection District, southeast of Station 2. Palmer Solar LLC, as the Project proponent, has begun its application and review process with El Paso County for a Wind/Solar Energy Overlay (WSEO). This Overlay authorizes and provides direction for utility-scale renewable energy generation, including the Palmer Solar Project.

El Paso County has provided notice to local, state, and federal agencies with potential interest in the application to provide review comments. Hanover Fire Protection District was one of the entities notified of the opportunity to provide comments on the application. We would also like follow up with you with the link to the online application: <https://epcdevplanreview.com/Projects/ADetails/103490>. This url includes the Fire Prevention Plan that was developed with input from you in the Spring. It will continue host the WSEO application and review comments from various agencies and departments throughout the permitting process.

As part of El Paso County's review of the Palmer-Williams Creek WSEO, the Planning and Community Development Department requests that the Hanover Fire Protection District provide a Fire Commitment Letter stating its capacity and willingness to provide emergency response during construction and operational phases of the project. From recent conversation with you, it is our understanding that the Palmer Solar Project and Williams Creek Substation meet your District's requirements and preferences for construction, site access, and design considerations. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you provide a letter confirming Hanover Fire Protection District would be able to provide emergency services in the event of a fire.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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