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Subject: Falcon High School Expansion (PPR-17-048)

Hello Nina,

The Planning Division of the Community Services Department has reviewed the Falcon High School Expansion plot plan review and has the following comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks.

The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no parks, trails, or open space impacted specifically by the proposed high school expansion project, although the proposed Eastonville Primary Regional Trail is located tentatively either within or directly adjacent the easternmost boundary of the school property, approximately 0.25 mile east of the high school building. The 215-acre Falcon Regional Park is located 0.25 mile north of the property, and will be accessed via the Eastonville Primary Regional Trail. The proposed high school expansion project will not impact the future trail alignment, nor will other proposed future projects, such as the soccer or baseball fields, as depicted in the plot plan.

The Open Space Master Plan of the Parks Master Plan shows a large portion of the Falcon High School property encompassed by the Judge Orr Road Candidate Open Space area. Natural resource values include various grassland communities, as well as riparian and wetland habits. The proposed expansion would not be in conflict with the plan, as long as construction and ongoing school operations do not adversely affect grassland and wetland sustainability.

As when planning or constructing a trail corridor that may impact private property, El Paso County Parks staff will work directly with Falcon School District 49 when planning the final alignment for the Eastonville Primary Regional Trail, but will not ask for an easement at this time, due to the fact that this current application is not a subdivision preliminary plan or final plat.



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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