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From: Erica [ericatmb@hughes.net]
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To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Website Email - Painted Rocks Fire District

Hello all,

This is for Suzy Foss or anyone with input. We have a road in our fire district (Hughes Creek Road in Painted Rocks Fire District) that is not plowed in winter. The Forest Service is supposed to maintain this road but in the eighteen years we have lived up here, the road has never been snow-plowed by the county or FS. As far as I know, the owners of property on Hughes Creek Road contribute to road maintenance via their taxes, and though I know these monies may not apply to *their* road being cleared in winter, I was wondering if there are any funds available through the county that could be used to pay someone to plow this road after a snowfall. We have some locals who are willing to do the work and they would like their fuel costs covered. This has been an ongoing discussion in our fire district since last summer and we would like to lay the issue to rest. Our fire district has a few new year round residents beyond the 5 mile marker and we are concerned about the safety and response time for the Painted Rocks Fire Company on an unplowed, snowy and icy road. As an aside, the Forest Service did run a grader twice this summer due to the heavy traffic on the road because of the Chrandal and Mustang Complex fires. We sincerely hope this is a new trend because it has not been standard practice in the past.

I fully understand if there are no funds. I am just asking for a final statement from the county so that we, the Board of Trustees for Painted Rocks Fire District, can devise a solution.

Thank you for all you do and for taking the time to confer on this issue. As I stated above, we would just like some closure so we can move on with creative solutions.

Wishing all of you the best in the new year,

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