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To the Ravalli County Commissioners:

My husband and I moved to 5522 Klements Lane in 1976. At that time there were about 25% of the people currently living on this road and it was unpaved. Our home and belongings were constantly covered in road dust. Because there are wet areas in the neighborhood, the road was consistently rutted and difficult to travel.

The road was raised a bit and paved in the 1980's. We were able to improve our yard with landscaping because trees, bushes and other plants didn't die from being covered in road dust. Our children, one who has breathing and allergy problems, could finally play outside in the yard.

Klements Lane now has far more homes, cars and trucks than I would have ever imagined. The amount of daily traffic matches or exceeds that of any city street. The State Highway Department even realized how much traffic is on Klements Lane and added a turn lane when the East Side Highway was redone. Since there is no speed limit posted, some of that traffic on the road is very fast moving. For all of that, the road has held up surprisingly well over 40 years, especially since it was never repaved.

Several summers ago the fire camp had to relocate near the north end of our road. This was for the benefit of everyone in this area, but our road bore the entire brunt of the wear. It is no exaggeration to say that in the morning we would wait a half hour to turn out of our driveway due to the large number of vehicles needed for fire fighting. These were mainly very heavy trucks and we could see the road deteriorating as they continued to use it. We were told the road would be repaved at the end of the fire season. That did not happen.

We have a lot of traffic on Klements Lane. Because the road was badly damaged a few years ago, any heavy vehicles continue to break down the road. We need the road repaved as we were told would happen after the fire camp left. Having an unpaved road would lead to huge problems with ruts, dust and mud. Residents' health issues would be worsened by declining air quality. Valuable trees and bushes would be at risk from all the dust.

Please find a way to rehabilitate our 40 year old road as we were told would happen.

Thank you.

Sue Dolezal

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