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**Date:** June 8, 2020

**To:** Lindsay Darden, Planning and Community Development Department

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

**Subject:** Verizon Higby Stealth Tower AL1925

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The El Paso County Environmental Division has completed its review of the Verizon Higby Stealth Tower AL1925. Our review consisted of the following items: wetlands, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, general wildlife resources and noxious weeds.

1. The applicant is hereby on notice that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has regulatory jurisdiction over migratory birds. It is the applicant’s responsibility, and not El Paso County’s, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act and 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.