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Gabe Sevigny Project Manager El Paso County Development Services Department 2880 International Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80910 gabesevigny@elpasoco.com

Subject: State of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Ramah Shooting Facility U19-001)

Dear Gabe,

The Planning Division of the Community Services Department has reviewed the development application and has the following comments on behalf of El Paso County Parks.

Request by CPW CAPD Engineering on behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Capital Development for approval of the Ramah Wildlife Area Shooting Facility proposal. The property (Parcel # 110000071) totals 27.39 acres and is located in the Ramah State Wildlife Area situated in the northeast corner of El Paso County, (Property Address: US 24G, Milepost 345, 525, CO 80808). The project is zoned A-35 (Agricultural-35 acres) and a seven-range facility with a variety of associated features including benches, shade structures, and parking areas are proposed. Staff appreciates the effort of CPW to provide this facility to serve El Paso residents, however, please also consider adding ADA facilities/amenities for disabled participants.

The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan identifies two future regional trails within the Ramah area. Specifically the Big Sandy Creek Regional Trail and the Rock Island Regional Trail. Both trails converge within the Wildlife area providing trail users access to the Wildlife Area amenities. Parks staff recommends continued cooperation between the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department and El Paso County to grant public trail easements for these future trail connections.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Paul P Whalen, AICP/RLA Landscape Architect Planning Division Community Services Department



