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El Paso County: Development Services Department
ATTN: Kari Parsons, Project Manager
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Re: File Number SF1811

Dear Ms. Parsons:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the final plat for Silverado Ranch Filing No1. District Wildlife Manager Adam Gerstenberger reviewed your materials and is familiar with the site. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has the following comments and suggestions regarding the proposed development.

The following is a list of general recommendations the CPW would like to be taken into consideration with the residential side of this development in order to avoid nuisance conflicts with wildlife. Many times these conditions can be enforced through the local Homeowner's Association or through covenants.

1. Pets should not be allowed to roam free and fences should be installed to decrease or eliminate this problem. Dogs and cats chase or prey on various wildlife species. One benefit to keeping animals under control is that they are less likely to bother other people, be in roadways or become prey for mountain lions, coyotes, foxes or owls.
2. Trash should be kept indoors until the morning of trash pickup. The CPW recommends using bear resistant trash containers. Bears, skunks, raccoons, and neighborhood dogs are attracted to garbage and do become habituated.
3. Feeding of all wildlife should be prohibited, with the exception of songbirds. The use of bird feeders, suet feeders, and hummingbird feeders are discouraged. However, if feeders are used, they should be placed so they are inaccessible to bears, raccoons or skunks and other wildlife species that might cause damage or threaten human safety. It is illegal to feed big game including deer, elk, antelope, moose, bear and lion.
4. Pets should be fed inside or if pets are fed outside, feeding should occur only for a specified period of time and food bowls returned afterwards to a secure site for storage. Pet food left outside attracts various wildlife species which in turn attracts predators.
5. When landscaping lots, it is strongly recommended that native vegetation be used that wildlife is less likely to be attracted to. Planting of trees and shrubs that are attractive to native ungulates should incorporate the use of materials that will prevent access and damage (fencing, tree guards, trunk guards, etc.).



6. Fences, other than those around the immediate domicile and serving to protect landscaped trees and shrubs, should be designed so as not to impair wildlife movements. Ornamental fences with sharp vertical points or projections extending beyond the top horizontal rail should be strongly discouraged in areas where deer and black bear are known to occur. This type of fencing typically ensnares deer by the hips when trying to squeeze through and impales animals attempting to go over the top. Wildlife friendly design recommendations can be provided upon request.
7. It is strongly encouraged that dog kennels have a top enclosure, regardless of the height of the kennel.
8. Barbecue grills should be placed in a secure area when not in use.

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact District Wildlife Manager Adam Gerstenberger, should you have any questions or require additional information at 719-227-5282 or via email at adam.gerstenberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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Area Wildlife Manager

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