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The Shire at Old Ranch, VA-20-2

Please accept the following comments from El Paso County Public Health for the variance approval referenced above:

- Drinking water service for the proposed project is not specified, but likely will be by the four (4) individual private wells associated with the existing houses. The water system will meet the definition of a community water system due to the café, the six (6) temporary/permanent residential structures, the visitors center and meeting areas. Please contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, regarding the operational plan and the anticipated number of year-round and seasonal employees and residents.
- Wastewater service for the project is proposed to be by a combination of professional engineer designed onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), greywater reuse and a human waste aerobic decomposition/sterilization /fertilizer process. All treatment processes mentioned must have complete details submitted to El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) for review and will require EPCPH approval in order to be considered for use. The disposition of the existing OWTS's on the site is unknown, but if they are to be abandoned, they must be abandoned per the current OWTS Regulations.
- Earthmoving activity in excess of one acre, but less than twenty-five acres, requires a local Construction Activity Permit from El Paso County Public Health. Go to <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/air-quality/construction-activity-application> for more information.

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