

September 17, 2013

Regular Meeting

Item #11a

Public Works –

Road Division

**Mono City Emergency
Access Road Workshop**

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September 8, 2013

Subject: Essential Need to Gate Mono City Emergency Road

Dear Supervisor Alpers,

The purpose of this letter is to describe the importance of gating the proposed Mono City Emergency Access Road that is in the phase of the BLM sending the Mono County Supervisors approval of the Right of Way request received from previous supervisor Tim Hansen.

The process of developing this proposal was less than what was needed to explore what is needed and for developing a comprehensive analysis of what the options and tradeoffs were of various alternatives. The initiation of the proposal was from RPAC member Katie Bellamo and a generated discussion amongst the community. There was no consensus on the best approach to develop improved safety and to mitigate the tradeoffs.

As a Mono County Supervisor requested this of BLM, I was informed by BLM, that it was approved. I provided several comments throughout the process, of which one letter is attached.

As the road seems that may be approved, the request that I have, and several other residents immediately impacted by the proposal, is that the road be gated on the land that enters Mono City, and that there is clear notification that the road is only for emergency egress, and is not a secondary road or a recreational use for motorized vehicles.

By gating the road, at this location, and at the locations where it meets the parallel dirt road to the East Mono Lake Drive, several benefits would be achieved including:

The gate would secure the “drinking water well” that is in close proximity to the road, and decreasing the risk of vandalism or accidental collisions.

The gate would maintain the security of the affected homeowners and community, by not expanding additional access to residents and property that would have the effect of increased risk of theft and crime.

The gate would prevent a change due to outside access of a secondary road to the character of the community and the people who use it by walking the dirt roads with their families, dogs, and non-motorized recreation.

The gate would prevent heightened risk for the children who play in the street near the fire station.

The gate would prevent noise pollution impacts to residents who are living nearby by preventing the use and from the noise of ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes etc.

Additionally, Mono County must insure that this will not result in another paved access road to Mono City into the future. I would like to be involved in all discussions and decisions on how the road would be secured from non-emergency use.

Additionally, further needs to be addressed are:

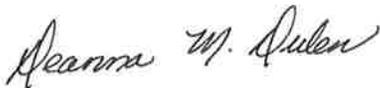
This issue clearly reveals that a Mono City community group should be more engaged in planning, participation at the RPAC, and developing a process for community engagement in developing requests and proposals for funding and developed a comprehensive plan for all risk response.

This issue has increased awareness that there are several issues that residents on the west side of Mono City have an important safety concern to address about residents speeding through the road adjacent to their property. This is a law enforcement issue that needs to be resolved through education or citation, not an additional road access.

Mono City residents need a sincere and productive process to be developed where consensus is reached as to how decisions are made and implemented and a comprehensive all risk response and prevention plan guides the future of the community. Shelter in Place guidance and Hazard Fuel Reduction strategies must be addressed sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your consideration and response to my request for a gated road. Please feel free to contact me with any additional follow-up.

Sincerely,



Deanna M. Dulen

Cc:

BLM Field Director, Steve Nelson

Attachment1: Mono Basin RPAC January 2, 2010 Letter to:
Mono County Planners, Scott Burns and Larry Johnston
BLM/Inyo National Forest Fire Department, Debra Hein,
Mono City Residents: Katie Bellamo, Athena Tomey, Judy Tobey



Map

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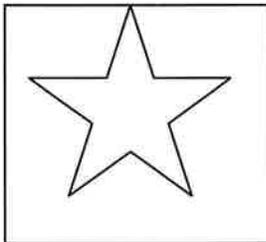
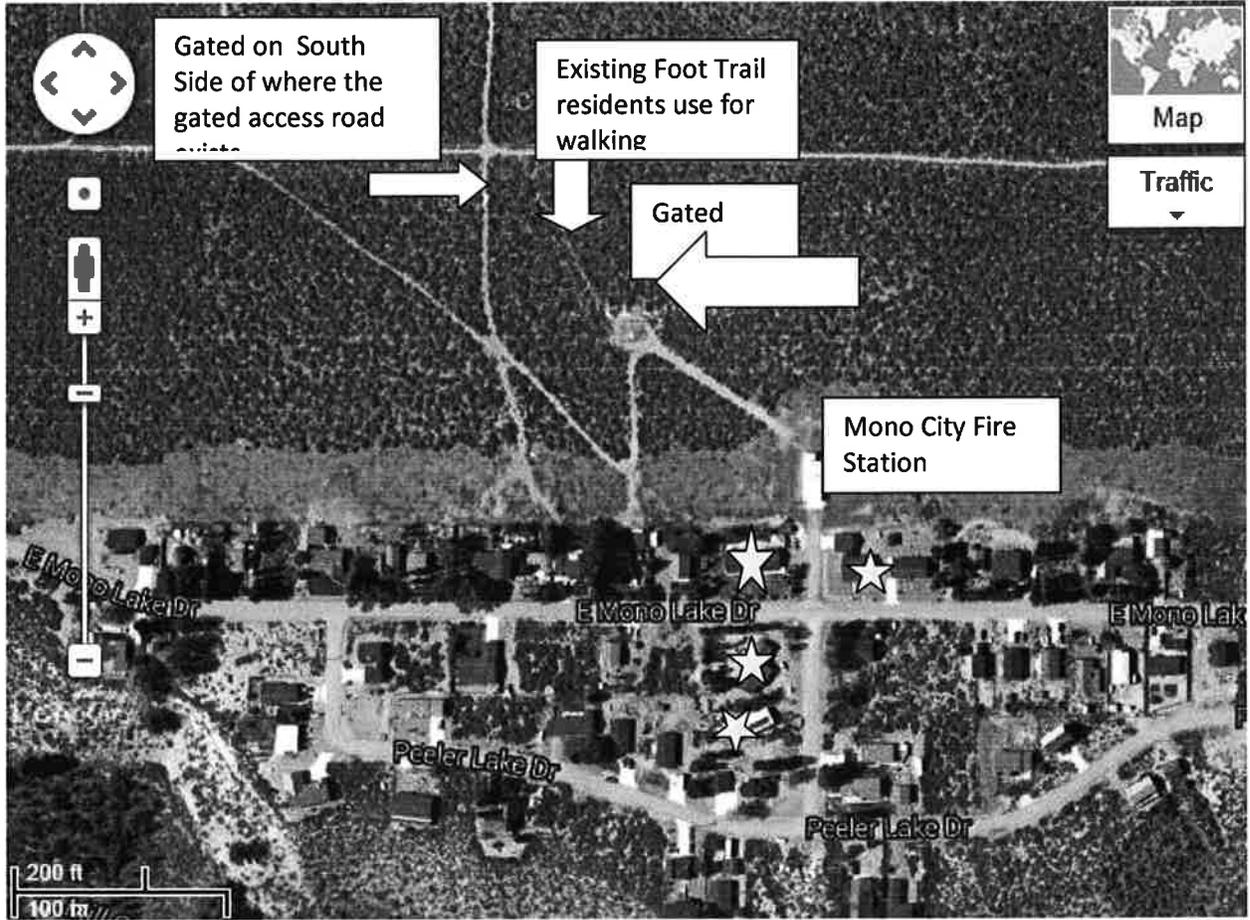
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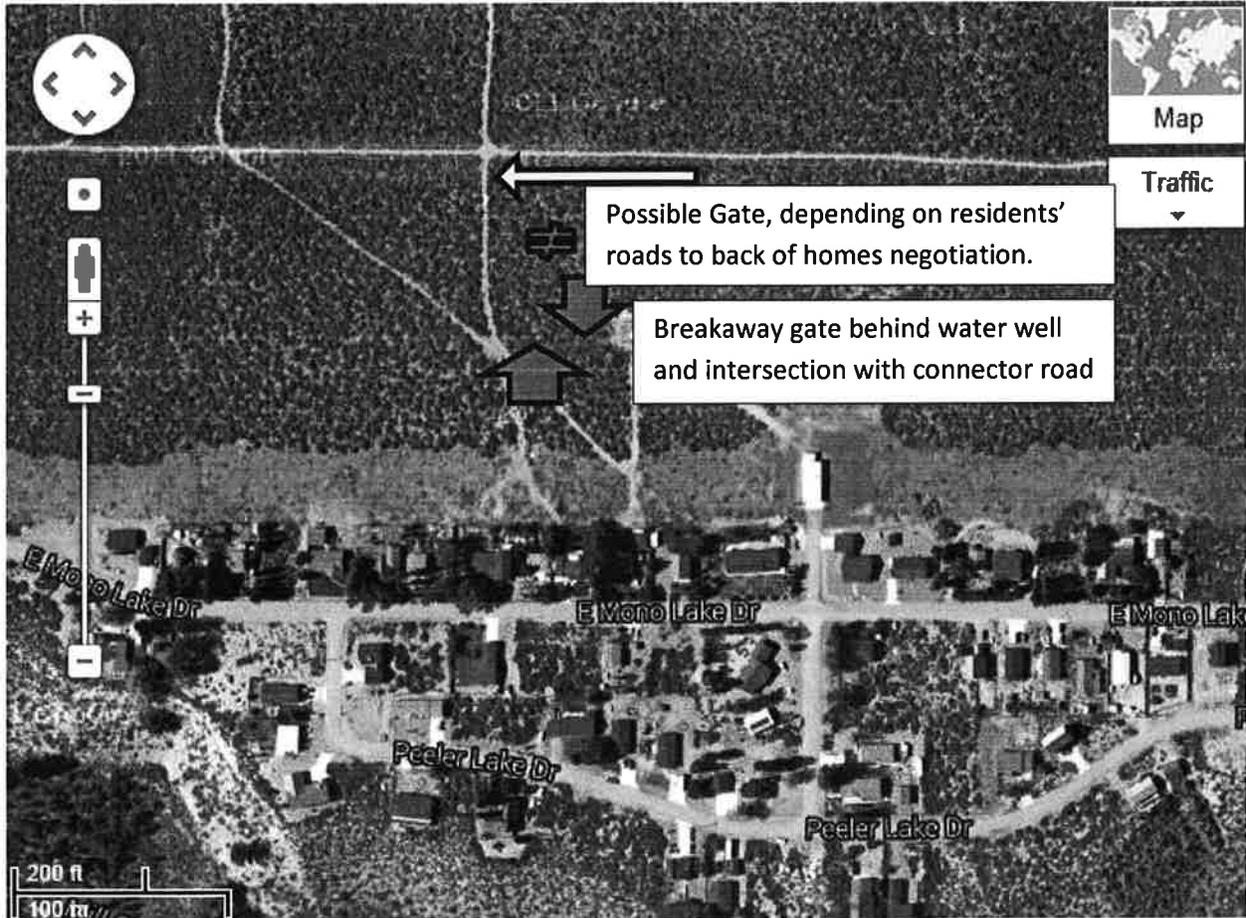
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Comments previously provided for essential gated access.



Proposed Route with Gates:

Gates ↓ and Road from Water Tank extended ↔ to Existing Road