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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Klements Lane road condition and plans

Hello -

I understand there is an upcoming meeting of Ravalli County Board of Commissioners concerning our road condition (Klements Lane). . I have called the road supervisor's office about our road, once after the fire camp traffic absolutely ruined our road, and another time when I was inquiring about a turn sign indicating a turn directly onto our road from a State highway. Both times I have been addressed on the phone by a woman who was rude and condescending. She informed me immediately that the state funds received by the County from the fire camp use was NOT going to be used to repair our road. When I asked to speak to the road supervisor, she told me that he would not be available to speak with me. She and the road supervisor informed me the funds were not available for our repair and that a "sign wasn't going to happen". I believe the county road supervisor is not interested in serving the county, not customer-oriented, and is unprofessional. Is it he person s making all the road decisions for our progressively growing county?

Our dead road on Klements Lane serves 35 homes + some empty lots. We have some very nice river-front homes, which results in these properties significantly increasing in value (with resulting higher taxes!) . From what I have been told, there is a plan being discussed to **UN-PAVE** our road and turn it into gravel. This seems to be a retaliation action, since there has been contact to the road supervisor to please fix our road, and repair potholes. Having a gravel road will severely affect the property values and cause significant dust and vehicle damage, unless the gravel road is built with a properly engineered road process/product, and maintained.

This action would be going "backwards" in our services and values. We deserve a well maintained road. In fact, I and others on the Lane, would like to have an accounting of how much money was received for the road repair from the dead end road being used as a fire camp location (which the State said this location should never have been chosen for this use due to it being a dead end!); and where those funds are at this time. There was constant semi-truck travel up and down the Lane, about 100 or more Humvees back and forth, and all the fire fighting personnel vehicles, which lasted for about 3 or more months. I think we've been more than patient waiting for our Lane to be repaired, and brought back to its former paved road.

We want a turn lane indication sign off State Hwy 203 showing a turn on Klements Lane. I was told this wasn't in the plans and pretty much not to ask again. It is a safety hazard, and when the turn lane was installed, consideration and budget plans should've provided for the signage. It's a simple fix to a dangerous situation, since the speed limit is 60 on State Hwy 203 and people are slowing to get into the turn lane to turn onto Klements. I have been passed both on the right side and the left side while in the turn lane! The turn lane cannot be seen with snow on it. People do not realize there is a turn coming up, directly off the state highway. I see other roads off a state highway that do, in fact, have signate.

We would like a designated speed limit of 25 mph on our dead end Klements Lane, with signage installed. As a matter of fact, it seems that someone at the north end of our Lane have opened up their gate pasture so that people can cross over from Chief Looking Glass onto Klements in order to get to the stop sign at the south end of Klements, and turn onto the highway, and catch the light at the intersection and use it as a traffic thru-way. We all wanted to live on a dead end and we want that gate closed, and unapproved access onto Klements

Lane stopped. School kids are speeding down our Lane to use this unauthorized traffic flow, which endangers people walking, pets, wildlife, livestock, etc. Please address this undesirable and unsafe situation with signage.

Thank you for your consideration. In closing, I would appreciate receiving confirmation you have received this email, and an accounting of the State funds received for our Lane reconstruction after the forest service use.

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