



2290 Old Ranch Rd Project Update Approval Needed

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To: Jeremy Ferranti <jeremyferranti@gmail.com>

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Hi Jeremy,

Thanks for the updates on your property and thanks for removing the trash and stabilizing the streambank with vegetation, which will greatly reduce any sedimentation into your adjacent riparian system. I apologize that I have not had a chance to return your call, but had a look at your attachment.

The Service has no concerns with your plans to continue to move forward with construction, and we very much appreciate your communications with us.

Regards,
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Hi Mrs. Lunz, or ColoradoES@FWS

I'm following up with you regarding my future personal residence located at 2290 Old Ranch Rd., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Last month I sent correspondence requesting a project modification from an FWS previously cleared and approved 40x80 2- story 6400sf commercial office project to be converted to a similar footprint 40X80 single family residence for my wife and I to occupy. Thank you for approving the modification on Oct, 6, 2023 (see attached).

This email is to inform you that through the course of working on the project I found remnants of the previous home, demolished by the previous owners, dumped on embankments. I took it upon myself to mitigate the issue by removing their trash and concrete on the hillside (see attached report). Removal of the material on the hillside resulted in a soil disturbance. A stop work was issued on the project until erosion and sediment prevention measures were designed. I retained a professional civil engineer to provide oversight, direction, and professional restoration drawings for bank restoration. I'm pleased to say trash and debris has been removed, and the embankment has been stabilized quickly with minimal environmental impacts. I wanted to reach out to you personally to discuss the significant change, as the embankment wasn't really discussed previously. An engineered erosion and sediment plan has been put in place. A summary of findings (see report) and control measures (straw mat and waddles) have been placed to stabilize the bank and minimize further soil disruption until grass takes.

Through the course of work no critical habitat or animals were observed. I'm still unaware of any endangered species in the area, and have not seen any. At this juncture I'm communicating with your office regarding the slight change of scope and soil disturbance. The county and I will be working together and closely monitoring the rejuvenation and re-establishment of hillside grasses. The erosion blankets and mitigation techniques depicted in the attached document will be left in place permanently.

I do apologize for the late communication on this. I'm kindly asking for you to approve the project changes discussed in this email and allow for my spouse and I to resume construction on our home, which is a significant distance away from the bank. Sorry for the soil disruption, we were a bit disappointed in our findings as this will be our forever house, but it looks way better now!

I can be reached at 720.694.5324 if needed. Thank you very much for your time. Please reply to this email as approval to move forward. A document for review along with the ongoing home-site plan has been provided.

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