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Dear Resident,

The area you live in has an abundance of wildlife that migrates down from the open space on the west side of the development looking for food. The deer naturally forage on grasses and foliage from trees and bushes in the yards. The carnivores like foxes, coyotes, and mountain lions dine on rodents and weak deer. Then there are the bears that really like berries. But a common desire for all of these animals is to dine on food we eat, or food we leave out specifically for wildlife consumption. It is this last point, i.e., feeding the wildlife, which has motivated the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District (RVMD) to send each homeowner in the Roxborough Ridge development this letter.

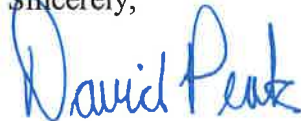
It has been observed and reported that some homeowners are putting food out for the wildlife. The intent of this is noble, but it should NOT be done for a variety of reasons. First, it is a violation of Douglas County law. It is against the law in Douglas County to feed the wildlife.

Second, feeding the wildlife makes them reliant on us for food, and encourages them to come onto our properties in search of more. According to an article published by the Division of Wildlife <http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/Mammals/HelpDeer.htm>, feeding big game animals does more harm than good.

Finally, and probably the most important reason to refrain from feeding the wildlife is the dangerous situation it creates. When the wildlife conclude they no longer have to depend on their natural skills to feed themselves, they become dependent on the provided food and congregate at the source. The congregating in itself is not dangerous, but the fact there is insufficient food for the entire gathering creates a situation for the dominant animal to eat first even if it requires a fight. Additionally, the gathering becomes a source of food for predators, e.g., mountain lions, and therefore, a danger to residents and domesticated animals.

For the above reasons, the RVMD requests you refrain from feeding the wildlife.

Sincerely,



David Peak,
District Manager

Cc: Board of Directors