

Appendix B: Agency Correspondence

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FEMA

R8-MIT

January 12, 2016

Steve Turner
Vice President of Preservation Programs
State Historic Preservation Officer
History Colorado
1200 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Section 106 Consultation: Camp Creek Improvement Project, Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO

Dear Mr. Turner:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is initiating the Section 106 consultation process for the above-referenced project. The City of Colorado Springs has requested federal funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to construct a Stormwater detention / sediment retention pond along Camp Creek in Garden of the Gods Park. The pond would be constructed within the Camp Creek stream corridor, approximately 2,100 linear feet north of Gateway Road (38° 53' 07" N, 104° 52' 29" W) as shown on the location map included with this letter. The specific purpose of the Camp Creek Improvement Project is to mitigate future public and private property damage and the potential for loss of life and or injury due to natural hazards including flooding, erosion and sedimentation along the Camp Creek Corridor.

A formal cultural resources assessment of the project area was initiated for the larger Camp Creek Drainage Improvements Project, including the FEMA funded detention pond. The inventory resulted in the evaluation of 12 sites, seven of which were previously recorded, and five IFs. All recorded resources were on lands owned by the City of Colorado Springs. A summary of the recorded sites and their evaluations are presented in Table 10. The sites are all historic, and include a ranch complex, a school, three linear sites relating to water conveyance, a bridge, four artifact scatters, and a historic inscription. One site (5EP188) has previously been listed on the national register, two sites (5EP2900 and 5EP7359) are recommended as eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and nine sites are recommended as not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The eligible water line, site 5EP7359, includes two documented segments, including one (segment 5EP7359.1) that is argued to be a non-contributing (NC) element and one (segment 5EP7359.2) that contributes (C) to the eligibility of the resource. All of the IFs are evaluated as not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Additionally, one TUS was identified during tribal consultation. Please note that none of these sites are present within the area of potential effect of the proposed FEMA funded detention pond.

Mr. Turner
January 12, 2016
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FEMA has received and reviewed the Class III cultural resource inventory of the project area completed in May 2014 by Charles Reed, Project Director, and Jack E. Pfertsh, Principal Investigator with Alpine Archaeological Consultants for the above referenced project. The tribal consultation was conducted on April 29, 2014. A copy of the cultural resource report was previously provided to Mark Tobias in July 2014 by Matt Mayberry, City of Colorado Springs, prior to FEMA's participation in the proposed project.

The survey concluded that no historic structures or properties would be negatively impacted by construction of the proposed FEMA funded detention pond. Further, no significant historic artifacts or sites were found to be located in the area that would be disturbed by construction of the detention pond.

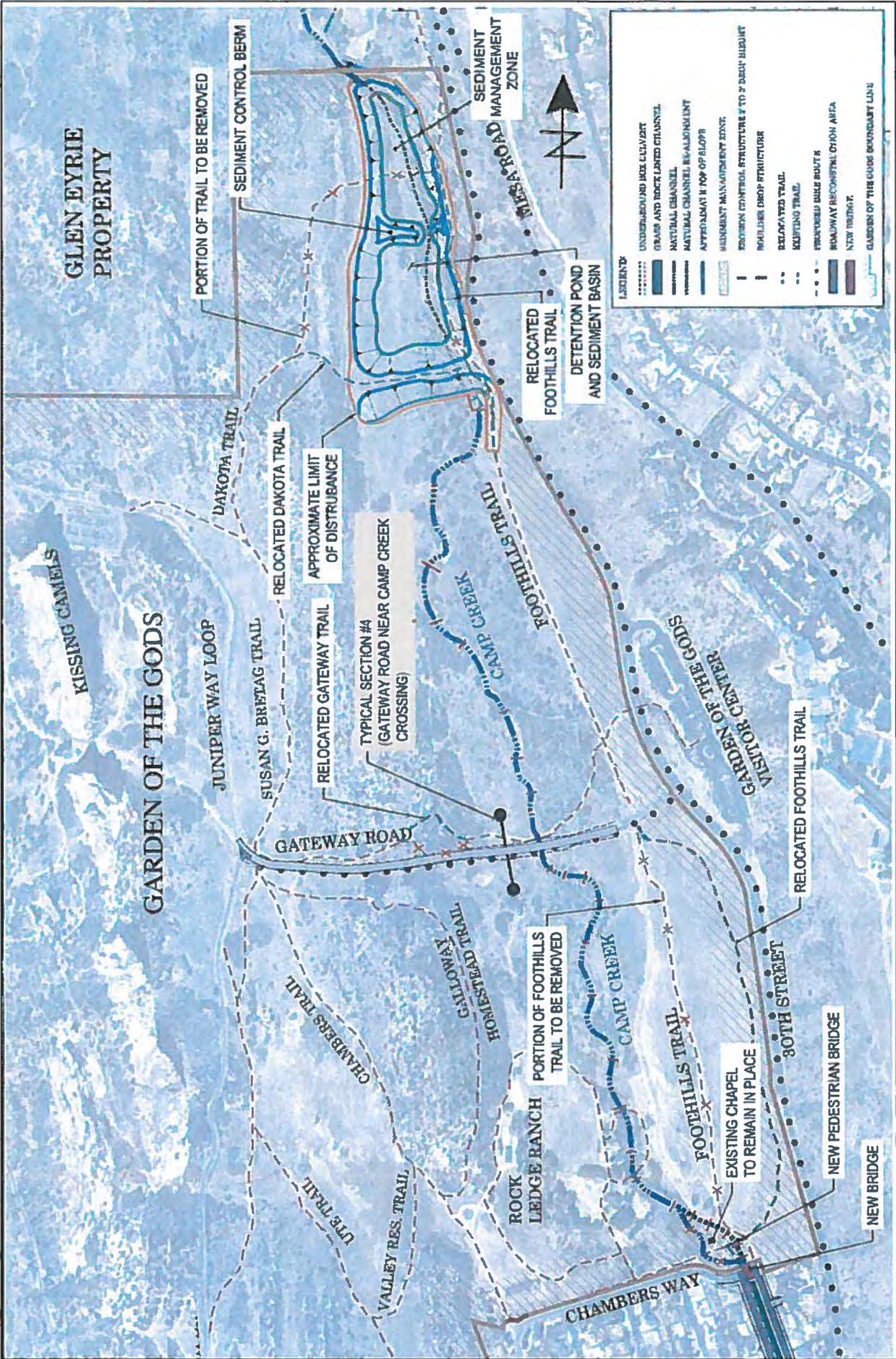
FEMA concurs with the consultant's findings that no historic properties will be affected as a result of the proposed undertaking. In accordance with Section 106 Review Procedures for Federal Undertakings under the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation (36 CFR Part § 800), FEMA has determined that there would be "No Historic Properties Affected" due to the proposed undertaking. If cultural materials are inadvertently discovered during construction, the applicant will be required to cease construction and notify SHPO and FEMA. FEMA respectfully requests your concurrence with this finding. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Charles Bello at (720) 245-1400 or by email at Charles.Bello@FEMA.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Denver, Colorado 80225-0267

Enclosures:
Site Map





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August 21, 2014

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Air Pollution Control Division
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530

Subject: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond.

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project's proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact environmental resources. The City of Colorado Springs is particularly interested in impacts related to air quality.

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Colorado Department of Natural Resources – State Parks
1313 Sherman Street, 6th Floor
Denver, CO 80203
303-297-1192

Subject: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond.

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Subject: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond.

Dear Jamie,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project's proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact environmental resources. The City of Colorado Springs is particularly interested in impacts related to floodways, floodplains, and wetlands.

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Subject: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond.

Dear John,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project's proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact environmental resources such as slope, erosion, soils, and agricultural lands in The City of Colorado Springs.

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Dear Dan,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project's proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact historical artifacts, properties, or areas.

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Dear Susan,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project's proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact ecological and environmental resources. The City of Colorado Springs is particularly interested in impacts to threatened and endangered species, and unique flora and fauna.

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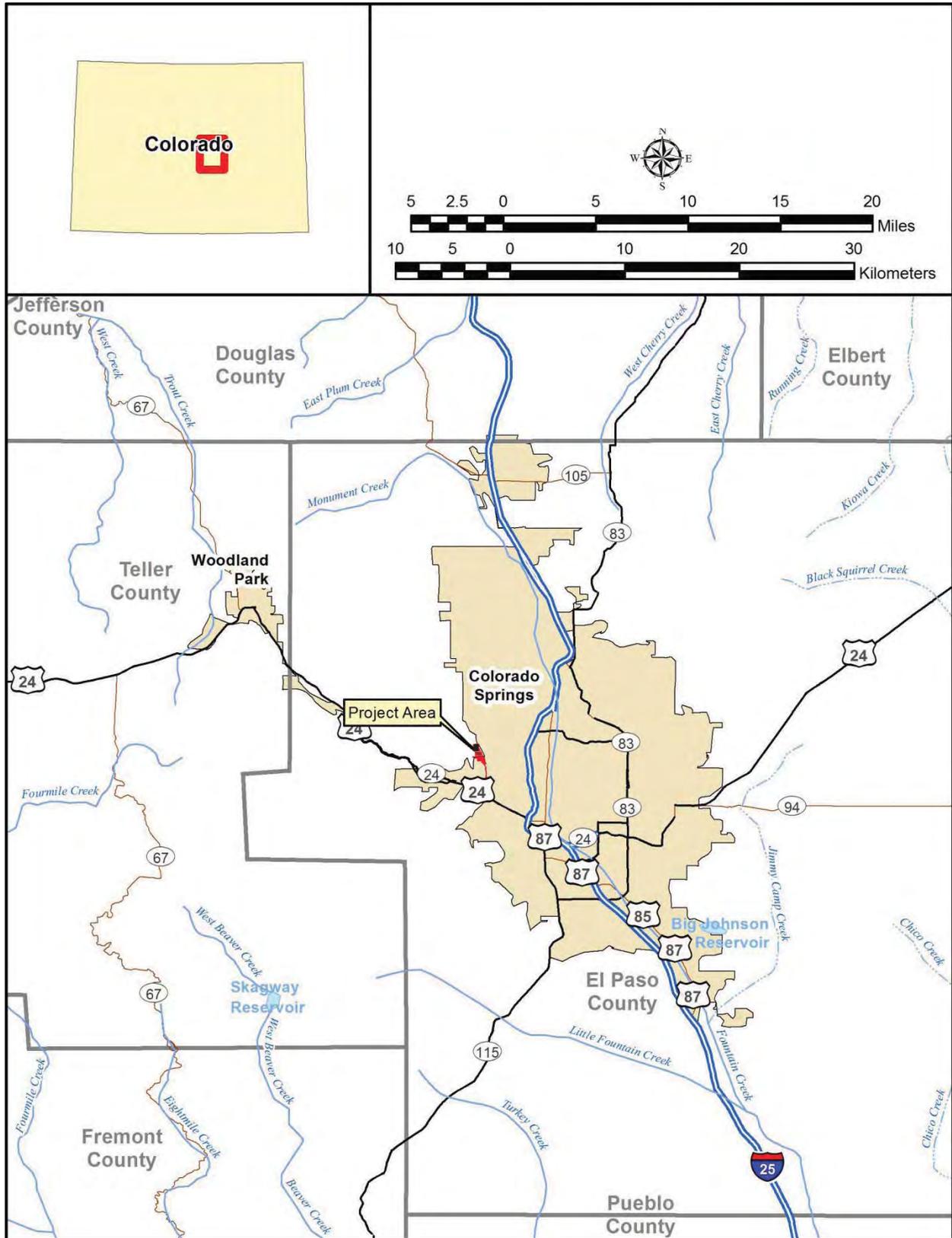
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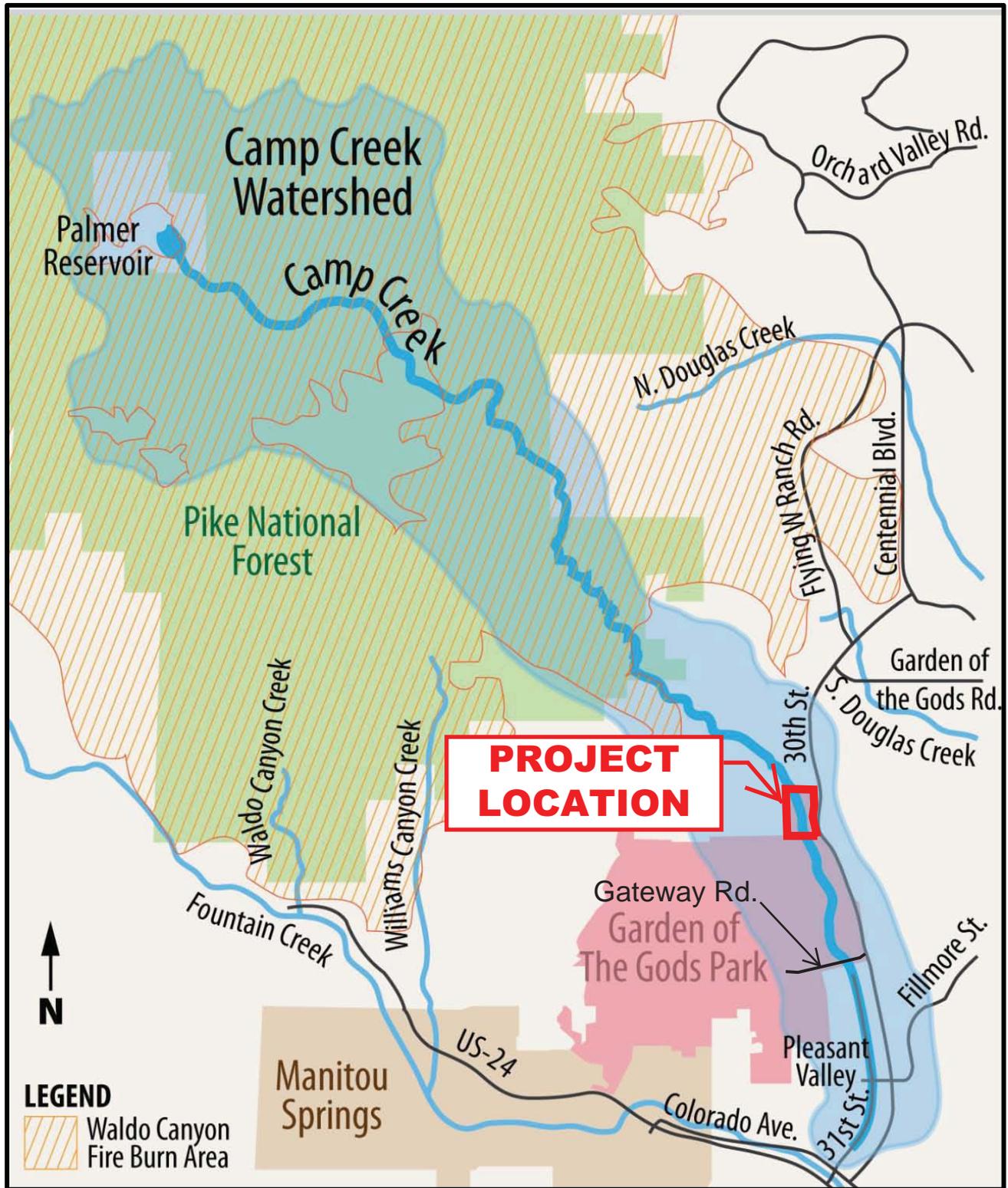
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Attachment A

FIRMs and Project Location Maps



Project Location Map



**Garden of the Gods Detention Pond
Project Location Map**

**CAMP CREEK 2015 FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT
GARDEN OF THE GODS DETENTION POND**



**Proposed Project:
Garden of the Gods
Detention Pond**

Garden of the Gods Park

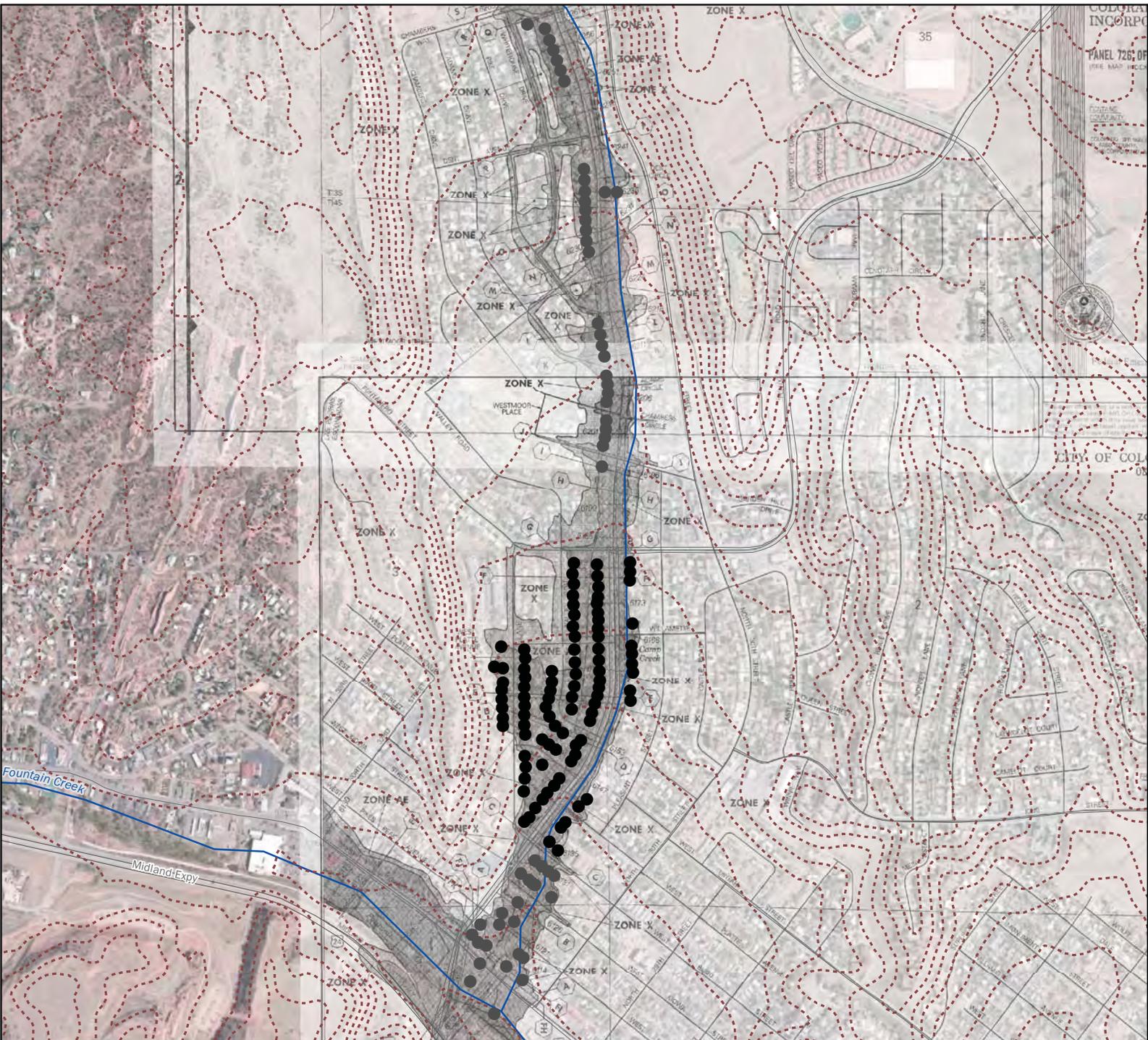
Camp Creek

Fountain Creek

Pleasant Valley Neighborhood

**Area of Structures
Protected by the
Proposed Garden of
the Gods Detention
Pond**

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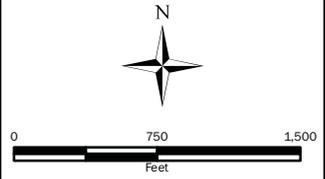


General Location

Effective FEMA Floodplain Through Pleasant Valley Neighborhood

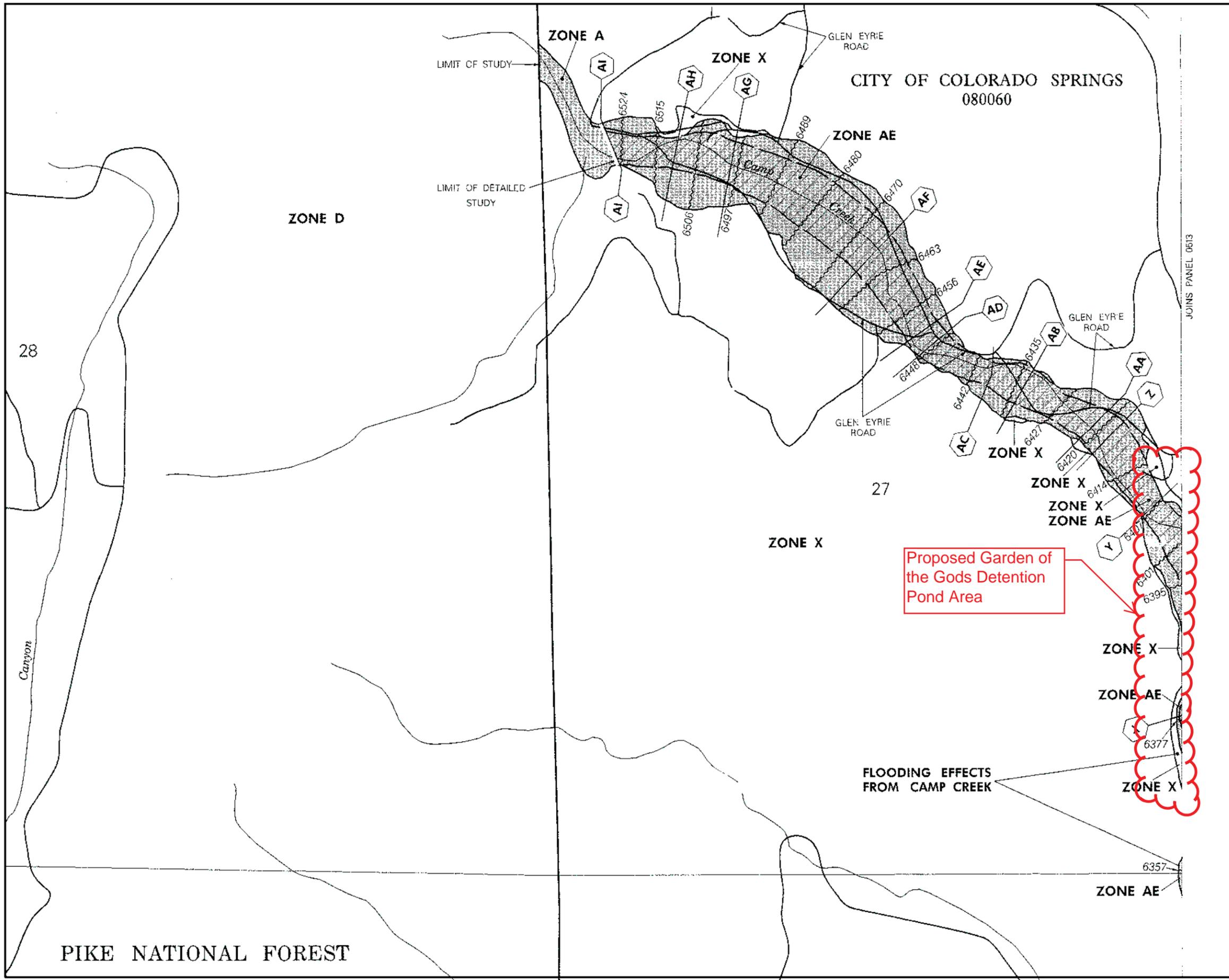
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- LEGEND**
- - - - - Contour (20-foot)
 - Rivers and Streams



Floodplain Layer: National Floodplain
 Hazard Layer - FEMA
 Aerial Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe,
 GeoEye, i-cubed, Earthstar
 Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA,
 USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid,
 IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User
 Community
 Print Date: 6/24/2014





APPROXIMATE SCALE IN FEET
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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM
 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**
 EL PASO COUNTY,
 COLORADO AND
 INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 494 OF 1300
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
COLORADO SPRINGS CITY OF	080060	0494	F
EL PASO COUNTY			
UNINCORPORATED AREAS	080060	0494	F

**MAP NUMBER
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**EFFECTIVE DATE:
 MARCH 17, 1997**



Federal Emergency Management Agency

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**
EL PASO COUNTY,
COLORADO AND
INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 513 OF 1300
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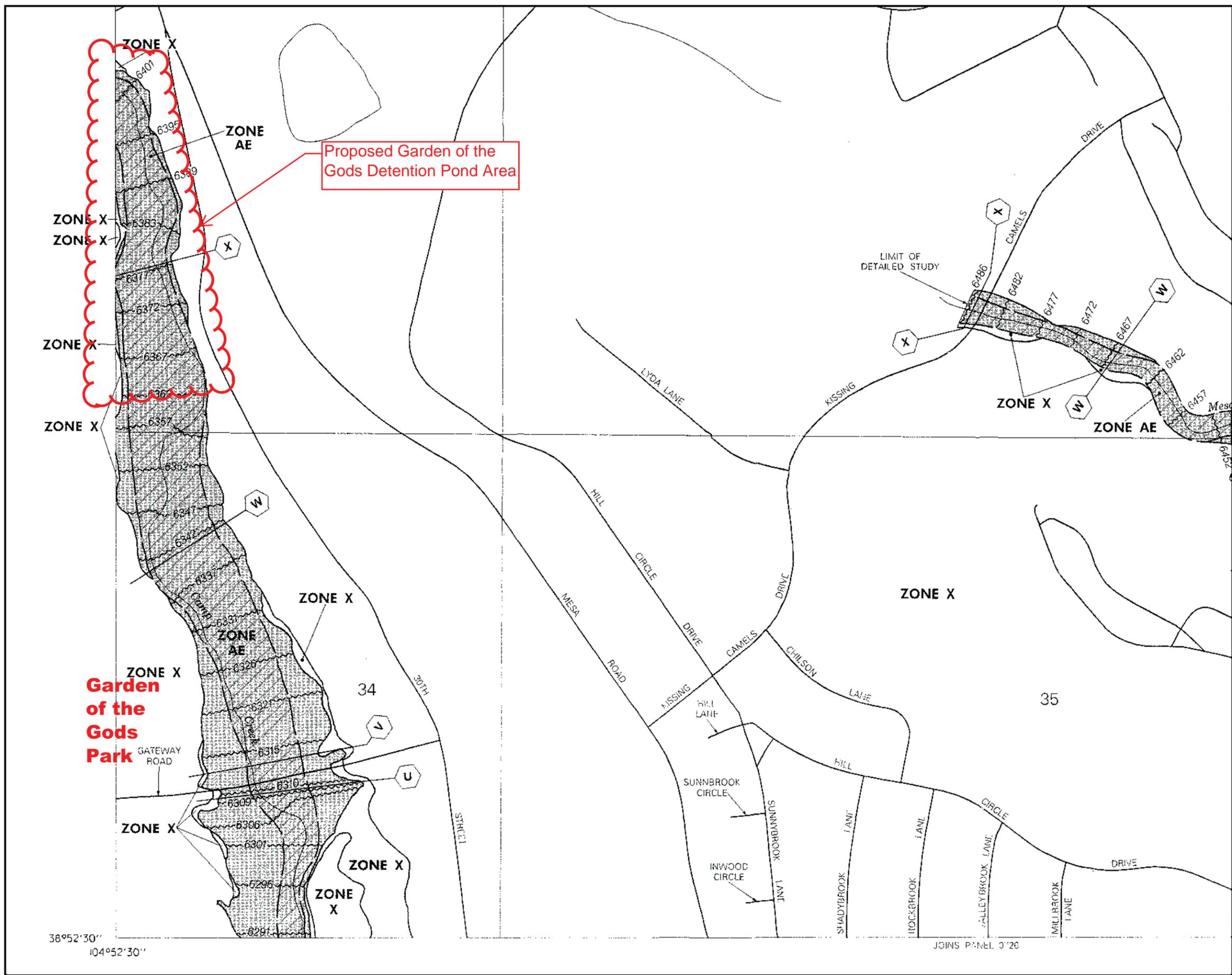
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JOINS PANEL 0726

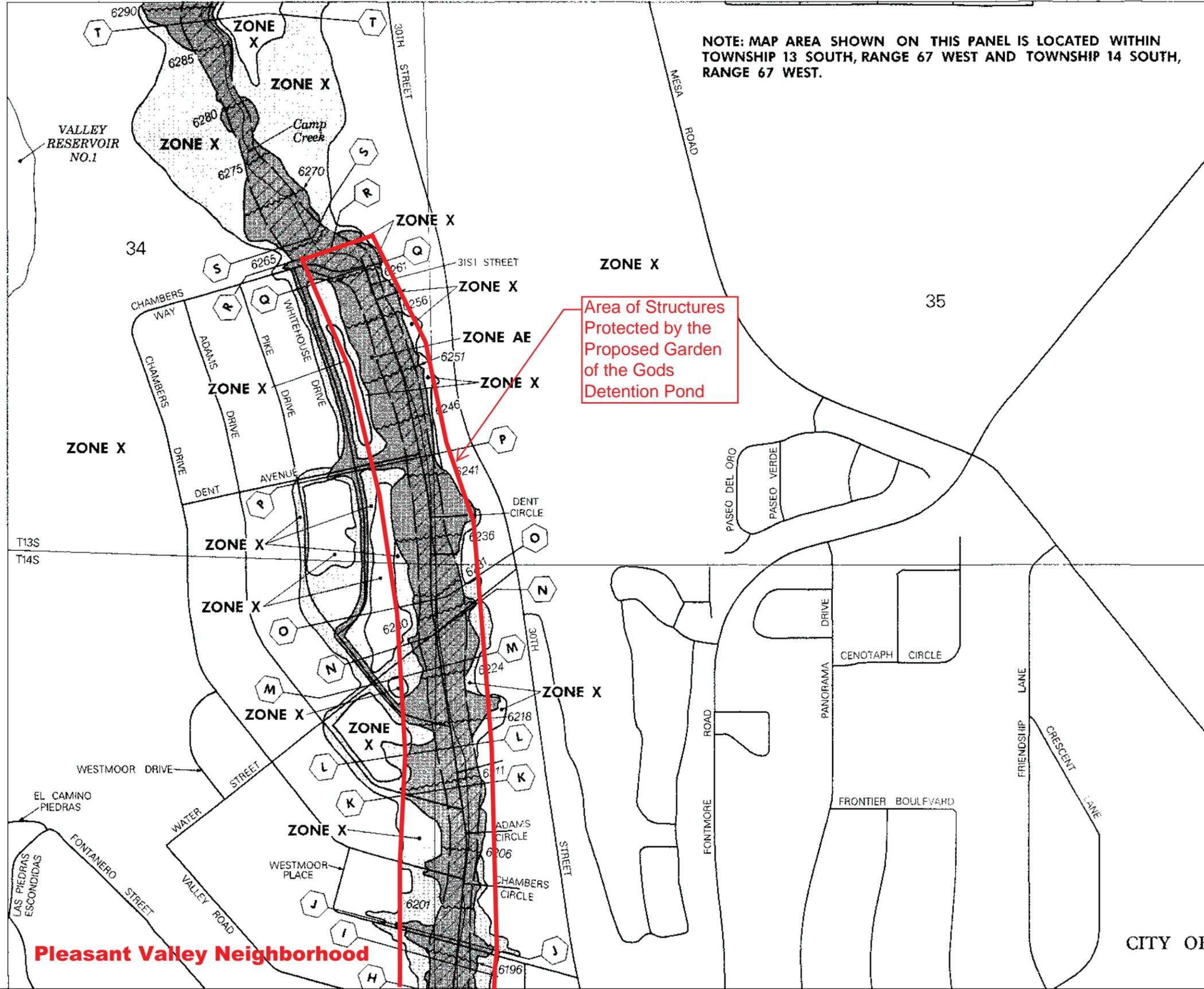
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NOTE: MAP AREA SHOWN ON THIS PANEL IS LOCATED WITHIN
TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 67 WEST AND TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH,
RANGE 67 WEST.



Area of Structures
Protected by the
Proposed Garden
of the Gods
Detention Pond

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**

**EL PASO COUNTY,
COLORADO AND
INCORPORATED AREAS**

PANEL 726 OF 1300
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EL PASO COUNTY, UNINCORPORATED AREAS	660059	0726	F

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Pleasant Valley Neighborhood

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Attachment B

Scope of Work, Photos, and Project Schematics

Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond

Scope of Work for 2014 HMGP Grant Application

Proposed Project Scope:

This project will construct a stormwater detention/sediment retention pond in the Garden of the Gods Park approximately 0.8 miles upstream of the Pleasant Valley neighborhood in western Colorado Springs, Colorado. The pond will be constructed within the Camp Creek stream corridor, approximately 2,100 linear feet north of Gateway Road (38° 53' 07" N, 104° 52' 29" W) as shown on the attached location maps. The function of the pond will be to capture and store debris and sediment while reducing peak flow rates in downstream Camp Creek during large run-off events. Camp Creek is conveyed in the 31st Street Channel through the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood. The channel was constructed in the 1960s and does not have adequate capacity to convey the runoff from large runoff events. Thus, numerous residential and commercial structures located in its floodplain are at increased flood risk.

Camp Creek drains a 10 square mile watershed, which originates in the steep and rocky Pike National Forest to the northwest. The Waldo Canyon Fire in the summer of 2012 significantly altered the watershed. The Camp Creek watershed sustained severe soil burns from the fire. This condition has greatly increased the potential for storm runoff and sediment transport and has resulted in increased peak rates, runoff volumes, and frequency of runoff events associated with Camp Creek. Approximately 13,000 cubic yards of sediment were deposited along Camp Creek in a single extended storm event during the fall of 2013.

The Pleasant Valley neighborhood borders the 31st Street channel and includes over 200 properties that are in the special flood hazard area (FIRM map no. 08041C0726F). The neighborhood was an early Colorado Springs development built in the 1950's. The risk of flooding is due to inadequate capacity in the channelized portion of Camp Creek that flows in the center median of 31st Street through the neighborhood. The Camp Creek floodplain includes significant pedestrian corridors to neighborhood facilities and schools. 31st Street is also located inside the floodplain, posing a significant flood risk to this critical transportation link which is classified as an arterial roadway.

All vehicle access to the northwest quadrant of the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood is across or through 31st Street. Thus, emergency access to the neighborhood is cut off during large flood events. The entire Colorado Springs area is subject to intense rainfall and flash flooding; many of the homes in the Camp Creek floodplain have basements that are subject to flooding. Thus, flooding associated with Camp Creek poses life safety issues.

The proposed project will significantly reduce peak flow rates, sediment and debris that must be conveyed through the 31st Street Channel in large flood events and thus will greatly reduce the

risk of flooding along approximately 1.4 miles of 31st Street and adjacent residential and commercial properties. The project will significantly reduce the potential for flood damage in the neighborhood and life safety issues.

The proposed detention pond will have a storage capacity of approximately 175 acre-feet. Approximately 50 acre-feet of the storage capacity is expected to be needed for storage of sediment in the 100-year event due to high volume of sediment that is transported out of the watershed burn scar during large flow events.. The remaining capacity will be used to store a portion of the runoff from the contributing watershed during large storm events and release flow to the downstream channel at reduced rates over an extended period of time. The proposed pond will reduce the peak outflow rate in the 100-year event to less than half of the inflow rate resulting in a significant reduction in the size of the floodplain though the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood.

The proposed pond will also reduce the potential for sediment and debris to cause negative impacts to the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood. In the existing condition, sediment conveyed through the flood flow reduces the conveyance capacity of the 31st Street Channel. High storm flows have the potential to scour out trees along the creek through the Garden of the Gods Park and carry them downstream where they have the potential to block culverts and bridges along the 31st Street Channel. The proposed pond will capture and retain sediment carried by the flow from the burn scar in Queens Canyon. The reduced peak flow rates downstream of the proposed pond will decrease the potential for the flow to scour out trees which could block culverts and bridges.

Approximately 150,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and approximately 90,000 of this soil will be used to construct an earthen dam. The remaining 60,000 cubic yards of excavated soil will be trucked off-site to an acceptable disposal site. The footprint of the proposed project is approximately 15.5 acres

The proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond is the initial element in a multi phased Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project that will be constructed over the coming years as funding becomes available. The proposed project is stand-alone from the prospective that it will immediately provide flood protection benefits to downstream areas even without the future elements of the overall project in place. The Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project was developed through a robust public process with numerous individual and agency stakeholder meetings and 4 community meetings. Several ideas and alternatives were developed and reviewed throughout the public process. The proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond is an element of the overall Drainage Improvement Plan that was most favored by the public though the public process. Photos and illustrations of the project area in the pre and post construction conditions are included on the following pages.



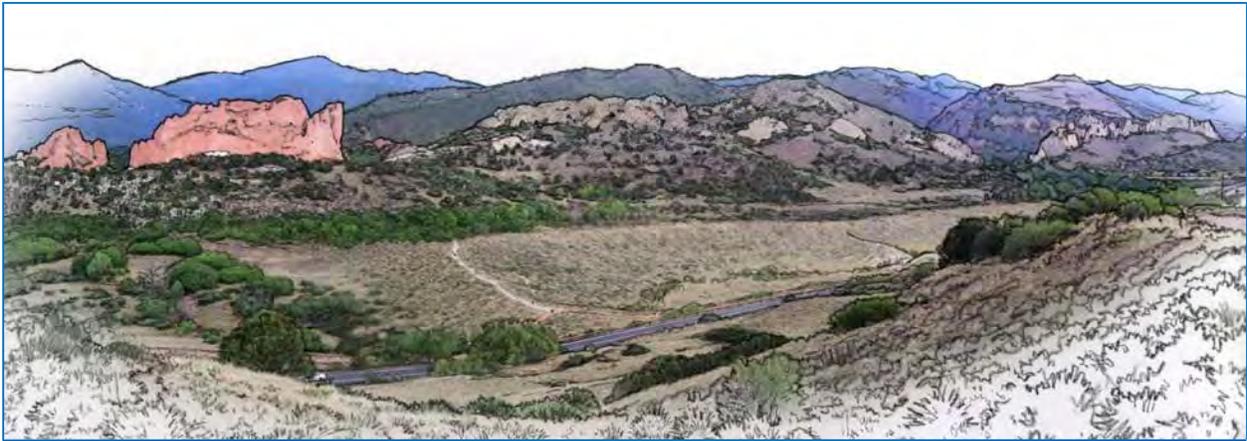
Pre-Construction Photo – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area looking north from 30th Street from near the Garden of the Gods Visitors Center



Post-Construction Illustration – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area looking north from 30th Street from near the Garden of the Gods Visitors Center



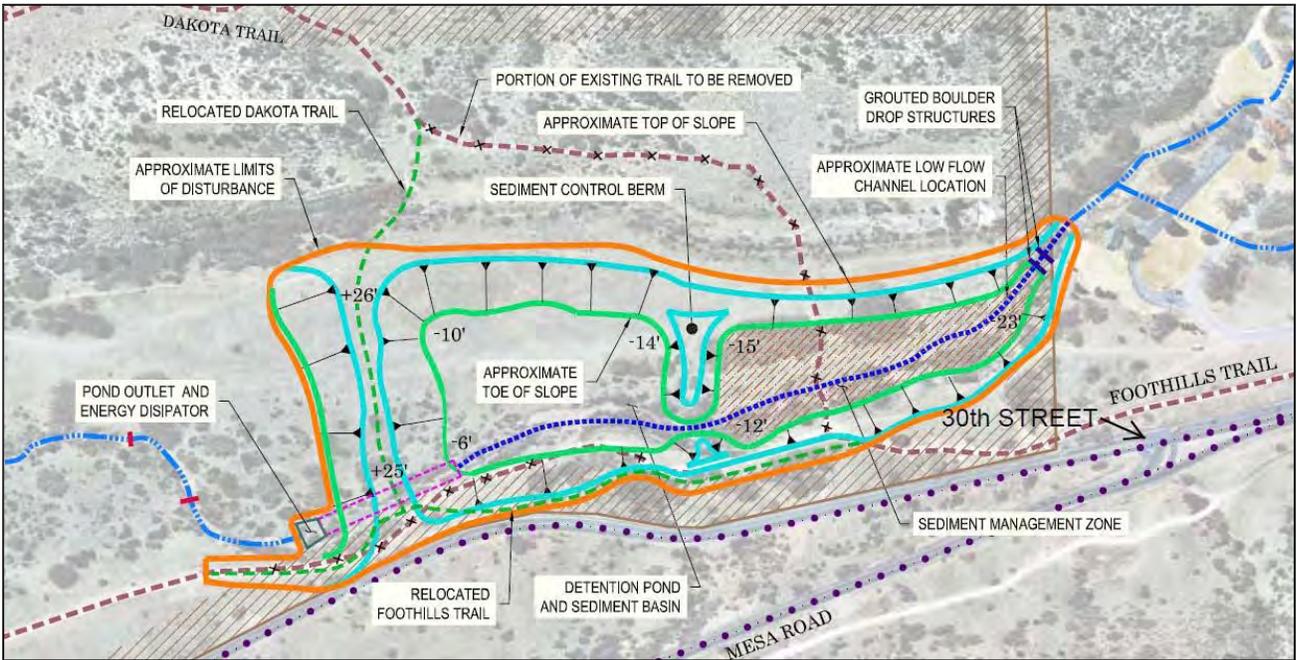
Pre-Construction Photo – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area looking west from Mesa Road Overlook



Post Construction Illustration – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area looking west from Mesa Road Overlook



Post Construction Illustration – Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area looking southwest west from the west side of 30th Street near the Mesa Road intersection



Schematic Plan View of the Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Area

The following sections discuss Environmental Considerations associated with the Garden of the Gods Detention Pond Project.

Floodplain, Wetlands, Waters of the US

The majority of the Garden of the Gods Detention Pond project will be constructed in a FEMA regulatory 100-year floodplain mapped as flood hazard zone AE with a floodway. The floodplain is shown on FEMA FIRM Panels 08041C0513F, and 08041C0494F, effective date of March 17, 1997. The flood profile for the project area is shown on Flood Profile Sheets 14P and 15P. According to the FIS, the 100-year peak flow rate used to map the floodplain was 4,600 cfs. The proposed project will alter the area and elevation of the floodplain within the footprint of the proposed detention pond and thus will require approval of CLOMR prior to construction and completion of a LOMR after the project is constructed. The analysis for the CLOMR has been already been started.

The portion of Camp Creek located downstream of the proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond including the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood is also in located in a FEMA regulatory 100-year floodplain mapped as flood hazard zone AE with a floodway. This portion of the floodplain is shown on FEMA FIRM Panel 08041C0726F effective date of March 17, 1997. The flood profile for the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood area is shown on Flood Profile Sheets 13P and 14P. The proposed project will reduce the SFHA and BFEs associated with the floodplain downstream of the proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond. These changes will be reflected in the CLOMR and LOMRs that will be processed with the proposed project.

The bed of Camp Creek consists of well drained sand, gravel and cobbles through the project area. The creek is dry except for short periods of runoff after significant rainfall events. A Wilson & Company biologist did a field review of the project area in November of 2013 did not find any wetlands to be present. The creek is expected to be considered jurisdictional waters of the US though the project area and as such it is expected that a Section 404 individual or nationwide permit will be required for construction of the project.

Historic Structures and Archeological Resources

The Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch has rich cultural history both ancient and more modern. As good stewards of the property and associated historical resources, the City of Colorado Springs has recently had a consultant prepare a cultural resource survey of the entire Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project area in preparation for final design and construction of the project. The survey indicates that no historic structures will be negatively impacted by construction of the project and no significant historic artifacts or sites were found to be located in the area that will be disturbed by construction of the project. The State Historical Preservation Office has been provided a copy of the survey report titled "Cultural Resources Inventory of the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project in El Paso County Colorado", dated July 2014, by Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

The City has coordinated with local and regional Native Americans that have interest in the project area. Representatives of the local Native American community have participated in the community meetings that were held during the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement project planning process and have indicated their support for the project.

Wildlife and T & E Species

A Wilson & Company biologist did a field review of the project area in November of 2013. No raptor nests or other nesting migratory birds in the vicinity of the roadway. No other wildlife species were observed during the field review. An additional survey is recommended prior to construction of the project to verify that this condition has not changed.

The proposed project area does not support habitat for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listing candidates of threatened, and endangered species listed as occurring in El Paso County. The table below identifies the listed species in El Paso County.

Species	Designation
Mexican Spotted Owl (<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>)	Threatened
Greenback cutthroat trout (<i>Oncorhynchus clarki spp. Stomia</i>)	Threatened
Pawnee montane skipper (<i>Hesperia leonardus diluvialis</i>)	Threatened
Ute ladies'-tresses orchid (<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>)	Threatened
Preble's meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius preblei</i>)	Threatened
Gunnison's prairie dog (<i>Cynomys gunnisoni</i>)	Candidate
North American wolverine (<i>Gulo gulo luscus</i>)	Candidate

Project Alternatives:

Alternative 1 - Do Nothing:

Under this alternative no improvements would be made to mitigate the effects of flooding through Garden of the Gods Park or the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. The City would continue to maintain the small sedimentation facility that they have constructed in the northern part of Garden of the Gods Park but it will be overwhelmed with sediment in large storm event and sediment will likely migrate downstream.

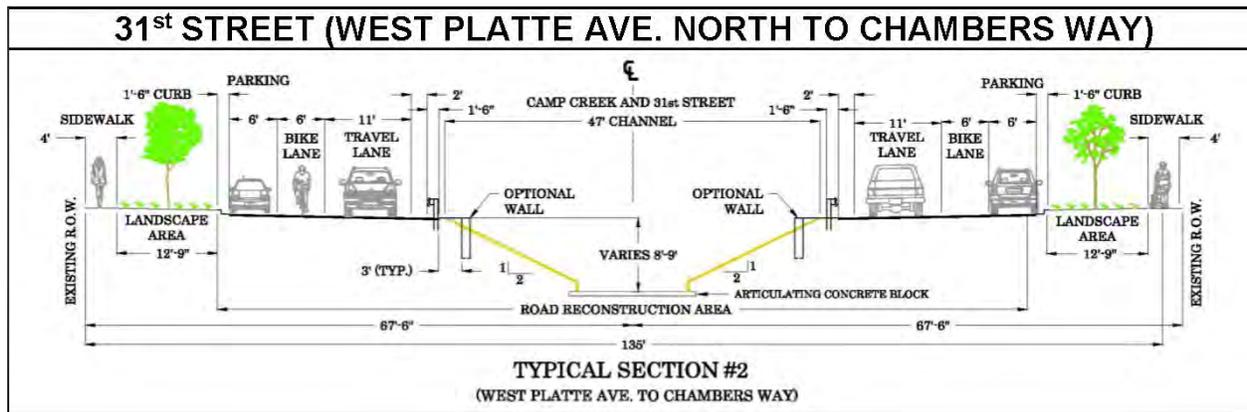
This alternative is less desirable than the proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond at this time due to the following:

- Sediment will likely migrate downstream in large storm events depositing in Garden of the Gods Park and decreasing the conveyance capacity of the Camp Creek/ 31st Street Channel through the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood.
- Gateway Road, the main entrance to Garden of the Gods Park will be overtopped in large storm events putting park visitors at risk and impacting operation of the park.
- The risk of flooding of residential and commercial properties located in the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood will not be decreased. In large storm events significant property damage to structures and public infrastructure is expected.

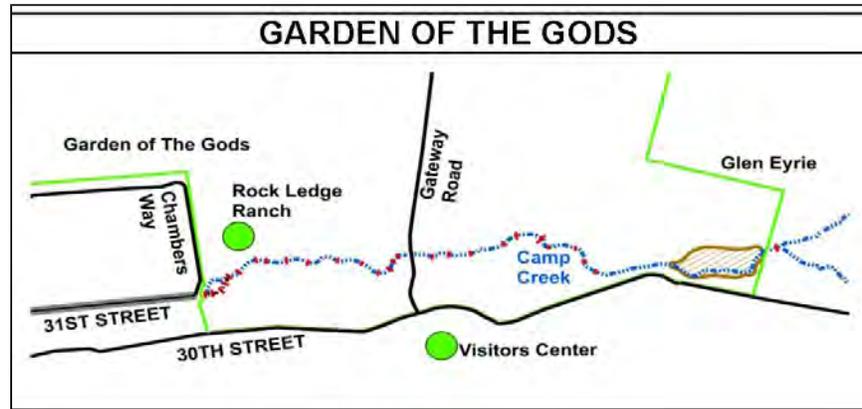
- Several of the residences near Camp Creek that would be impacted by flooding have finished basements. Due to the flashy nature of local storms, floodwaters can arrive quickly with little warning. Thus, there is significant potential for life safety issues during flood events in the neighborhood.
- 31st Street serves as the sole access to the northwest portion of the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood. If flooding occurs along 31st Street this portion of the neighborhood will be cut off from emergency services during the flood and damage to the street from floodwaters may make the street impassable until repairs can be completed. Damage to utilities along the corridor may also occur cutting off critical services to residences. The costs to clean up and repair damage to infrastructure will be significant
- 31st Street is a busy motorized vehicle and pedestrian corridor. An elementary school is located along it. Flooding in the corridor will put drivers and pedestrians at risk.

Alternative 2 – Larger Concrete Lined Channel in 31st Street

Under this alternative the concrete channel located in the median of 31st Street through the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood would be reconstructed as a larger concrete channel with adequate capacity to convey the full un-detained 100-year peak Camp Creek discharge. The existing underground culvert that carries the Camp Creek flow from the south end of the existing concrete channel at Bijou Street/Echo Lane to Fountain Creek would need to be re-constructed along with bridges that cross the channel in 31st Street to increase their conveyance capacity to handle the un-detained 100-year flow. A small sedimentation pond would be maintained in the northern portion of Garden of the Gods Park but detention facilities to mitigate peak flow rates would not be constructed. The cost for this alternative would be over \$30 million. This alternative is depicted in the graphics below.



Alternative 2 –Cross Section of Larger Concrete Channel in 31st Street



Alternative 2 – Minimal Improvements In the Garden of the Gods

This alternative was presented at a public meeting held on February 25. Approximately 125 residents of the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood and users of Garden of the Gods Park were in attendance and provided feedback on the alternative. Out of three alternatives presented at the meeting this alternative which was the only one that did not include detention in Garden of the Gods Park received the least community support. Community support for this alternative was on average only 3.3 on a 10 point scale. Reasons provided by the public for lack of support included: not considered to be aesthetically pleasing, want a more naturalistic solution, required guard rail along edges due to steep side slopes, concern about safety for children and wildlife due to steep side slopes.

This alternative is less desirable than the proposed Garden of the Gods Detention Pond at this time due to the following:

- Lack of community support (see reasons above)
- Less naturalistic approach for reconstruction of the 31st Street Channel. The Garden of the Gods Detention Pond will allow the 31st Street Channel to be reconstructed in the future in a more naturalistic manner due to resulting decreased flow rates downstream.
- Requires full reconstruction of the 31st Street Channel, Bridges and Culvert to have a similar impact of reduction of the risk of flooding in the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood. Given the large cost of the project it is not feasible to construct it in the near future.

Copies of Letters Received From Agencies



January 20, 2016

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Re: Section 106 Consultation: Camp Creek Improvement Project, Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO (CHS #69512)

Dear Mr. Myers:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 12, 2016 and received on January 19, 2016 by our office regarding the consultation of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

After review of the provided information, we do not object to the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the proposed project. After review of the scope of work and assessment of adverse effects, we concur with the finding of *no historic properties affected* [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] under Section 106.

If unidentified archaeological resources are discovered during construction, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register criteria, 36 CFR 60.4, in consultation with this office.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings.

Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Jennifer Bryant, our Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-2673 or jennifer.bryant@state.co.us.

Sincerely,


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September 5, 2014

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Re: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond

Dear Mr. Sheets:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 21, 2014 (received 25 August, 2014) regarding the subject project.

A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database for the property at which the proposed construction of a stormwater detention/sediment retention pond will occur indicated no previously recorded sites. The specific property being:

- Garden of the Gods Park, Camp Creek stream corridor, approximately 2100 linear feet north of Gateway Road (38° 53' 07" N, 104° 52' 29" W) – located within T13S, R67W, Section 27

Our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed project areas.

If federal funding is secured and unidentified archaeological resources are discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office. Should human remains be unearthed during project activities, the requirements under State law C.R.S. 24-80 (part 13) also apply and must be followed.

In addition, please remember that the consultation process involves other consulting parties such as local governments and Native American tribes, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 are required to be notified of all undertakings.

Thank you. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director, at (303) 866-2673, email: dan.corson@state.co.us.



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RE: FEMA Camp Creek Detention Pond

Dear Mr. Sheets:

On August 21, 2014, the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) received a request for an air quality determination concerning FEMA Camp Creek Detention Pond. APCD staff has reviewed the request and has determined that the following provisions of the Colorado Air Quality Regulations apply to the project.

All sources of potential construction and oil and gas projects that will produce air emissions in Colorado are required to obtain a construction or oil and gas permit. The first step to obtain a permit is to determine whether your project will need an **Air Pollution Emissions Notice (APEN)**. Information on APENs and air permits is found at www.colorado.gov/pacific/APEN. This site explains the process to obtain an APEN and an air quality construction or oil and gas permit, as requires under the Air Quality Control Commission **Regulation No. 3, Part A**. Also, the site explains the process to determine whether or not your project is exempt from the regulation's requirements.

If your project is located within the Denver Metropolitan Area Ozone Marginal Non-attainment Area, you must obtain a permit. Visit www.epa.gov/air_quality/greenbook/hnmmapa.html (select Colorado) to view a map of the Denver non-attainment area.

Once it has been determined that an APEN is required, the next phase involves submission of an **Application for Construction Permit (permit)** for each facility and one APEN for each emission point at each source. A source can be an individual emission point or group of similar emission points (see Regulation No. 3, Part A, II.B.4). Both APEN reporting and permit requirements are triggered by uncontrolled actual emission rates. Uncontrolled actual emissions are calculated based upon the
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requested production/operating rate assuming no control equipment is used. In general, an APEN is required for an emission point with uncontrolled actual emissions of any critical pollutant equal to or greater than the quantities listed below:

AREA	UNCONTROLLED ACTUAL EMISSIONS
Attainment Area	2 tons per year
Non-attainment Area Pollutants	1 ton per year
All Areas	Lead emissions: 100 pounds per year

All sources of non-criteria reportable pollutants have a 250 pounds or more per year reporting threshold on an uncontrolled basis. You may wish to review **Regulation No. 3, Part A, Appendices A and B** on the reporting thresholds.

However, none of the exemptions from an APEN filing requirement shall apply if a source would otherwise be subject to any specific federal or state applicable requirement. Information concerning submittal of revised APEN is also given in **Regulation No. 3, Part A**. An APEN is valid for five years. The five year period recommences when a revised APEN is received by the Division.

If you have any questions regarding your reporting or permitting obligations, please contact the Small Business Assistance Program at 303-692-3148 or 3175.

Land development construction activities (earth moving) that are greater than **25 acres** or more than **six months in duration** will require an **APEN** from the Air Division and may be required to obtain an air permit. In addition, a start-up notice must be submitted thirty days prior to beginning a land development project.

Please refer to the website www.colorado.gov/pacific/APENforms for information on specialty forms. Click on Land Development.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the phone numbers listed above, or call or e-mail me directly.

Thank you for contacting the Air Division about requirements for your project.

Sincerely,



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Subject: FEMA Disaster Declaration 4145. HMGP Project Application: City of Colorado Springs – Camp Creek 2015 Flood Mitigation Project, Garden of the Gods Detention Pond.

Dear Susan,

This letter is to inform your agency of the proposed project and to solicit any input you may have regarding any aspects of the project’s proposed scope of work that may have the potential to impact ecological and environmental resources. The City of Colorado Springs is particularly interested in impacts to threatened and endangered species, and unique flora and fauna.

This project will construct a stormwater detention/sediment retention pond in the Garden of the Gods Park approximately 0.8 miles upstream of the Pleasant Valley neighborhood in western Colorado Springs, Colorado. The pond will be constructed within the Camp Creek stream corridor, approximately 2,100 linear feet north of Gateway Road (38° 53’ 07” N, 104° 52’ 29” W) as shown on the attached location maps, photos and schematics shown in Attachments A & B. The function of the pond will be to capture and store debris and sediment while reducing peak flow rates in downstream Camp Creek during large run-off events. Camp Creek is conveyed in the 31st Street Channel through the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood. The channel was constructed in the 1960s and does not have adequate capacity to convey the runoff from large runoff events. Thus, numerous residential and commercial structures located in its floodplain are at increased flood risk.

Flood Insurance Maps are also provided in Attachment A and a more detailed project scope of work, photos and project schematics are provided in Attachment B.

We are requesting your agency provide any information that may be applicable to the proposed project scope of work concerning your area of expertise with the project. A written response from your agency is requested within 30 days and will allow the City of Colorado Springs to complete environmental scoping activities for this project. Your response on this matter may result, if necessary, in further interagency coordination to mitigate any potential effects of this project. If you have comments or information, please provide your response me at the address located in the footer of this document. We request that you please send a response in regards to this project even if no potential impacts are identified and no further consideration is needed with your agency.

Sincerely,

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