

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARKS ~ PLANNING ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ VETERANS SERVICES ~ CSU EXTENSION

March 1, 2012

Dear Resident:

El Paso County Parks and a variety of community partners have been exploring the possibility of conserving a portion / all of Willow Springs Ranch for open space, park and recreation, and community opportunities. The 260 acre ranch is located south of the Town of Monument and west of Interstate 25 (please see attached map). A Zoning Concept Plan has been approved for 450 residential lots to be developed at the site.

Community interest has been expressed in the site based on the following:

- Preserve riparian corridor habitat
- Provide visual relief for the Interstate 25 corridor
- Opportunity to connect to the New Santa Fe and Pike National Forest trail systems
- Open space buffer for Monument area
- Protect water resources as the confluence of Monument and Teachout creeks are located on the site
- Opportunity for community recreation and other public facilities

A community meeting regarding this opportunity will be conducted on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 15</u>, <u>2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monument Town Hall</u>, 645 Beacon Lite Road, Monument. We encourage interested residents to attend the meeting to provide input.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Tim Wolken, Director

Community Services Department

timwolken@elpasoco.com

520-6981

