

Pratt Water Body Setback Permit Narrative

1. Description of Proposed Encroachment: This permit application is to build a driveway across a drainage/wetland in order to access the Pratt's lot in order to construct a single family home. The initial portion of the driveway as it leaves Routt County Road 14 will cross the drainage/wetland and waterbody setback, while the rest of the driveway and all other development on the property will occur outside of the waterbody setback. The crossing location was chose to provide the least impact on the wetland and drainage, as well as the safest location to enter the property from County Road 14.
2. Evidence of Unavoidability: The drainage/wetland area runs along the property's entire County Road 14 frontage, and there is no other way to access the property than from County Road 14 and across the drainage/wetland.
3. Description of Best Management Practices: All work on the driveway conducted in the Waterbody Setback will be done in accordance with the Best Management Practices outlined in the Colorado Department of Transportation's Erosion Control and Stormwater Quality Guide (<https://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/water-quality/documents/erosion-storm-quality>).
4. Mitigation Plan for Significant Negative Impacts: Although significant negative impacts to the wetlands and waterbody setback areas are not anticipated on this project due to it's very small scale (0.03 acres of wetlands impacted), the best management practices referred to above will be followed, as well as all applicable Routt County Zoning Mitigation Techniques listed in Routt County Zoning Regulations Section 6.7 (Mitigation Techniques to Reduce Water Quality and Quantity impacts) and 6.11 (Mitigation Techniques to Reduce Wetlands impacts). Specific Mitigation Techniques are listed under the Erosion Control Notes on the Site Plan.
5. Reclamation Plan: All disturbed areas that are not paved or a natural rock surface will be revegetated with native vegetation within one construction season per Erosion Control Notes on the Site Plan and stipulations in the Army Corp of Engineers Permit.