



LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Community Development and Planning

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REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS

DATE: May 14, 2015

FILE: West Loren Road gate

TO: ☐ Northwestern Energy
☒ Charter Communication
☐ West Valley Fire District
☐ Century Link
☒ County Public Works Department
☐ Lewis and Clark County Sheriff

FROM: Christal Ness, Project Coordinator

RE: **Proposed Locked Gate on West Loren Road**

An application has been received by Lewis and Clark County from Michael York, the owner of lot located at 298 West Cabin Road, to keep and maintain the locked gate on West Loren Road, as shown on the attached survey. The easement of the road is 60 wide and is a designated public access and utility easement, also pursuant to the attached survey. The existing gate blocks the entire driving surface of the road and, according to the application, is proposed to be closed and locked. West Loren Road is located in the NW ¼ of Section 35, T12N, R4W, P.M.M., Lewis and Clark County, Montana. The recorded Certificate of Survey and a vicinity map are attached.

☐ The above proposal **will not** affect our operations or plans, and we have no objection to the proposal.
Comments:

☐ The above proposal **will** affect our operations or plans. Please explain.

☒ We object to the above proposal. Please explain.

IT is a designated Public Access/Utility Easement.
It needs to remain open for Emergency Response
and Fire Protection.

Signature/Date

CG Nesbet 5/28/15

A hearing date for this application will be set for June 4, 2015. Please return your comments by May 29, 2015

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Christal Ness - RE Lock Gate

From: Jerry Shepherd <westvalley631@gmail.com>
To: <cness@lccountymt.gov>
Date: 6/1/2015 1:04 PM
Subject: RE Lock Gate

Proposed locked gate on West Loren Road

West Helena Valley VFD object to the proposal and would request the gate be removed. If this is a public access road the gate needs to be removed completely. There are workers in the gravel pit and a home on Lafond Dr that would need to use this road in the event of a wild fire that blocked their egress off of Applegate.

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Jerry F. Shepherd
Fire Chief
West Valley VFD

Christal Ness - opinions

From: Janet Kosnik <mtblackandtans@gmail.com>
To: <cness@lccountymt.gov>
Date: 6/10/2015 10:07 AM
Subject: opinions

I live at the end of West Cabin Rd. In the past, Loren Rd had a closed gate but it was not locked and we had access through it. It has now been locked and the street sign has been removed on the corner of Loren Rd/W Cabin Rd. I don't know by whom but I believe this road is a public road and should not have a locked gate.

In case of medical emergency, wildfire or house fire, emergency personnel should have easy access through the gate. I feel having a locked gate may endanger residents in the area if fire trucks need to respond quickly to a wildfire on the North Hill. Years ago there was a fire a couple draws up from me and access to that area was needed and accessed as soon as they arrived. Time is important in fighting fires and the longer it takes for firefighters to get close enough to the fire, the more the fire will continue to spread and endanger our homes, property and animals.

I strongly recommend that a decision to permanently unlock the gate on Loren Rd is approved.

Thank you,

Janet Kosnik

573 West Cabin Rd