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Woodland Park Special Road District
Board of Commissioners

Re: Road Use and Maintenance Plan for Forestry Project

Commissioners,

On behalf of the partners and landowners involved in the Chiloquin Community Forest and Fire Project, I appreciate your cooperation and consideration of the following proposal regarding road use, maintenance, and repairs.

The proposed road use involves Old Korral, Sunnybrook, and Larkin Creek Roads, and the connecting portion of Burr Ave., as ingress/egress for forestry work on Walter Seput's, Vince Brigg's, and Collier State Park properties. Traffic includes daily in/out by a logging contractor in 2-4 work trucks (passenger/pickup size). Additional traffic from the operation is anticipated to occur for approximately two and a half months from 2-3 loads per day of saw logs or biomass hauled on a log truck. Move in and move out will occur with a lowboy for 3-5 pieces of logging equipment. Log trucks will follow a speed limit of 20mph on District roads.

Road grading will occur only on the haul route portion of Larkin Creek, with the goal to improve the road from its current condition. Plans for Larkin Creek Road include:

- The road will be bladed to provide water transport off the road surface through the use of crowning and outsloping where feasible.
- Rolling dips may be built where appropriate to divert water energy from the road surfacing.
- Native (pre-existing) surface material will be used to reshape the road without spot rocking. If damage occurs from the forestry operation usage, spot rocking may be required of the appropriate rock (base rock or surface material) to repair damage. One exception to this is the low, wet area where the spring is under the road. The contractor is putting a load of rock on that area today (12/8), and will put another load if needed after the completion of the project.
- Ditch run-outs may be constructed where needed to dissipate water energy.
- Ditches on Larkin Creek Rd. are minimal and any reconstruction will be complicated by roots and deposited debris. During final road work the contractor will pull ditches where possible to reestablish them and to provide material for the road.

Work will only occur on Burr, Sunnybrook, and Old Korral as necessary to repair damage. If there is an interest in doing additional rock work on Larkin Creek as part of the final road work to take advantage of the contractor working there, this can be coordinated with the contractor directly and will be on the District's or private landowners' dime. Pending weather and road conditions, we will work with WPSRD if dust does become an issue. The start date for hauling is December 9, 2020.

As discussed with John Briggs on 12/7, as well as with the Board in the spring, this is a good faith agreement that is dependent on ongoing communication to identify and address issues as they arise. I have requested updates from John and/or Vince Briggs on a weekly basis to let me know if there are issues they are seeing related to our work. Additionally, I have taken approximately 200 georeferenced photos of all haul roads to document initial condition on 12/4 and 12/7. I am working on a way to make these available for your reference.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or requests at this time. You may reach out to me at the contact information below, or to Jason Pettigrew (Oregon Department of Forestry) at 541-891-7866, Jason.W.Pettigrew@oregon.gov.

Thank you,

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