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RE: Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Assessment – Hodgen Road and Highway 83, El Paso County, Colorado

On behalf of Carl Turse (Client), ERO Resources Corporation has conducted a Threatened and Endangered Species habitat assessment for the proposed residential development on a property at Hodgen Road and Highway 83 in Black Forest, El Paso County, Colorado (project area; Figure 1). This assessment included identification of potential federally listed threatened and endangered species habitat that might affect the proposed project. This letter has been prepared to inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that the project area does not contain habitat for the federally listed threatened or endangered species in El Paso County.

### Federal Nexus

The project area contains no wetlands or waters of the U.S. and has no federal nexus.

### Project Location

The project area is in Sections 27, Township 11 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in El Paso County, Colorado (Figure 1). The UTM coordinates for the approximate center of the project area are 520312mE, 4324459mN, Zone 13 North. The latitude/longitude of the project area is 104.765199°N/39.068998°W. The elevation of the project area is approximately 7,550 feet above sea level.

### Site Description

The project area encompasses approximately 57 acres, which consists primarily of introduced rangeland grasses and is used as an active horse pasture (Figure 2). The project area is bounded by residential properties to the south, west, and north and undeveloped land to the east. The project area contains six man-made structures consisting of one barn, one residence, and four storage buildings; fencing along a driveway to the residence; and automobiles parked near the existing structures. One depression, which appears to be isolated, and two upland vegetated swales occur on the project area. The property generally

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