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El Paso County
ATTN: Nina Ruiz
2880 International Circle,
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Re: Gardens at North Carefree PUDSP

Dear Ms. Ruiz,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the plans for Gardens at North Carefree PUDSP in El Paso County. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is in receipt of the above referenced permit application and is familiar with the site. This area included within the Development boundaries will sustain numerous wildlife species including deer, pronghorn, coyote, fox, raptors, songbirds, and numerous small mammals. CPW makes the following recommendations.

In the plans it was written that a section of chain-link fence with barbed wire on the top would be used to connect to the existing fence that is already on the east side of the development. Fences can cause many problems for wildlife, including death, entanglements, and barriers to movements. CPW recommends the developers consult our publication *Hanophy, Wendy* "Fencing with Wildlife in mind." *CPW.state.co.us. 2009* when considering the design of fences within the development. The publication is available on our website and we would be happy to provide a link to the PDF specifically. The use of privacy fencing, chain link fencing, and other exclusionary fencing should be at least 6 feet high and should be restricted to the immediate area surrounding the buildings or within the designated building envelope and should not be used as a method to designate boundaries of larger lot sizes (> 1 acre). Fencing outside the immediate building envelope or area surrounding the buildings on larger lots within the known range of elk, deer and pronghorn should be a maximum top height of 42" with at least 12" spacing between the top two wires or rails and a bottom wire or rail at least 16" above the ground to allow passage of juvenile animals and pronghorn antelope. It is also recommended that the top and bottom wires be a twisted barbless type or smooth wire or rail construction. It should be noted that it is very distressing to find wildlife in or ensnared on fences.

These are general recommendations for fences, however for the section planned to be connected to the already existing chain-link fence, it would be good to eliminate gaps



between the new section and existing section, and to eliminate the barbed wire at the top of the new section to eliminate deer entanglements.

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact District Wildlife Manager, Aaron Berscheid, should you have any questions or require additional information at 719-439-9601 or via email at aaron.berscheid@state.co.us

Sincerely,



Frank McGee
Area Wildlife Manager

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