

From: Diane Gilstrap <lizadiane64@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A

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I only saw this sign today.

The 15th is still here for a couple hours!

Please dont take anymore of black forest land or road for house building.the deer already do not have much place to live or eat. There have been many more vehicle-animal collisions than in the past since all those new houses along black forest road have gone in. My car was one of the casualties out of 4 vehicles that struck the same deer.

The more their homes are encroached upon, the more accidents will occur. I, and neighbors have had deer in our yards and they can be quite aggressive with babies when normally they would hide them in tall grass or trees in vacant land, they are now bringing their babies to our yards where our children and grandchildren arent safe to play if the deer are in the yard...this happens way too often as their natural habitat is taken from them. Please dont take any more of their land to build houses. Thank you.

Diane Gilstrap

From: Deb Hoffpauir <deb.tnimd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:21 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: ANEX-23-0017

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I am not in favor of any annexation of Black Forest including Black Forest Road into the city limits of the city of Colorado Springs. Keep Black Forest BLACK FOREST.

Thank you.

Deborah Hoffpauir

From: Donald Gray <DonBearGray@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:15 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Against the annex of any portion of black forest road

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I am a resident of black forest, off Thomas Rd, and I am opposed to the annexation of any part of black forest road.

Don Gray

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From: Marissa Searle <mlsearle@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:19 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Annex Black Forest Rd

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I am writing in to OPPOSE this request to annex that portion of Black Forest Rd into city limits.

Sincerely,
Marissa Searle

From: J.K. Taylor <j.kaytaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:42 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest

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NO to annexing portions of Black Forest Road.

Jan Taylor
7680 McFerran Road

From: Kelly Marchbank <jkpmarchbank@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:16 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Annexation

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Many of us oppose further annexation of our beloved Black Forest. The dead antelope on the side of BF Road did for sure today.

Meetings are planned for the residents of Black Forest and we will be heard.

We are tired of cut through traffic - we are rural community that wants to stay that way. Nothing the city has done has improved our way of life. We live here for a reason and being part of the city is not one of them.

Kelly Marchbank

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From: Dan <co_fiddler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Annexation

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Katelynn

I wanted to STRONGLY voice my NEGATIVE opinion on the annexation of ANY Black Forest land into the Colorado Springs City Limits. We do not want City Values, or influence presiding over our rural country life whatsoever. The forest is just that ,,,,Forest. We all moved out here to get away from city life and do not want the city people or the commercialism that comes with it in our forest. This property has been in the family since 1967 and we moved out here to get away from the city and its values. We do not want you people presiding over us with your rules or government. Needless to say, as far as I am concerned it is just another way of screwing with people who do NOT want you here. As far as I am concerned all you city people who think you know what is best for our rural communities can just stay the fuck out of our community. We were here before you and want to keep it that way. Our way of life, Our community.... Not the City's. I have spoken my piece and made it very clear how I feel about your annexation.

From: Raymond Goetze <rgoetze@rmems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:51 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Rd

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As a long time resident of El Paso county- Black Forest, I know firsthand the special and delicate ecosystem of the Forest. DO NOT allow the city to continue annex projects and work towards preservation of what we have remaining.

Thank you,

Ray Goetze-CFO
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From: Carol Prentiss <cap.prentiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:53 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Road Annexation

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Hello Ms. Wintz,

Please realize that most residents of Black Forest are against annexation by the city. I represent many of them. I found out about this ill-advised, reckless plan through neighbors who saw a lone sign. Strange that more signs weren't put up or that it wasn't on the news. Seems you'd want to check with the residents first.

What purpose would be served by annexing? What alternatives are there? What are the pros and cons? I look forward to your prompt reply.

Thank you,
Carol Prentiss

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cheryl Sistare <mtngirl94@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:02 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Road annexation

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Our community has been negatively impacted by this greedy development and marketing scheme. We aren't better for these new homes. Our night sky is now light, our rural living is surrounded by suburbs, and we keep being told our quality of life will somehow be improved. What a lie.

Where will the water come to support this neighborhood when 80% comes from western slope already?

We are completely against these actions. It's time to actually protect our city.

Cheryl Sistare

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From: Dennis Llewellyn <dwllewellyn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:13 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Road annexation

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Katelyn,

I would like to find info on this annexation so I can gain some insight on this. Why is it so hard to find. I prefer NO ANNEXATION.

Dennis Llewellyn

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From: Katie DuBois <kdubois329@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 11:05 PM
To: .katelynn.wintz@coloradosprings.gov; Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest Road

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I am apposed to Black Forest Road to be annexed to Colorado Springs for the following reasons:
More traffic to Black Forest ruining the the life why people move here; Speeding cars are already a major problem; reduction of wildlife to cars killing them. The increase in rezoning is not what the citizens of this area want and neither do we want the more larger roads. The construction on the Black Forest Road has been going on for years and we don't want bigger wider roads in the Forest. Keep the city out of the Forest. You have already ruined Colorado Springs with all the apartments and building of homes without regard to water. Stop feeding into the developers! Road rage is happening daily in the Springs and now in the Forest. There are not enough police to enforce the laws to protect the citizens here.

Katie DuBois
Sent from my iPhone

From: Randall Hidy <randall.hidy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:57 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black Forest

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Hello. Personally, I think the City of Colorado Springs should stay out of the Black Forest community. I think that the City has already encroached enough onto the forest. Thanks for listening.

Randall Hidy

From: Dale Mobley <dmobley1229@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:40 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Black forest road

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As a life long and 3rd generation resident of black forest. Please do not annex any of the forest, or black forest road to the city. We love our rural living!

Thanks
Dale Mobley

From: John Stone <soldier12321@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:03 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Good evening

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One of my black Forest folks posted a picture of a sign about the annex parts of Black Forest into the Colorado Springs city limits. I am absolutely against this. I am at 8662 sanctuary pine dr. I like my lower taxes by being county. I have been in an annex of Colorado Springs, and I didn't like the benefits of being annexed. So my opinion is heck no. Thank you for your time.

John stone
(719)314-9423
Sent from iPhone

From: Raymond Goetze <rgoetze@rmems.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Re: Black Forest Rd

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What will happen to the resident antelope herd?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2023, at 9:45 AM, Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov> wrote:

Hi Ray –

Thank you for your comments. To clarify - the annexation proposal is specific to right of way only following the extents of Black Forest Road for the ongoing improvement project. The City already owns the section of Black Forest proposed for right-of-way annexation after an ownership transfer from the County. This request to annex is to follow City practice of incorporating City-owned property into the City municipal boundaries.

The annexation is specific to a section of Black Forest Road from Research Parkway north to Old Ranch Road, and a small section of Research Parkway on the east side of Black Forest Road.

I understand based on your comments that you are not in support of this request. I will include your email on a list to provide updates related to the review of the application and when it is scheduled for public hearings if you would like to attend and voice your opposition directly to the decision making bodies.

Thank you

Kate

From: Raymond Goetze <rgoetze@rmems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:51 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov>
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From: Cheryl Sistare <mtngirl94@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Re: Black Forest Road annexation

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Dear Kate,

Why did the city possess property outside of its limits and when was the opportunity for the county residents to speak about the decision to give the city the road?

This retroactive excuse is pathetic.

I look forward to learning more, and if you don't know, if you could please point me in the right direction, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Cheryl Sistare

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From: Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 8:09:08 AM
To: Cheryl Sistare <mtngirl94@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Black Forest Road annexation

Hi Cheryl

Thank you for your comments. I understand your broader concerns around the changes that have occurred in this area related to residential development.

To clarify - the proposed annexation is specific to right-of-way only following the extents of Black Forest Road. The City already owns the section of Black Forest proposed for right-of-way annexation after an ownership transfer from the County. This request to annex is to follow City practice of incorporating City-owned property into the City municipal boundaries.

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Thank you
Kate

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From: Cheryl Sistare <mtngirl94@hotmail.com>
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To: Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov>
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So we agree then? We agree that the city has already encroached enough, and there's practically nothing left separating the forest from the city then?

Let me ask you this: When you planned all these developments, did you keep in mind the migration of the antelope? Where will they go when there is no land left for migration? (They will go away) I assume you must want to annex the section so you can build migration tunnels in the area then... correct?

Did you keep in mind the deer, with the increase in traffic?

What then when there's no wildlife left, and the landscape is completely changed? Is that when your plan is complete?

Take your plan and shove it somewhere else. Leave the forest alone.

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023, 8:06 AM Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov> wrote:

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Thank you.
Kate

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From: Randall Hidy <randall.hidy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:57:13 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A <Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov>
Subject: Black Forest

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From: James Law <james.w.law@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:11 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Record Number: Anex-23-0017

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Hi Katelynn,

I am a writing to you to voice my DISAPPROVAL of your annexation request for the above Record Number.

Please leave us alone. If we wanted to be part of colorado springs, we would have voted to do so the past 3 times its been on the ballot.

Best regards,

James Law

From: Mike Kline <mikeckline@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:43 PM
To: Wintz, Katelynn A
Subject: Recent request to annex part of Black Forest to the city

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I only saw this sign today near Black Forest to annex Oart for the city of Colorado Springs.

I think this is a bad idea. The forest needs to stay the forest. The more the city encroaches on the forest and the open space areas we will lose an important part of el paso county. The city has push the herds of antelopes out of most areas leaving them and others, elk and moose to have no habitats. The city encroaching we lose what was open lands.

I might be rambling but the Forest is special and surrounding areas that buffer the forest needs to be preserved.

Regards

Mike Kline
Black Forest resident



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**Request to annex
portions of Bla
Forest Road in
the city limits
the City of
Colorado Spring**

COMMENTS BY: NOVEMBER

City Planner: Katelynn Wi