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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Petroglyph National Monument
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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May 9, 2023

Mr. David S. Campbell
Mr. Ronald R. Bohannon
City of Albuquerque Development Hearing Officers
Through: Jay Rodenbeck, Planning Manager
Via email at: jrodenbeck@cabq.gov

Re: PR-2020-003484; Mojave Ridge Subdivision

Dear Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bohannon,

I am writing on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS) concerning the Mojave Ridge Subdivision proposal PR-2020-003484.

It appears from the site plans that the applicant is proposing to construct a drainage pond in the northeast corner of the property and a drainage structure within or adjacent to Petroglyph National Monument that would drain into the Boca Negra Arroyo located within the Monument. In addition, it appears that the applicant would like to tie the subdivision sewer line into the sewer line in the Arroyo within Petroglyph National Monument. The proposed construction is also within an area zoned NR-PO-B for Major Public Open Space.

While the proposed drainage and sewer line would be within a City of Albuquerque drainage easement, the easement is within the boundary of Petroglyph National Monument and is subject to federal regulations at 36 C.F.R. 5.7, which states, "Constructing or attempting to construct a building, or other structure, boat dock, road, trail, path, or other way, telephone line, telegraph line, power line, or any other private or public utility, upon across, over, through, or under any park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, is prohibited."

On April 26, 2023, the NPS, along with the City of Albuquerque Planning and Open Space Division (OSD) staff met with Mr. Ron Hensley, agent for the applicant, and explained to Mr. Hensley that because a portion of the project is within the Monument, which is co-managed by the NPS and the City of Albuquerque OSD, it would require both NPS and OSD approval. We informed Mr. Hensley at that time, and in subsequent email messages, that he would need to submit his proposed requests formally to the NPS and the OSD to request permission to utilize the Boca Negra Arroyo. We require information from the applicant with details to enable us to analyze the potential effects on Monument resources from the construction activities, plus long-term impacts from drainage into the Arroyo. We are also interested in the long-term maintenance requirements and plans for the scour wall proposed adjacent to the Monument boundary.

Once we receive this information from the applicant, the NPS will review the proposed project and potential effects on Monument resources in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable federal laws.

Until we have the information from the applicant in such detail as to allow us to evaluate the potential effects of this project on Monument resources, we request a deferral.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me by email at nancy_hendricks@nps.gov if you have questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Hendricks".

Nancy Hendricks
Superintendent