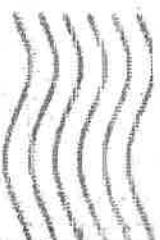


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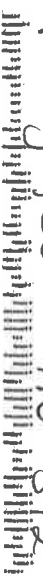
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APRIL 18, 2018

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Frank and Ben,

This letter is provided to re-state the Double El Conservation District's strong opposition to the proposed shooting range located at the Ramah Dam SWA.

- We recognize that CPW owns the parcels of land that the proposed project would be located and that we cannot directly dictate the usage of that property. However, as we have previously stated, the original lease of lands to the State of Colorado pertained to a specific purpose, i.e. "***a game and fish management area for the restoration and management of wildlife and fish for the use of the public...***" As such, it is our position that the proposed shooting range project would be in violation of the specific terms and intent of the lease. This, in itself, may be grounds for termination of the lease.
- Upon further review of the land ownership at the Ramah SWA, it is also our position that CPW does not have a right of access to the parcel of land proposed for the shooting range. Access to the parcel would have to be in accordance with some form of easement from Double El or other private landowners. At this time, Double El is not willing to grant such access.
- We recall that you had represented to Double El that neighboring landowners had been contacted by CPW and that they did not oppose the shooting range. However, personal contact with the adjacent property owners (Woodard, Mikita and Morris) indicated the opposite, i.e. concerns related to noise, stray bullets, potential for grass fires and a general lack of supervision of the range at all hours of the day (and night). Similarly, the El Paso County Sheriff's Department has expressed concerns about a lack of supervision during all hours of the day (and night) at this relatively remote location.
- Liability issues (for both parties) related to on-site accidents or personal injury.

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FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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Frank and Ben,

Following our meeting with CPW representatives on January 16, 2018, the Double El Conservation District Board of Supervisors further discussed the proposed shooting range located at the Ramah Dam SWA. For the following reasons, the Board remains strongly opposed to the project:

- The original lease of lands to the State of Colorado pertained to a specific purpose, i.e. "***a game and fish management area for the restoration and management of wildlife and fish for the use of the public...***" As such, it is our position that the proposed shooting range project would be in violation of the specific terms and intent of the lease. This, in itself, may be grounds for termination of the lease.
- We can't rationalize the increased traffic and noise resulting from the relatively un-regulated shooting of firearms as being consistent with the intended purposes of wildlife management.
- Liability issues (for both parties) related to on-site accidents or personal injury
- The likely accumulation of trash/debris and deterioration of the vegetative cover on the dam and emergency spillway.
- Public safety and environmental issues including fire hazard
- Inadequate provisions for safety/law enforcement. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office has expressed concerns over the operations of a shooting range at this relatively remote location.

The 1962 lease further states that the Conservation District agrees to "*operate the dam and reservoir in such a manner as will be consistent with proper game and fish management so long as the primary purpose of flood control is not unduly affected.*" Since we don't believe that a shooting range fits this specific term and condition, the conservation district should not have the additional burden of operating the reservoir in a manner to maintain a "permanent pool" behind the dam.

If the proposed shooting range remains a high priority for CPW, perhaps a solution would be an outright purchase of the lands owned by Double El (approximately 140 acres +/-), similar to the previous purchases of other lands in the

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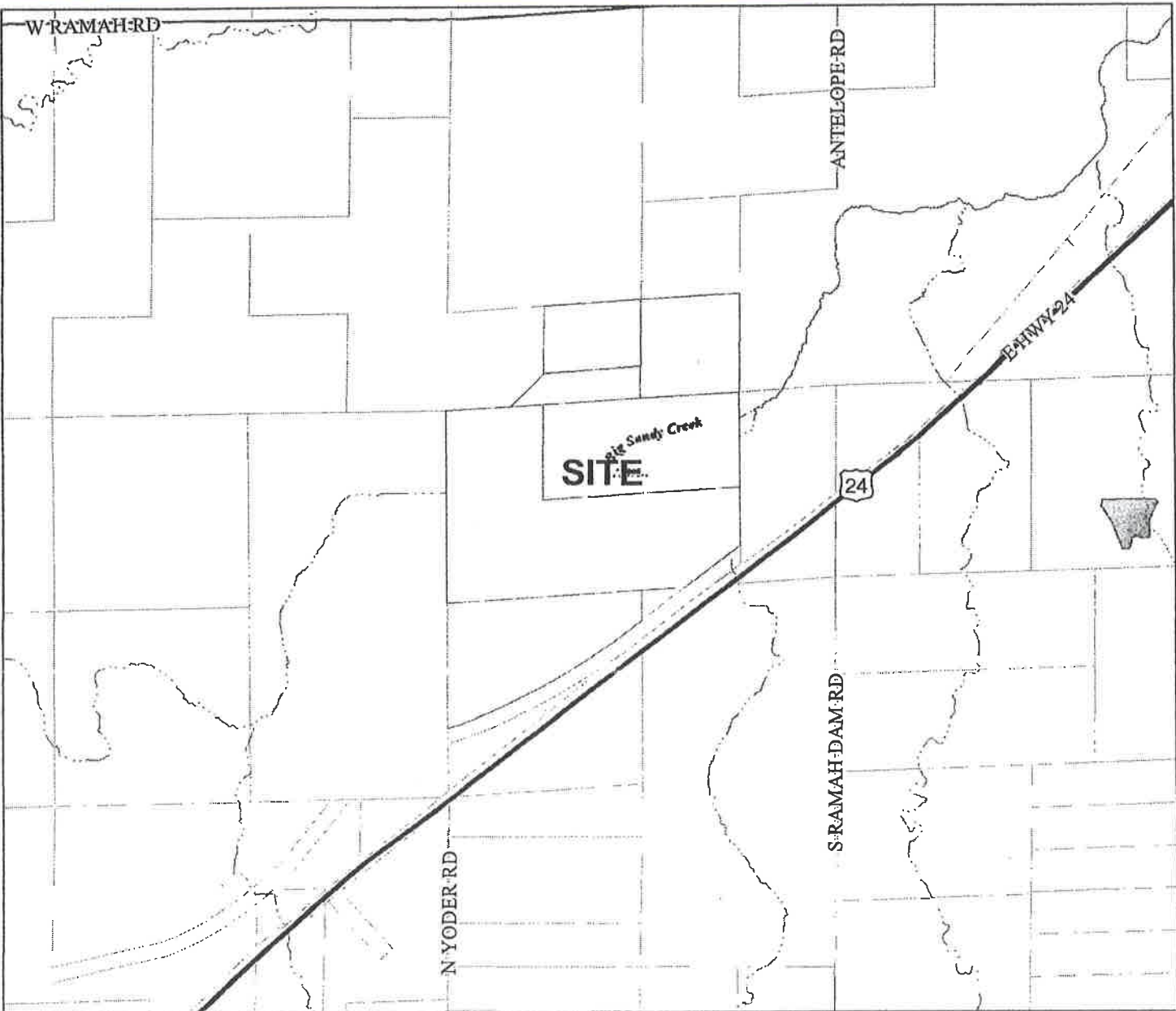
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