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**To:** Nina Ruiz, Planning and Community Development Department

**From:** Nancy Prieve, Environmental Division, Community Services Department

**Subject:** Trails at Aspen Ridge PUDSP (Springs East at Waterview) PUDSP191

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The El Paso County Environmental Division has completed its review of the Trails at Aspen Ridge PUDSP (Springs East at Waterview) PUDSP191. Our review consisted of the following items: wetlands, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, general wildlife resources and noxious weeds.

1. The Wildlife Impact Assessment by Stantec dated March 15, 2017 makes several recommendations regarding the state-listed species (burrowing owl) and species of concern (bald eagle, ferruginous hawk, black-tailed prairie dog, swift fox). For the avian species, these recommendations should be diligently followed in order to avoid potential violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant obtain the necessary approvals from all federal, state and county agencies as a part of their planning process.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (719) 520-7845.