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Land Use Review
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Dear Ms. Stocker,

Thank you for notifying Peterson Space Force Base (SFB) of the Paint Mines Planned Development Zone (PDZD-26-0017). We appreciate the opportunity to review and provide the following comments for consideration.

The Paint Mines development is located within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-designated five-mile wildlife hazard review area for the Colorado Springs Airport and near active approach and departure corridors for Runway 17R/35L and other frequently used airspace. Due to this location, there would be concerns regarding the potential introduction of hazardous wildlife attractants within active airspace.

FAA Advisory Circular 150-5200-33C, *Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or near Airports*, discourages land uses within five miles of an airport that may increase wildlife hazards to aircraft. In accordance with this advisement, planning within this area should prioritize aviation safety and minimize wildlife attractants to reduce risks to aircraft operations.

Additionally, the Traffic Conformity Letter indicates that the project-specific increase of 670 trips may have limited individual impact on ground-level ozone within the Pikes Peak Region. However, when considered in the context of the broader Reagan Ranch Development, with a total of 40,784 trips, there are potential concerns regarding cumulative impacts to regional air quality. The Pikes Peak Region is currently near the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 70 parts per billion for ground-level ozone; therefore, even marginal increases in ozone precursor emissions could contribute to the region being designated as nonattainment. Colorado AQCC Regulation 10, Transportation Conformity, implements Section

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176(c) of the Federal Clean Air Act and requires transportation plans and projects to demonstrate conformity with applicable pollutant budgets.

If you have any questions, please contact our Community Planner, Ms. Beth Dukes, at (719) 556-1708 and/or elizabeth.dukes.4@spaceforce.mil.

Sincerely,

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