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Dear Ms. Linner:

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment to study the effects of a proposed project that would provide access from I-25 to Dillon Drive/Platteville Boulevard near the existing Eden Interchange in Pueblo County, Colorado. This project is located in Section 1, T 20 S, R 65 W of the 6th PM (See map 1)

This proposed new access to I-25 would require construction of a new bridge over I-25 at Dillon Drive and new on- and off-ramps to I-25 south of that bridge. These new ramps would replace the existing ramps at the south half of the Eden Interchange. This configuration, called a "split diamond interchange", provides all of the movements of a typical "diamond" interchange except the freeway connections are split between two nearby roads. In this case, the connection would be from Dillon Drive and Eden Road. A new two-way road along the west side of I-25 at the existing frontage road would connect the south half of this interchange at Dillon Drive with the north half at Eden Road. Please see Figure 1 which shows the project footprint and Figure 2 which will show the configuration of the split diamond interchange.

As part of the analysis, CDOT is requesting the US Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a list of federally designated threatened, endangered or proposed species and any Designated Critical Habitat that may exist within the project area.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Judy DeHaven at 719-546-5409 or myself at 303-512-4959.

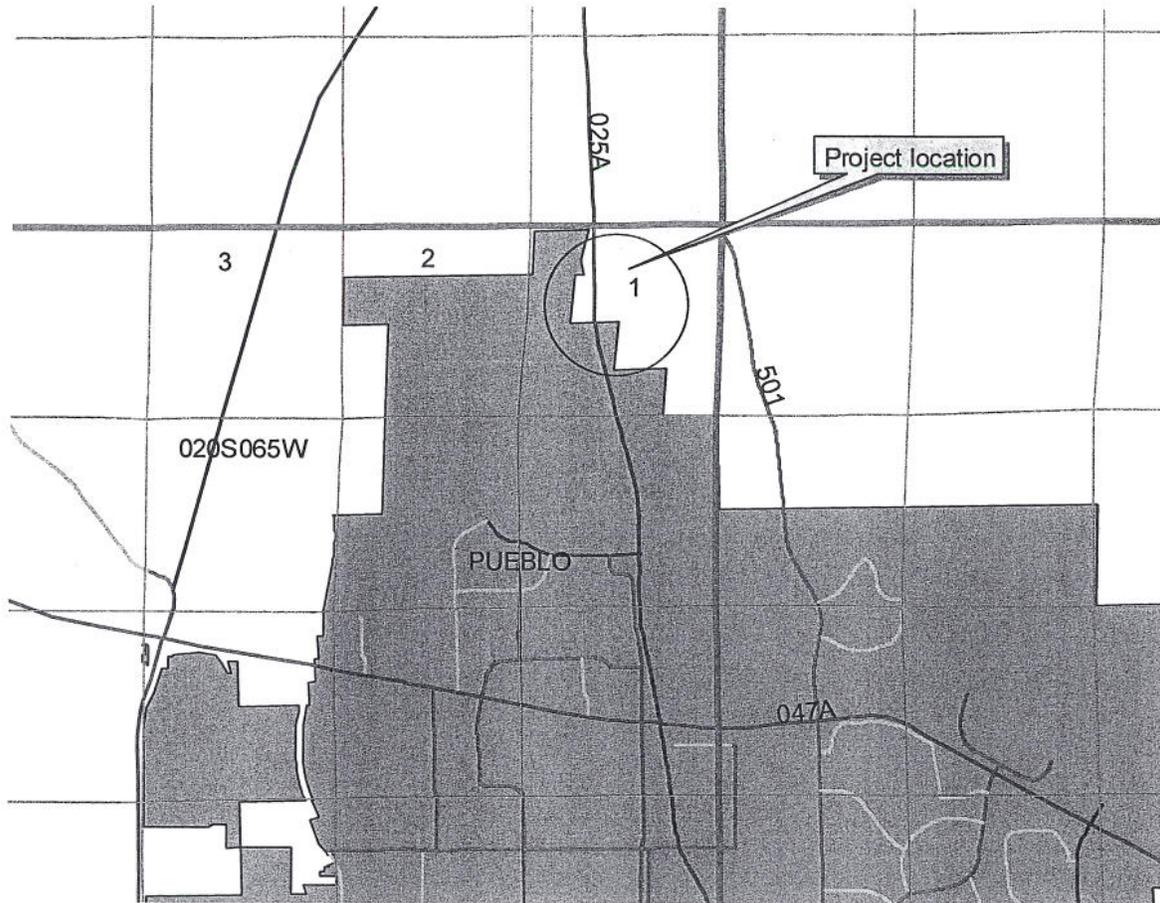
Sincerely,

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Map 1
Dillon Drive at I-25 Project Location



Dillon Drive at I-25 - Environmental Survey Limits

Legend

Survey Area

0 250 500 1,000 Feet





Alt 3 - Split Diamond with Two-Way Frontage Road