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Topic for consideration: 3/12/2019 LARs Discussion

Lane County board of Supervisors:

- My name is Skip Thomsen. My wife and I own our home on Collard Lake Way and are among the many homeowners who depend on Collard Lake Road for our daily ingress/egress.
- I would like to emphasize the concern carried by the about 100 homeowners and 300 residents about the confusion of Collard Lake Road being treated as though it was a Local Access Road. Mr. Zinn before me has already made it clear that Collard Lake Road was accepted unanimously by the County as a County Road in 1976.
- Collard Lake Road is and certainly deserves to be a County Road. Not only does it serve 128 lots in six permitted subdivisions plus another 13 lots outside the subdivisions here, but it also serves Heceta Water District and is the ONLY way for them to reach their huge water tower that serves these six subdivisions.
- I would like to emphasize that the residents here are very concerned about this access being dependable, since our drinking water – all of our water – is completely dependent on it.
- Collard Lake Road is also the only way for Heceta Water District to get to Collard Lake itself where they need to go for their necessary periodic water-quality tests.
- It also provides the way in and out for their heavy equipment, like dump trucks and excavators, and for hauling in the occasional large loads of rock and equipment necessary to maintain and upgrade their water line that is buried in the length of the road. It also serves access to all of the fire hydrants all along the length of the road, both for their maintenance and for use in emergencies.
- Collard Lake Road also serves any and all emergency vehicles that need full access to every portion of these 6 subdivisions.
- Collard Lake Road is the ONLY ingress and egress. There is no other alternative road.
- Years ago, Collard Lake Road was accepted unanimously by the Board as a County Road and we only ask that it continues to serve in that capacity.

Thank you for your time.

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To: Lane County Board of commissioners

I am Marilyn Adkins and I've owned my property on Collard Lake Way for 39 years. My neighbors who are speaking to you today represent concerns shared by the residents of our area.

First, a little background on the history of Collard Lake Road –

On April 12, 1997, the Collard Lake Road Neighborhood Association in a letter of that date, made a request to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, as follows: "The issue is – the **status** of Collard Lake Road and its branches." They went on to attach a copy of the minutes of the **February 18th, 1976**, Board of County Commissioners meeting during which the board voted unanimously and without any conditions to **"...accept Collard Lake Road into the County road system. Hayward seconded, it was so ordered and all Commissioners voted 'aye.'"**

This earlier group did not ask the Board to add another road onto the current County road system, but they wanted recognition of the correct and legal status of the road, which has County Road status.

Under County Road status, regular maintenance occurs that prevents more costly emergency situations from developing. Another issue to always keep in mind is the need for a maintained County Road that provides a reliable approach for forest fire, house fire, police, and ambulance vehicles, and would allow these emergency vehicles to assist residents in need.

We have read the current staff paper for the LARs item on the afternoon Agenda and want you to know that we believe the Agenda Cover Memo relating to Local Access Roads does not apply in most respects to roads that have County Road status. We believe our road should not be grouped with the many access roads in the county, which in most instances only serve a limited number of residents. Collard Lake Road provides our only egress and serves over 141 lots.

Again, our basis for this firmly held position is that the Board unanimously and without conditions accepted this road as a legal County Road in 1976, and it remains a County Road today.

Thank you for your consideration.

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