



# Town of Parachute

*A Safe Place to Land*

Stuart S. McArthur, Town Manager

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July 22, 2014

Mr. Jeff Powers  
URSA Operating LLC  
792 Buckhorn Drive  
Rifle, CO 81650

**SUBJECT: LETTER DESCRIBING INTENT OF STAFF OF TOWN OF PARACHUTE REGARDING POTENTIAL NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION WITHIN THE SPRING LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

Dear Jeff,

The purpose of this letter is to outline the intent of the Town of Parachute staff as it relates to the potential natural gas production within the Spring Lake Estates subdivision. I will outline below steps that need to be taken in order allow said production.

1. The property is currently zoned as Residential High Density (RHD). According to the Town of Parachute municipal code section 15.03.215 and 216, natural gas production is not an allowable use within this zoning classification.
2. The Town staff will take a recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees to change the zoning to Service Commercial, based upon an application by the owner of the property. This will be on both boards' agendas in September 2014.
3. The Town staff will also place an item on the agenda for the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees to allow natural gas production as an allowable special review use within the Service Commercial zoning classification. This will be an agenda item for the September meetings.
4. Town staff will work with the owner of the property to entertain an application for a special review of the URSA project to produce natural gas on the property. The special review should occur during the Planning & Zoning Commission's and the Board of Trustees' meetings during October 2014.

I cannot commit to you what action the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees will take, but I can commit that staff will work with the property owner to make the recommendations to the two Boards.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 970-285-7630.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart S. McArthur", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stuart S. McArthur  
Town Manager

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cc: Ted Vaughan, Property Owner