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Re: ENV-2002-2481-EIR; SCH#2002091018
Canyon Hills Project-Deir Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky,

I have lived in Tujunga for all of my thirteen year old life, and now that I have read sections of the Canyon DEIR, I feel I should voice my opinion. There are many things I don't approve of in the DEIR, I'm writing about something that concerns me most:

Biological Resources [215k]

I have read the Biological Resources section and to me it seems it is far from being accurate. One sentence even said, "It is difficult to determine the exact number of coyotes, however based upon documented home range sizes for coyotes it is expected that up to 5 coyotes would use the project site at any one time." That is not true! There are five coyotes running around the surrounding three-five acres of my house a lone. I see coyotes almost daily walking around the streets or patrolling our house. (my family keeps five cats) Speaking of, my family has already lost 4 cats to coyotes, plus I have witnessed a coyote attack my friend's dog and I know a couple other neighbors who have had pets attacked. The report also stated that mountain lions do not live in our area, which is probably true, but on a Thursday in early November I saw one on the hillside opposite from my home walking away from my house. What do you think of all this?

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If the developer does get to build 280 homes after all this, what do you think will happen? With the addition of 280 homes, it is going to be more crowded for the animals, as their territories will be cut into pieces. While the people who live in the new homes may not lose pets to coyotes but we certainly will, by taking out so much of their habitat they will be living even closer to our homes, thus more coyote attacks. And with these homes, there will be roads as well, and animals are likely to cross the roads and get run over occasionally. Finally, please take into consideration that a couple of my friends and me enjoy hiking in the areas where the homes will be built.

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Sincerely,

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