NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Granite County Board of Commissioners has received a petition to abandon and alter portions of the Rock Creek Road in the Idle Ranches Subdivision in Granite County, Montana. The sections of road sought to be abandoned and altered were viewed by the County Commissioners' appointed road viewers on February 18, 2014. The report of the road viewers has been filed in accordance with § 7-14-2603(2) MCA, and is available to the public in the office of the Granite County Clerk & Recorder.

A public hearing on the petition to abandon and alter the Rock Creek Road in the Idle Ranches Subdivision will be held by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Office of the Granite County Courthouse, 220 North Sansome, Philipsburg, Montana. All persons interested in the petition are encouraged to attend.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Administrative Assistant Mike Kahoe, P O Box 925, Philipsburg MT 59858, telephone (406) 859-7023, or email mike@co.granite.mt.us.

Publish in Legal Notices of Philipsburg Mail on April 17 & 24, 2014.

ROAD VIEWERS REPORT

ROCK CREEK ROAD IN IDLE RANCHES SUBDIVISION

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

This report is relative to the petition submitted to the Granite County Commissioners on January 21, 2014, wherein the request was made "to abandon the Rock Creek Road easement as recorded in Book 10, Page 616, and alter Rock Creek Road as surveyed and recognized on the Idle Ranches Subdivision plat map . . ."

We, the undersigned road viewers, traveled from Interstate 90 in a southerly direction on Rock Creek Road by 4-wheel drive pickup truck approximately 22 miles to the site of the petitioned roads. The road viewers referred to a copy of the Idle Ranches Subdivision plat and a colored map indicating Rock Creek, Rock Creek Road, Idle Hour Way, Idle Hour Lane, driveways, structures, and a bridge across Rock Creek between Rock Creek Road and Idle Hour Lane. A heavy metal gate, which blocked vehicle access between Rock Creek Road and Idle Hour Lane, was observed before this bridge.

Rock Creek Road: This road appeared to be the mainly traveled thoroughfare in this vicinity. Although somewhat snow covered, the width was observed to be of approximately 16 ft. of driving surface. It exhibited road surface material with some crowning and borrow ditches on both sides. It appeared to have received some maintenance in past years. It did not appear to have any routine snow plowing and access was made today by the use of a 4-wheel drive vehicle. This road generally parallels the path of Rock Creek. The road viewers walked a section of the road, including both intersections with Idle Hour Way, and drove the remaining length from the southernmost intersection with Idle Hour Way north to Interstate 90.

Idle Hour Way: This road, according to the colored map, is an internal subdivision road with little or no surface material and no crowning, but with some evidence of borrow ditches constructed in the past. It intersects with Rock Creek Road in two places and is approximately 4,000 feet in length. Although the ground was somewhat snow covered, this road appeared to be used to access some livable structures on both sides of the road. It did not appear to have ever been constructed to even minimal road standards. Access today was available only by 4-wheel drive vehicle. The road viewers walked a section of the road, including both intersections with Rock Creek Road, and drove the remaining length. The character of the road remained unchanged throughout its entire length. This road was gated, presumably to prevent public access. It is not known who installed the gates or when they were installed.

Markers were also observed delineating the Forest Service public land strip which runs southerly through the subdivision and parallels the existing county road but does not coincide with the county road.

In addition to road viewers Commissioner Clifford Nelson and Registered Land Surveyor Hans Bohrnsen, other Granite County personnel attending at the site were Commissioner Scott Adler, Administrative Assistant Mike Kahoe, Road Foreman Mike Braach. Members of the public attending at the site were Lawrence Moran, Fred Bohlman, Charla Bohlman, George Brooker, Steve Chapman and Tena Chapman.

Clifford Nelson **Granite County Commissioner**	**Hans Bohrnsen, Registered Land Surveyor** **Consultant for Granite County**

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