

## Nina Ruiz

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**From:** Nina Ruiz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'jonahb52@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Amy Folsom; Kari Parsons  
**Subject:** RE: Meadow Lake Airport

Hello,

I am the Planner for the items in the vicinity of Meadow Lake Airport that are being heard today before the Board of County Commissioners. These items include:

- 824 Acres Rezone (<https://epcdevplanreview.com/Public/ProjectDetails/110700>)
  - This property is located south of Judge Orr Road and east of Curtis Road
  - The request is to rezone to the RR-2.5 zoning district, which allows for 1 dwelling unit per 2.5 acres
- Judge Orr Ranchettes Rezone and Preliminary Plan (<https://epcdevplanreview.com/Public/ProjectDetails/102953> , <https://epcdevplanreview.com/Public/ProjectDetails/102952> )
  - This property is located north of Judge Orr Road and west of Stapleton
  - The request is to rezone to the RR-5 zoning district, which allows for 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres as well as a preliminary plan for 7 lots

The property you are referring to is north of Meadow Lake Airport and west across from Highway 24, whereas the items being heard are east of Highway 24. Can you please confirm that the project you are referring to is the Meadowlake Ranch Sketch Plan application? (<https://epcdevplanreview.com/Public/ProjectDetails/103203> )

If you view the proposed plan online you will notice that they are providing a no-build area (meaning no development, or new “hazards” as you refer below) around the floodplain and wetland areas- which I believe is the area you are discussing below, as that is here all the large trees are located.

The Meadowlake Ranch item has not been scheduled for hearing. The Planner for this project is Kari Parsons (719-520-6306). Please forward any comments or questions you may have regarding this project onto Kari.

I will be including your email in the official file for those items being heard today in the event that I have misunderstood the purpose of the email below. Have a great day!

Thank you,

**Nina Ruiz**

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[https://library.municode.com/co/el\\_paso\\_county/codes/land\\_development\\_code](https://library.municode.com/co/el_paso_county/codes/land_development_code)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Joanna Nash <[jonahb52@gmail.com](mailto:jonahb52@gmail.com)>

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<https://pagetwo.completicolorado.com/2019/03/29/meadow-lake-airport-facing-pressure-from-residential-development/>

Hey, County Commissioner! Apparently, this is something you guys will be dealing with this week. The empty land north of the Meadow Lake Airport (the airport we fly our plane out of) gets the occasional emergency landing, since the most dangerous time in a flight is right at takeoff if something goes wrong. "These landings usually don't result in damage or injury and the planes are towed back to the airport. Occasionally an aircraft will be damaged on landing, but so far there have been no deaths or injuries." The developer of the land wants to build a mixed residential, commercial and industrial development. But buildings mean substantially increased hazards when things go wrong and airplanes have to make emergency landings, which increases risk to life and property ... for both the pilot and people on the ground. I'm sure you've seen the photo of Max as a teenager standing in a field next to the upside down plane he'd been in as a passenger; he might not have escaped relatively unscathed had the plane plowed into a building. I hate telling property owners what to do with their property, but this seems pretty important. If you're interested in more input by pilots, feel free to reach out. Thanks!

Joanna

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