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ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT
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April 21, 2026

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit Re-verification (SPA-2025-00395)

El Paso County
Attn: John Lantz
3275 Akers Dr
Colorado Spgs, CO 80922
johnlantz@elpasoco.com

Dear Mr. Lantz:

We are responding to your nationwide permit (NWP) re-verification request, submitted to us on March 17, 2026, for re-verification of authorization under nationwide permit (NWP) for the Deer Creek Road Improvement Project. The project site is located within wetlands adjacent to Crystal Creek along Deer Creek Road at approximately latitude 39.1061, longitude -104.8613; Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 67 West; Monument, El Paso County, Colorado.

Based on the information provided, the project involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into aquatic resources and you are requesting verification of authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the project. The specific activity that requires Department of Army authorization is the improvement and modification of Deer Creek Road consisting of roadway widening, asphalt paving, storm drain improvements, and vertical/horizontal changes to the roadway. The project will permanently impact approximately 0.16-acre of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands (i.e., Wetland 1A/0.083-acre, Wetland 1B/0.07-acre, Wetland 3A/0.003-acre, & Wetland 3B/0.004-acre) and temporarily impact approximately 0.075-acre of PEM wetland (Wetland-1A/0.029-acre & Wetland 1B/0.046-acre); and will be conducted as described in the referenced PCN.

We have determined that activities associated with the project are authorized by 2026 NWP 14-Linear Transportation Projects. A summary of this NWP and the 2026 Colorado Regional Conditions are available at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits/> and <https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Public-Notices/Article/4418322/public-notice-for-the-final-regional-conditions-in-the-state-of-colorado-applic/>, respectively.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this NWP may result in the suspension or revocation of this authorization. As required by General Condition 30, you shall sign the enclosed Compliance Certification (Enclosure 1) and return it to this office within 30 days after completion of the authorized work. For specific information regarding compliance with water quality certification (WQC) requirements, please refer to the attachments to the 2026 Colorado Regional Conditions referenced above.

This permit verification is valid until March 15, 2031, unless the NWP is modified, suspended, reissued, or revoked prior to that date. Continued confirmation that an activity complies with the terms and conditions, and any changes to the NWP, is the responsibility of the permittee. Activities that have commenced, or are under contract to commence, in reliance on an NWP will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date of the NWP's expiration, modification, or revocation.

We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff or suggestions for improving our program. For more information about our program or to complete our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at <https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/>.

Please refer to Department of the Army file number SPA-2025-00395 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at Daniel.i.Delgado@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (719) 457-0918.

Sincerely,

Daniel Delgado
Senior Project Manager
Southern Colorado Branch

Enclosure

cc:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, cdphe_df_wqcd@state.co.us
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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Action Number: SPA-2025-00395

Name of Permittee: El Paso County, Attn: John Lantz

Nationwide Permit: 14-Linear Transportation Projects

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the following email address:

SPA-RD-CO@usace.army.mil

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit, and required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Date Work Started: _____

Date Work Completed: _____

Signature of Permittee

Date