



**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF INYO**

For Clerk's Use Only:  
**AGENDA NUMBER**

- Consent       Departmental       Correspondence Action       Public Hearing  
 Scheduled Time for 10:05 a.m.       Closed Session       Informational

**FROM:** Inyo County Planning Department

**FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: December 14, 2004**

**SUBJECT: Federally-owned public access roads – Process for closure**

**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct a workshop to determine County policy regarding the process for noticing the proposed closure of public roads on federal land.

Planning staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding County policy for proposed road closures on federal land where roads are clearly under the jurisdiction of other entities (not County Roads).

Staff is submitting a resolution for Board consideration regarding process for noticing the proposed closure of public roads on federal land.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Supervisors has discussed the issue of public road closures by other agencies on several occasions. Staff is seeking direction on County policy regarding these road closures.

There appear to be three major areas of public road access concern. Those are:

1. Road closures on public land where the road is under the jurisdiction of other agencies (non-County Roads).
2. Road closures on public land where the road has been under the jurisdiction of the County (a County Road).
3. Road closures on public land where the agency with jurisdiction is in dispute (Inyo County asserts it is a County Road, federal government asserts it is not a County Road).

Today's workshop only addresses area of concern #1.

Staff has discussed the issue of public notification with the different agencies with public road jurisdiction and there seems to be willingness to work within a reasonable process proposed by the County. Staff has drafted a sample resolution for the Board's review.

Staff is proposing a resolution that asks that other agencies notify the County of a pending road closure in ample time for the Board of Supervisors to set a public hearing to hear local testimony

regarding the issues and consequences of closing the road, for staff to conduct an analysis of the proposed road closure, and for the Board of Supervisors to prepare a response to the agencies seeking to close the road.

The proposed resolution is attached to this agenda request.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Take no action.
2. Direct staff to develop other policy recommendations regarding proposed closures of non-County public access roads.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Inyo County Public Works, County Counsel.

**FINANCING:**

No direct impact.

**APPROVALS**

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>

**DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:**

(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_