

Correspondence Received Prior to 12-20-22 BOS Meeting

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

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From: Chuck Dresel <cf Dresel@gmail.com>
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Dear Supervisor,

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Chuck Dresel

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From: Kunga Esposito <kungae@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 10:44 AM
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Subject: Re: fisher road closure!

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On Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 10:41 AM Kunga Esposito <kungae@gmail.com> wrote:

please please please do not close fisher rd. access to the river!
my friend and i and our dogs walk the van duzen frequently, love that trail and river access, been doing that for years.
honestly i don't see that much trash left by 'tweakers' but some, certainly not a problem of the magnitude that warrants closing off the road to all us locals who love to walk that trail by the river.
lots of folks out here have horses and there are no trails out here to ride. close the fisher rd. access to the van duzen in this area and we won't have any wild place to walk either!
please don't do it!

donna esposito

Letter to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

(please include this letter into the Dec. 20th Agenda)

RE: Vacating a Portion of FISHER ROAD in the Hydesville Area

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Madam Chairwomen and Board...my name is Bruce Cann and I live in Eureka. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed vacation of a portion of Fisher Road in Hydesville.

I've have lived in Humboldt County for the past 50 years. For over 40 years I have driven down this public road to a parking area adjacent to the river, and then hiked to what I consider to be the best four fishing holes on the entire river. These fishing holes are only a 10-minute hike between the upper hole at Yager Creek and the lower hole called the "Parking Lot" hole. Large salmon and steelhead stage in these holes before moving upstream and spreading out. My success rate at catching and releasing these fish is much higher in this special area than all other fishing spots throughout the north coast. The nearest public access roads to the river are about six miles upstream and four miles downstream at Highway 101. These areas do not come close to producing a high-quality fishing experience when compared to the Fisher Road fishing area.

How in the world can Fisher Road, historically accessible to the public for more than 80 years, be converted to a private driveway? Simply put, the landowner complained to the county about an increase in tweakers in the area, including a crazy "Manson" looking character with a machete tied to his waist. Increased trespassing, vandalism, littering, and evidence of campfires were also mentioned as justification for closing this very popular river-access road. I truly sympathize with this landowner for having to deal with unsavory individuals who have little to no respect for private or public property. I believe everyone has a right to be safe and secure within their own home.

Is closing Fisher Road to all public use the right thing to do? It would most likely solve the problems the landowner mentioned, but at what cost to the hundreds of law-abiding visitors who use this road and who historically accessed the river and gravel bars. I believe the county is taking the easy way out by proposing to completely eliminate the public's right to use this road. Once public access is lost...it is lost forever. And it's just not right to go forward with this public closure when there may be viable alternatives which the county has yet to consider.

One alternative is for the county to NOT VACATE any portion of Fisher Road but instead actually "manage" the area by developing a set to rules and regulations to minimize littering, vandalism, and trespassing. Mr. Patton's gate at the top of the hill would be locked and only people who obtained a key from the county Public Works Dept. would be allowed beyond this point. A small parking area would be developed somewhere near the railroad tracks and hidden from view of the Patton's residence. Another gate would be installed across the road at this point to keep vehicles from continuing down the road to the river. A different key or keys would be provided to the Patton's for distribution as they pleased, and another key

given to PG&E for their easement. Visitors at this lower parking area would be allowed to hike, bicycle, and ride horseback along the existing right-of-way heading toward the river. Accommodating horse trailers at this site might be difficult as they take up a lot of room. The upper gate area with a large parking and turnaround might be more suitable for equestrians. Cameras would be installed to help the visiting public understand that bad or illegal behavior is not tolerated. Information and regulatory signs would be necessary. An emergency call box could be installed at the lower parking area. Bear-proof trash cans would minimize littering. A couple of interpretive panels at the lower parking area could be installed to educate visitors of the incredible resource values of the federally and State designated Van Duzen Wild & Scenic River. My point is, there are a multitude of facility design features that can be implemented to minimize impacts on neighboring landowners, and rules and regulations developed and enforced to minimize littering, vandalism, and nefarious, undesirable visitor behavior.

I recently retired from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arcata Field Office after working for 38 years as their Outdoor Recreation Planner. A large part of my job over the years was to manage public use while protecting resource values at several recreation areas around Humboldt Bay. These include Ma-le'l Dunes, Samoa Dunes, South Spit, Lost Coast Headlands, and Headwaters Forest Reserve. Each area is very unique and required our BLM planning team to evaluate the appropriate types of recreation uses that would be allowed, and the of restrictions on public use necessary to protect natural and cultural resources, including the public's impact on neighboring landowners. This project, as proposed, involves none of what I just described.

The alternative I described above and other alternatives should have been evaluated by the county over a year ago when it was first proposed. When I found out about it in November 2021, I contacted Supervisor Bushnell and suggested that an informal public meeting occur. I figured there would be a lot of differing interests but that if everyone put their heads together, we could come up with a solution that was acceptable to the landowner and the general public. No public meetings occurred. I also contacted a representative from the Public Works Dept. in November 2021 and asked him what type of environmental document would be produced and made available for public review. He said that I would have ample opportunities to review and comment on the environmental document, whatever it ended up being. A one-page Categorical Exemption was signed March 1, 2022 and not distributed, as far as I know, for public review. I was told by these two individuals that I would be contacted if and when the project moved forward. This did not happen either.

The county claims the public easement ends at the K-Rail site, about 115 feet from the river's bank and beyond this point people are trespassing on Patton's property...thus, one cannot legally get to the river under current conditions without the Patton's permission.

The county's Staff Report on page 2, last paragraph, that "Research of Public Works records indicates that the end of county maintenance has always been, **more or less**, at the same point as it is today." When I inquired about what specific records the county is referring to, the Public Works representative said the May 4th, 1934 Road Log. But according to the Staff Report, this Road Log only "indicates that the county maintained the road up to the railroad right of way parcel." I asked if there were any other records or evidence to show this county-maintained road system ends at the K-Rail site. The answer was neither yes or no but a comment that the county-maintained mileage on this road is challenging because Fisher Road also extends north of Highway 36.

It's pretty obvious to me that until more evidence is provided to substantiate the location of the end of this public easement, the county should stop claiming that there is no public access to the gravel bar or river. They don't know for sure, and I don't think anybody knows for sure at this point. What I do know is that during the winter of 2018, the river wiped out the road for about 200 feet where it headed west into a maintained parking area, which was also partially eroded. If you look at the historical Google Earth imagery, you can see the old road location and the river's impact on it and the parking area. You can see that the road continued through the parking area and then traversed down to the gravel bar.

I have witnessed on two occasions that I can remember, seeing heavy equipment in the old parking area smoothing out the potholes. Why the county would claim road maintenance ends at the K-Rail site and not at least to the old parking area? Because doing so would validate the public's right of access to the gravel bar and river.

But isn't that a good thing...to provide the public an opportunity to use and enjoy the multitude of resource values along our Federally and State designated Wild & Scenic River?

The California State Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1972 states:

"...certain rivers which possess extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, or wildlife values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state."

Thank you again for the opportunity of comment on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Cann

Letter to the Board of Supervisors

RE: Vacating FISHER ROAD (Agenda Item on Dec. 20th)

December 12, 2022

From: Jack Rimson
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I have lived in Humboldt County since 1972, when I was 20 and attending HSU. I am a married man who raised two children in Humboldt County and has owned my own insurance business since 1989. I am also an avid fisherman who fishes all of our local rivers. We own a home in McKinleyville, a couple of rentals, and a cabin in Petrolia.

Had it not been brought to my attention by my fishing buddy that the Board of Supervisors had a meeting on Nov. 8th to discuss the vacation of the right of way of Fisher Rd. to the K rail, I don't know how or if any of the Humboldt County residents would have had the opportunity to comment on this topic. Thank God the Great Redwood Trail is in the mix, because without it entering the mix, I believe this resolution would have been summarily passed and the comment period would have ended. The users of this access road would have learned about this after the fact!

Indeed, the director of Public Works, at about 2:43:49 of the video recording on November 8, goes on to say, and I quote, "We wanted to bring this forward without controversy or as little controversy as possible." Indeed, with the only input being furnished by a several residents on Fisher Rd. sympathetic with a landowner's stance, this resolution for the County to vacate Fisher Rd. would have easily passed.

I am concerned that the Director of Public Works has already made up his mind that the County recommendation should be approved-even with the new information he learned about The Great Redwood Trail wanting a continuance so its board and council would be able to give input and be able to voice their concerns with vacating the road and how it affects the GRT right of way. There was also consideration given to an adjacent landowner who was not contacted and given the opportunity to comment. Supervisor Madrone asked the Director whether this new information regarding the GRT was worthy of a continuance, the Director's response was, and I quote verbatim, "I would still recommend that, even if we do nothing, we at least vacate it from the railroad track through the rest of the property. Even though that doesn't provide everything, it does keep people from going down and causing problems at the end of the property down by the river." The Public Works director also states, "By giving up our access without an irrevocable public access, we are definitely weakening the public's point because...this is still taxpayers money." I will revisit the "irrevocable public access" and the courts making access legal towards the end of this letter.

To the Director's credit, he does mention the fact that "people have been going down there and fishing for years." I am one of those fishermen who has been fishing here since 1974. The Director goes on to

say that the Patton's have talked with a lot of fishermen about continued access and that it has taken "a lot of time." I have never been approached by the Patton's or anyone, in all the time I've fished there, about my access possibly ending. Nobody has ever even said that I was trespassing on private property! So, I'm skeptical that there has been an all-out effort by the Patton's to inform us that our days of using Fisher Rd. as an access point are numbered. There's been close to 50 years for someone to inform me! Again to the Director's credit, he does have some concerns regarding giving away taxpayer money and giving away public access.

One of the topics of concern and a reason supporting why the road should be closed was the issue of public safety as it relates to rodeo bulls... if they're fenced in, and if they have attacked anyone. It sounded to me from the video that there haven't been any attacks on humans. Personally, I have never been attacked by anyone or any animal while down at the river fishing. No mountain lions, no bears and no bulls. I feel extremely safe while on the gravel bar. I'm not saying it's not possible, but I am saying that it's highly unlikely and improbable!

After a local news blog (Red-Headed Blackbelt) published a letter to the editor on this topic on December 10, I became aware of other issues that may be of concern to historical use of this road for public access. In my opinion, some of the comments are enlightening regarding the area's history and opinions of how we got here today. Please read the comments from "Jim", "Seth", and "Phillipville Guest". It's the second comment from a "Jim" that I find extremely disturbing. Here is the link to the letter and comments: <https://kymkemp.com/2022/12/10/fisher-road-no-river-access-letter-to-the-editor-worried-about-proposed-changes/>

One local resident who wrote as "Seth" appears to have some historical knowledge surrounding Fisher Road. He comments about gravel operations, attempts to shore up the bank and its impact on the road and the old parking area (beyond the current K rail). This post is full of facts, as Seth sees it and remembers it. His account is a MUST READ, in my opinion. After reading his comments, I was left wondering if his account is true and correct. He says that the County sanctioned CHERT (County of Humboldt Environmental Review Team) in allowing gravel operations to extract gravel. He goes on to say that the failure to adequately control the amount of gravel removed is what led to all stability being lost. From here, I surmise, the river was free to change its course and run roughshod through the gravel bar in a high water event, and eventually, begin to find a course that would erode the northern bank away. If this is true, should we, the users of the road for years, have to be told that access is now gone forever? It's through no fault of those accessing and using the right of way to get to the gravel bar that the bank eroded away. Why is it right that we should now bear the brunt of an excessively harsh penalty of never being able to walk the road to the river again? It cannot be right that through the fault of others not maintaining the right of way road or altering the gravel bed that we now lose access.

Also of concern to me are responses from Supervisor Bohn at the last meeting on this issue. At 2:30:53 into the video recording of the meeting, Supervisor Wilson talks about wanting a continuance due to the new information that came to light about the Great Redwood Trail not being notified of this issue even

though it is an adjacent stakeholder. Wilson mentions wanting the GRT council and board to be given an opportunity to comment because they are adjacent landowners. Then at 2:34:04, Supervisor Bohn says, "I'm still sticking by making a motion to accept staff recommendation." He goes on to say that, "I don't know what we're going to come back and discuss." He then follows up with, "I don't see what has changed here except they, the, the chance to these to have a safer piece of property." This prior sentence using the word "these" is exactly what I heard him say. The sentence is written exactly as I heard it said. (we all know what he meant). After saying this, he says, "So, I would make a motion to accept staff's recommendation." Supervisor Bushnell then seconds the motion.

The statements where I have used quotations are verbatim. To me, his responses are unbelievable when taking into account Supervisor Wilson's concerns. These responses and motion by Supervisor Bohn and Supervisor Bushnell seconding it concern me greatly. How open minded are they to entertaining that there's always two sides to the coin. Namely, where does the public's right to access the gravel bar come in? I would sure hate to think that they're thinking that the public has no right to access this area. All of the Board members and County Departments involved in this should be open minded that the public, after using the access road for decades, should have continued access to the river.

For anyone who doesn't know, I'm going to let the cat out of the bag. Without exception and without controversy, the most productive stretch for catching salmon or steelhead on the whole entire river system is the Fisher Rd. access point. From the area where Yager Creek enters the Van Duzen River (upstream from the K rail) and downstream to what used to be the Parking Lot Hole (when you used to be able to drive down on the river bar) is the stretch that I'm talking about. Ask any bank fisherman where they catch most of their fish on the Van Duzen, and you will have close to 100% mentioning this area. Getting to this section of river has never involved a hike with all kinds of physical exertion to access this area. Indeed, just park the car and walk a level gravel bar for 5 minutes and you're standing at the river! For a now 70 year old, this is nice. If you want to go upriver from the access point, you cross the river and walk upriver for the same five minutes and you're standing at the confluence of where Yager Creek enters the Van Duzen River.

For those who are not fishermen or aware of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations regarding fishing the Van Duzen River, I will, in brief synopsis form delineate them. First, all fish, salmon or steelhead, must be returned to the river. Only catch and release is allowed. Secondly, the Department may close all of our north coast rivers when a minimum cubic foot per second (CFS) flow is reached. The Dept. monitors this religiously and, frequently, the rivers are closed due to no rain and flows beneath the 150 cubic foot per second threshold are present. For years, the river hardly is opened before November 1, and then, only if rains have risen the river above the minimum CFS. For the last 20 years or more, with droughts and less and less rain arriving in October or November, the river usually opens for the first time around mid-November. Then, if it rains heavily or on and off continuously for days, the river is frequently muddy and unfishable for what can be weeks. In a heavy rain year, there may only be 20 or 30 days, in a 5 month season, that the river is fishable. The river is closed to all fishing as of April 1 every year. So, basically, fishermen use the Fisher Rd. access from November to April 1- a period of 5 months. Then they're gone until next year! And, as stated, several times per year the Dept.

of Fish and Wildlife may find it necessary to close a river for several or more days at a time or for weeks at a time when CFS flows warrant the closure.

The most optimistic thing that I heard that came out of this Nov. 8th meeting was when Supervisor Madrone said at 2:46 minutes into the video, "Trying to find a compromise that works for all parties." Indeed, this is the crux of the whole access issue. And when we refer to "all Parties," this has to include all the user groups of this access road used by the public for many decades. I do hope that all members of the Board of Supervisors and Public Works will not lose sight of this. We all need to be open minded regarding this resolution. To find that compromise that Supervisor Madrone refers to, there can be no room for a closed-minded approach.

If the County vacates the public right of way, it will forever restrict public access to the river. This should not be the action the Board of Supervisors should be approving. Furthermore, one alternative mentioned at the last meeting was to leave access by permission of the landowner to individuals who ask. This is outrageous in an area used by the public for more than 80 years. There's even mention of having to sign a waiver of liability. I don't feel that because the county has been unable to make this access a court legal deeded access using prescriptive rights, that it is up to the landowner to allow or disallow access to the river. What criteria would they use? If they don't like me or my fishing buddy for making this issue known to Humboldt County residents, can they deny us access because we may have had a role in not getting everything they wanted? They should not be the ultimate granters or deniers of anyone's ability to use this public road right of way to access the river. What if they don't like the car I'm driving or the color of my skin? What if they think I'm poor or possibly wanting to set up camp and squat down at the river bar? Do we really want the landowners to be given the carte blanche power to make these determinations?

The county has, through the years, continuously kicked this can down the county-maintained right-of-way road (pun intended). It's high time that Fisher Road gets the legal documentation it needs and the public deserves. This could be accomplished with private landowners having the privacy they deserve. It could also provide them with what every home or landowner wants- a sense that they are truly safe and secure. Again, it's about striking a balance that is a compromise. How much money would it cost to accomplish this? It seems to me that this goal could be reached in a relatively short period of time, without having to spend an inordinate amount of money. I feel we're here today because, up to now, there hasn't been an issue with driving or walking down Fisher Rd. With the resolution before the Board about vacating, and now with the public informed and aware of the potential loss- the Board's hand is kind of forced to deal with this non-deeded County right-of-way road. The public should not be the ones to lose access forever due to the County's inaction and procrastination. Sweeping this issue under the rug for years is the majority of the reason we are here today. Will the Board come up with a compromise that is a fair and equitable to all parties involved, and for once and for all time, solve this problem?

Attachment #1 for the November 8th meeting is the Resolution to Summarily Vacate. We have to ask ourselves some questions. Just because this vacation meets the requirements of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334-is this what we want for our county and its residents? And if you decide

this is what you want for our county, then the next question is: for the benefit of how many, who would benefit, and how? If this vacation was to benefit a few at the detriment of many-is this the best we could do? And if it wasn't the best we could do, then why did we decide to do it? It is time to get this right. God forbid we, the people of our county, get it wrong and then, in retrospect have remorse and regret that we forever gave up something good (like access on Fisher Rd.) that we can never get back. I believe the best that we can do in this situation is to do what benefits the most people. Just because a section of the Highway Code says that you're in compliance if you were to decide to vacate the road-this doesn't mean you have to decide to vacate the right of way. It's probably more expedient to decide to vacate. Then this issue would be settled and you can "move on." Let's not do what's expedient. Let's do what's right! Your decision will affect many of us currently and untold numbers for future generations. If we don't do the right thing, this will have been such a waste of manpower and resources when you look at everything involved with this issue. We have the Board of Supervisors and County Public Works and many of their staff involved. We have the landowner and their lawyer putting time, effort and money in this. And last but not least, people like me, the public that make up Humboldt County residents, spending their time commenting and posting on-line and, for some of us, attending in person a Board of Supervisors meeting. All of this could have been avoided if this had been dealt with years ago and for a cheaper price than what we will pay for getting it done today! We needed some foresight and still need it today.

SOLUTIONS:

1. Have the non-deeded county right of way become a legal deeded right of way with a county lawyer and the courts finally becoming involved.
2. Build a parking lot somewhat near the railroad tracks but not impinging on the GRT's right of way. Make it big enough to hold 8-12 vehicles.
3. Have the gate at this location for emergency access to the river and for PGE access.
4. Have a gate at the top of the hill where to Patton's white gate is located. To access this gate, the public would purchase a key from the county.
5. Install signage that says the upper gate is open from dawn to dusk. Vehicles left in the parking area after dark would be towed away at the owner's expense.
6. Install signage regarding illegal dumping and no camping and those violators will be punished to the full extent of the law.
7. Put up a solar powered camera at the upper gate and inform users that they are on camera.

I want to thank the Board for reading this lengthy letter. This issue has decently disturbed me with lots on my mind. I also want the Board to know that I have no resentment, harbor no grudges or hidden agenda with my comments.

I thank the Board for their hard work, deliberation and dedication for working their hardest at fulfilling the needs of our county and all of its residents.

Sincerely,

Jack Rimson

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Dear Supervisor,

I have fished the Van duzen with my grandfather for years and back in the 80s and 90s he used to launch his drift boat there at Fisher rd. and drifted the Van Duzen for steelhead. These past years we have not been able to access the river due to the K rail and gate in place there. It would be great if in these trail plans they had incorporated boat access for this section of river.

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Jaycob Corn

Sent from Friends of the Eel River

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Dear Supervisor,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan Collins

Sent from [Friends of the Eel River](#)

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
(707) 476-2395

From: Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Mattson, Tom <TMattson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Damico, Tracy <TDamico@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Eberhardt, Brooke <BEberhardt@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Turner, Nicole <nturner@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

FYI

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board
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khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us



From: Ryan Collins <fromthefarmky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:30 AM
To: COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: RE: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

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Vining, Deb

From: Neil Palmer <neilpaulpalmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 2:36 PM
To: Bushnell, Michelle; COB; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fisher Road closure Hydsville

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Supervisors

I am against the abandonment of the Fisher Road access to the VanDuzan River.

I have used this recreational access on and off for my 70+ years. The county should never eliminate public access to a recreational area.

How many miles upstream is the next "free" access to our river? To far!

If necessary increase sheriff patrols to the area to help the local property owners.

The county should have long ago created a designated campground for our fellow unhoused citizens to take shelter in. As elected officials you should think and act for the common good.

Neil Palmer
1020 Angel Heights Dr
Fortuna,ca
707-616-8477

Sent from my iPad

Vining, Deb

From: Kay Burgess <houseofburgess125@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 2:05 PM
To: COB; Vining, Deb
Subject: Abandonment of Fisher Road, Hydesville

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It was with sadness that I read Bruce Cann's Letter to the Editor at Kym Kemp's news site regarding the closure of much of Fisher Road. Bob and Bess Fisher, the persons for whom the road is named, played a large role in my childhood in Hydesville. In the late 30's and early 40's, my parents lived on Fisher Ranch in a small cabin next to the railroad tracks. My brother, Bob Sartain, was born while they lived there and named after "Uncle Bob." During my childhood, I gained priceless memories on the ranch and along the riverbar at the end of Fisher Road. The days I spent in that remote and beautiful place were magical. Compared to the days of my carefree youth, there are few publicly accessible open spaces left in Humboldt County. I would love to see those preserved so that the grandchildren of my generation - and their grandchildren - can continue to go to those unpopulated and unimproved places to experience what living in the country really means.

On the other hand, I understand why the residents want to seal off access to their property. It is an unfortunate reality of life these days. The actions of a few people can ruin things for many. Mr. Cann mentioned the gating of the South Jetty. I suggest that such an arrangement on Fisher Road might be a compromise that would keep the road open (and maintained) as access to the riverbar. Locking the gate at sundown should eliminate many of the problems the landowners are apparently experiencing and still allow ample opportunity for access by those wanting to fish and walk along the riverbar. Please give serious consideration to ways of keeping Fisher Road open and maintained for public use.

Kay Burgess
Fortuna, CA

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw:
Attachments: The Fearrian Ranch.jpg; Fisher rd 5.jpg; dogs at the river.jpg; at the river in 1996.jpg; The aforementioned organ.jpg; 2009 11 29 028_edited-4.jpg; Fisher Rd #1.jpg

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
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From: Carolyn Furman <carolynfurman65@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Mattson, Tom <TMattson@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject:

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I am writing because I live on south Fisher Road. My husband and I heard about the request to vacate Fisher Rd. from good neighbors a week or two after the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 8th.

I've talked to Kelly Patton a handful of times over the past several years during my walks down to the river. I used to talk to his mother Kathy much more often when she lived there. She and I went to high school together and she loved to come by our place for apples for her dad, Les Fearrian. Kelly has mentioned that closing the road is something he'd like to do. He had assured me that he would support pedestrian traffic on the road.

I do understand that traffic to the road has sometimes involved illegal dumping and other undesirable behavior. The river used to be a mecca for sportfishing and other legal activities. (Throwing sticks for our labs). That spot remained virtually unchanged for the past 100 years+ through two enormous floods. It has been degraded due to land use issues on the river in just the past 25.

My grandmother had a pump organ from Sears Roebuck ferried by boat across the Van Duzen at that spot to her home on the other side of the river in the late 19th century. My dad bought property here on Fisher in 1972. My husband and I lived here then and later bought an acre from him in 1987 to build our home. Except for a period of about 20 years, since about 1882 there has always been a member of my family living in Hydenville and accessing the river on Fisher Road.

Since 1972 our walks down that road, river or no, have been a source of deep and abiding pleasure. We see the changing seasons, wildlife...I've seen a coyote hunting gophers, a bobcat teaching her cub to hunt gophers, lots of deer, eagles and a pileated woodpecker. We enjoy seeing the livestock too, black Angus cattle when the Fearrians were there and the rodeo stock that are there now. I've seen Kelly's dad and stepmom drive down when the horses foaled, to see the new babies.

There are many of us here on Fisher, many other locals, and my own friends and family (grandchildren) who continue to love walking on that road.

I would prefer that the road remain open and a county road but failing that, that pedestrian access be codified and protected. I know that Kelly's intentions are the best, but life happens to all of us. Unless our rights as pedestrians on a county road (precedent) are protected, there is no guarantee that our future access is protected.

I am enclosing a few photos to bolster my history with the road. It has always been a part of my life.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Furman
707-768-3409
P.O. Box 606
3350 Fisher Rd.
Hydenville, CA 95547
December 7, 2022

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
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From: cemone@reninet.com <cemone@reninet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:00 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

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The resolution has been postponed until the December 20th board meeting so that contact could be made with the Great Redwood Trail Agency whose trail will transect the ranch property. As the master planning for the Great Redwood Trail continues, please do not vacate this road section. This road, which has been in the public domain for over 100 years should not be hastily vacated, removing river access and a public trail.

Your consideration of this is appreciated.

Carol Moné
Box 223
Trinidad, CA 95570

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw: Vote No on Vacating a Portion of Fisher Road south of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
(707) 476-2395

From: John Livingston <livingstonjohn@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Vote No on Vacating a Portion of Fisher Road south of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

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DRAFT LETTER to Board Members

Please personalize your letter. Mention if you currently or historically have used the road, if you have used the road to access the Van Duzen river, if you plan to use the new Great Redwood Trail in that region, or if you support development of the Carlotta Branch of the Great Redwood Trail.

John Livingston
2378 Waldon Street
Redding, CA 96001

12/6/2022

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

TO: Board members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RE: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

Supervisors, I was born and grew up in Eureka attending schools and HSU. While growing up we visited the Van Duzen River at many locations including the area of the proposed Vacation. I am a strong supporter of the Great Redwood Trail which will be a very positive addition to the areas it traverses. On November 8th this resolution was brought forward to your board by Public Works recommending the "vacation" of a portion of Fisher Road located south of Highway 36 in Hydesville. This 0.8-mile section of road is located on one ranch and the property owners

would like this section converted to their private road that will remove public access to a future public trail and the Van Duzen river. At this time people use this section of road for walking, biking and historically as fishing access. This is an inappropriate and self serving proposal that would permanently remove this access road from County control. The more access points to the new Trail the more it will draw use.

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Yours sincerely,

John Livingston, Proud to be from Humboldt County

Stopping Climate Change is not a spectator sport. We all need to take action if we are to have a chance at changing the world.

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Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
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From: Karpani Burns <blisshiker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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I have been following the development of the Great Redwood Trail and have enjoyed using portions already in place. As a long-distance backpacker now moving into my 80s, I am more frequently relying on local trails to continue nurturing my physical and spiritual health with hiking/walking. Backpacking is fading further into my yesteryears and I plan to access the Great Redwood Trail in the Fisher Road region and explore further as the Trail develops for health and well-being. Now is not a time to diminish spaces we have become over decades accustomed to connecting with, and further, I am wholeheartedly supportive of developing the Carlotta Branch of the Great Redwood Trail.

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Sincerely,
Karpani Burns
PO Box 412
Bayside, CA 95524

from unceded territory of the Wiyot People, also known as Arcata, Calif, so-named by the colonizers

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
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Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
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From: Jess O <xingyiquan5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Jess O'Brien
2025 Ball Court
Arcata CA 95521

12/7/22

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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I plan to walk the Great Redwood Trail and I can't wait to get out on it as soon as possible!

Yours sincerely,
Jess O'Brien

Vining, Deb

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Steve Madrone
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From: Chuck Powell <chuckjpowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:26 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Good evening,
Please consider the attached letter which opposes vacating a portion of Fisher Road in Hydesville.
Thank you.
Charles Powell

(no attachment included)

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:23 PM
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Attachments: Fisher Rd letter to BOS 12.8.22.docx

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
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From: Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 7:16 AM
To: Mattson, Tom <TMattson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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From: S Underwood <unde1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 6:23 PM
Subject: Resolution to Vacate a Portion of Fisher Rd (4G070)

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Please read my attached letter to you.
Stephen Underwood

Stephen Underwood
PO Box 823
Hydesville, CA 95547

December 8, 2022

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

To: Board members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Email: rbohn@humboldt.ca.us, smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us,
vbass@co.humboldt.ca.us, mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us, Clerk of the Board via
email cob@co.humboldt.ca.us

I am a Hydesville resident who frequently walks on the south end of Fisher Road down to the Van Duzen River. The south end of Fisher Road is an excellent location for walking with scenic views of the surrounding mountains, wildlife and tranquil settings. I believe it is in the public interest to have as many roads with these characteristics available as possible.

I also believe that the public should be given as much access to the rivers and streams in the County, including the Van Duzen, as feasible. Currently the number of locations that the public can access the Van Duzen between Highway 101 and Carlotta is quite limited. While some fishing guides may have river access over private property the public only has a very few locations where they can reach the Van Duzen without crossing private property.

When I first moved to Hydesville in 2004 I could drive to the south end of Fisher Road and gain access to the river. Over the years the Van Duzen River has carved away the river bank until today the river is only 60 or so feet from the south end of the end of the county road. At the current rate of erosion, I expect that the river will reach the end of Fisher Road in a few years. At that point Humboldt County residents will be able to use the country road to gain access to the river and flood plain without trespassing upon private property. The County should not do anything that would prevent future access such as vacating a portion of Fisher Road.

With the creation of the Great Redwood Trail (GRT) and its spur trail to Carlotta the importance of keeping South Fisher Road in the public trust is obvious.

I urge the Supervisors at a minimum to postpone the decision on vacating South Fisher Road until planning on GWT is completed and preferably reject the proposal to vacate that portion of the county owned South Fisher Road. Vacating the road would constitute the giving away of a valuable public access and would limit Humboldt County's future options to access the Van Duzen River from the GRT when it is built. Not too far in the distant future the Van Duzen will be occupying the current South Fisher Road bed. We should plan for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Underwood

Vining, Deb

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Steve Madrone
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From: Angeline Holtski <angeline.holtski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Angeline Holtski
1870 Gwin Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Dec. 8, 2022

Dear Board members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

I am a teacher in the FUHS district with many students in the Hydesville area. I am looking forward to the new Great Redwood Trail in that region and I support the development of the Carlotta Branch of the Great Redwood Trail. Privatizing this section of road would impeded progress on this incredible trail for our entire community.

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Yours sincerely,

Angeline Holtski

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
Subject: Fw: Fisher road

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
(707) 476-2395

From: Steve Rosenberg <sjreur@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Fisher road

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Please do not vote for abandonment. This is the traditional fishing access to the Van Duzen river. We have lost almost all other fishing accesses to the Eel River as well and the policy of this county should be to support and enhance traditional fishing accesses for the public. Thank you, Steve Rosenberg

Vining, Deb

From: Madrone, Steve
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Mattson, Tom; Bronkall, Bob; Vining, Deb
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FYI: Letters coming into the BOS.

Steve Madrone

County of Humboldt

Supervisor, District 5

(707) 476-2395

From: Tina Ann <8tinaann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: RE: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

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The resolution was postponed until the December 20th board meeting so that contact could be made with the Great Redwood Trail Agency whose trail will transect the ranch property. While the master planning for the Great Redwood Trail is going on I ask you not to vacate this road section. This road has been in the public domain for 100 years. Please do not be in a rush to vacate it now and remove access to a public trail and river, both of which are assets owned by the public and should remain easily accessible to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tina Ann

Sent from [Friends of the Eel River](#)

Backcountry Horsemen of California – Redwood Unit
PO Box 6023
Eureka, CA 95502

December 13, 2022

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

TO: Board members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Email: rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us, smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us,
vbass@co.humboldt.ca.us, mike.wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us
mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us, Clerk of the Board via email cob@co.humboldt.ca.us,

RE: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road (4G070) South of State Highway 36 in Hydesville

Dear Supervisors,

The Redwood Unit, Backcountry Horsemen of California, is excited that the Great Redwood Trail is moving ahead and has begun a two plus year process for planning. Our members look forward to riding the Carlotta Branch trail in the future. Access to the Van Duzen River from the trail would greatly enhance the experience.

We understand that Public Works brought forward the above resolution on November 8th recommending the County vacate a section of Fisher Road in Hydesville. While the master planning for the Carlotta Branch is going on, our group urges you to not abandon this section of road. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Carole Polasek
President, BCHC Redwood Unit



Humboldt Trails Council
Post Office Box 7164
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humtrails.org

November 21, 2022

TO: Board members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Clerk of the Board via email cob@co.humboldt.ca.us,

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The Humboldt Trails Council (HTC) would like to give input on this resolution brought before the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on November 8th. We are grateful that this resolution was postponed as it seems the public as well as one of the landowners, the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA), was not aware of this County road vacation on the agenda.

We have concern that this section of Fisher Road will be vacated at this time by the County of Humboldt, and ask that this decision be postponed until after the Master Planning of the Great Redwood Trail has time to proceed. Currently, this road is a public asset, and while it does not get the public to the river bar it comes very close. Also, the public has been using this route to the river across private property for over one hundred years. There is a case for prescriptive easement which would have to be decided in court. The road has been maintained by the County for decades with documentation back as far as 1934. There is very little access for the public to the Van Duzen River, and this is one of the few spots where the public has been able to access the river bar.

Currently, this road is used by the public for walking and biking to the river and back, approximately one mile out and one mile back. This is not the time to abandon this road when the planning of the GRT is occurring. Please postpone the vacation on Fisher Road. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Proulx
President, Humboldt Trails Council

Vining, Deb

From: Bronkall, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:34 AM
To: Vining, Deb
Subject: FW: Vacate a Portion of Fisher Road - opposed

--Bob

From: Hayes, Kathy <KH Hayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Ford, John <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Lippre, Suzanne <SLippre@co.humboldt.ca.us>; McClenagan, Laura <lmcclenagan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Damico, Tracy <TDamico@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Eberhardt, Brooke <BEberhardt@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Turner, Nicole <nturner@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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FYI

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board
County of Humboldt
(707) 476-2396
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From: David Rosenstein <drosey36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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I use this road for access to the river via a public trail.

I strongly opposed closing it.

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Yours sincerely,

David Rosenstein
290 Cabin Flat Road
Hyampom, CA 96046
Trinity County

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From: Bronkall, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Vining, Deb
Subject: FW: Please do not vacate the portion of Fisher Road that goes through the ranch! Kep it public!

--Bob

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Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Bronkall, Bob <BBronkall@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Finch, Steve <SFinch@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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From: Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:05:58 AM
To: Mattson, Tom <TMattson@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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-----Original Message-----

From: Diana <nicca@igc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:36 AM
To: Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Sincerely,
Diana Bohn
Brkeley

Correspondence Received Prior to 11-8-22 BOS Meeting

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
From: Dan Skaggs, 3428 Fisher Road, Hydesville
Re: Gate Installation on Fisher Road/Kelly Patton

I support the installation of a gate on Fisher Road, by Kelly Patton. Hopefully this will end some of the current problems that exist.

Since I live on Fisher Road, I see the traffic going down Fisher Road towards the river. I see pickups loaded with garbage go past my home, so I follow them down, to let them know someone is watching them. As you saw for yourself, I do not see all of them. We cannot call the Sheriff, as Sheriff Honsal told us at a community meeting, he does not have the personnel to patrol Hydesville. We are on our own. My family picks up trash along the road, from beer cans to hypodermic syringes. This shows you the type of people that frequent the road.

Fisherman seldom come this way anymore, since in the infinite wisdom of the California Fish and Wildlife Geologist ordered the removal of the riprap along the river bank, the erosion has been extensive and it is almost unusable to fish from.

The gate would help stem some of the problems. Please, allow the Patton's to install the gate.


Dan Skaggs

Stanley & Marta Holcomb

3502 FISHER ROAD Hydenville Ca. 95547

Stanley is a 71 year old disabled veteran, and I am (MARTA) a 65 year old retired woman. We HAVED LIVED AT 3502 FISHER Road since Nov. 2017.

We are in FAVOR OF FISHER ROAD becoming A PRIVATE ROAD For the following reasons:

1.) In the trees on the road that leads to the VAN DUZEN RIVER, WE HAVE WITNESSED PEOPLE DUMPING HAZARDOUS WASTE SUCH AS: APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, FECCS, SYRINGES, ANIMAL CARCASSES, AND LIVE CATS. WHICH CAUSES ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE TO THE THE Van Duzen River Watershed.

2.) THE DEER, song birds, quail, racoons, opossums, Fish, bobcats. . . and the enviroment are put in harms WAY by people who dump and litter.

3.) PEOPLE DRIVE DOWN FISHER ROAD AND SHOOT GUNS, DRINK ALCOHOL, USE DRUGS, and build Fires at the river.

4.) THE ROAD NARROWS and two cars cannot pass in places. (DANGEROUS)

Stanley Holcomb
Marta Holcomb 2-3-2022