



File Code: 1950-1

Date: September 30, 2004

Dear Reviewer:

If you have received this letter and a copy of the Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities for the Village at Wolf Creek Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), you were one of the individuals that provided comments to the scoping letter or you requested information on this project. Other readers may obtain a copy of the DEIS by mail by request to Tetra Tech Inc., 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1400, Falls Church, VA 22041, or by phone at (703) 931-9301. Copies may also be picked up at the Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor's Office or Divide District Office. The DEIS is also available on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/planning/planning.htm.

This DEIS describes the No Action Alternative and three action alternatives. At this point, Alternative 4 is the preferred alternative. However, please review all the alternatives since all of the alternatives have equal standing at this time. Any alternative, combination of alternatives, or a new alternative within the range of these alternatives may be selected in the final decision.

I am the Responsible Official for this project and will make the decision on whether or not to authorize access roads or utility corridors crossing National Forest System lands to the Village at Wolf Creek property and the conditions of those authorizations.

Your comments are important and will help me make my decision. Comments that are substantive and specific to the activities proposed on federal lands are the most valuable. It is important for those interested to respond to this DEIS within the comment period with comments and objections that can be meaningfully considered during the development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.13 (b), only those individuals or organizations who submit substantive comments during the comment period may file an appeal.

An important point for reviewers to note is that other than the rights retained by the USFS in the Amended Scenic Easements, the USFS recognizes and respects the jurisdiction of Mineral County in regulating and approving the use and development of the private property.

Comments must be postmarked within 45 days of the date of publication of the Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the *Federal Register* by the Environmental Protection Agency, this date is expected to be October 8, 2004. A public notice will also be placed in the *Valley Courier*, the newspaper of record.



I request that you send written comments concerning this proposal to: VWC DEIS Comments, Tetra Tech Inc., 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1400, Falls Church, VA 22041. You may send electronic comments to comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande@fs.fed.us, or comments may be FAXED to (703) 931-9222.

If you have questions on this project please contact Bob Dalrymple, Rio Grande National Forest, 1803 Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO 8114, phone (719) 852-5941.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "C".

PETER L. CLARK
Forest Supervisor