

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION #2021-50**

**IN THE MATTER OF WINTER CLOSURES OF CERTAIN COLUMBIA COUNTY ROADS.**

**WHEREAS**, certain Columbia County roads are generally used only on a seasonal basis; and

**WHEREAS**, these certain roads have a gravel or earth driving surface and are subject to unnecessary damage when used during winter months; and

**WHEREAS**, climatic conditions require the closure of certain roads until such time as the County can restore the road to a passable condition; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080 provide that the Board of County Commissioners may by resolution limit or prohibit classes or types of vehicles on any county road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Columbia County Commissioners desires to restrict the use of certain county roads subject to unnecessary winter damage or climatic conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that

1. The following designated county roads shall be closed to all wheel driven motor vehicles for a period of **270** days from the date of this resolution, **PROVIDED**, this order shall be in effect only when appropriate notice is posted at the termini of each restricted road or section thereof.

Road Name	Road Closure Classification*	Road Log Number	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost
Archer Road	2	29750	0.29	1.84
Baker Road	2	26490	0.00	2.58
Balch Road (Gated)	1	22900	0.00	3.83
Berg Road	2	15430	0.00	0.93
Brines Road	2	28510	0.00	4.11
Bruce Road	2	17560	0.87	3.84
Bundy Hollow Road	1	11160	3.75	8.49
Cahill Mountain	2	14120	0.00	3.71
Canright Road	2	11430	0.00	4.91

Road Name	Road Closure Classification*	Road Log Number	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost
Carpenter Road	2	21010	0.67	2.08
Cemetery Road (Starbuck)	2	21770	0.00	5.867
Cemetery Hill Road (Dayton)	1	14530	0.00	3.321
Cottrill Road	2	15170	0.00	1.01
Cougar Canyon Road	2	15350	0.00	3.83
Crall Hollow Road	1	14360	2.72	3.91
Davis Hollow Road	1	14480	2.64	4.10
Dewey Road	2	17370	0.00	0.60
Dingle Road	1	26850	0.00	0.52
Dunlop Road	2	23960	0.00	0.93
Dustin Road	2	11170	1.48	2.64
East Oliphant Road	2	19810	0.74	1.66
Eckler Mountain Road		91240		
End Pavement to Hatley Gulch Rd.	1		2.83	9.24
Hatley Gulch Rd. to Snow Park	3		9.24	12.53
Snow Park to Forest Service Boundary	1		12.53	16.084
Frye Road	2	12860	0.00	0.39
Gammon Road	2	17130	0.00	2.03
Gwinn Road	2	29000	2.62	4.40
Hartsock Grade Road	3	91310	0.00	3.019
Hatley Gulch Road		14240		
North Touchet Rd to Old Snow Park	3		0.00	2.91
Old Snow Park to Eckler Mountain Rd.	3		2.91	4.393
Hubbard Road	2	17010	0.00	2.26
Jackson Grade Road	2	29150	0.00	1.31
Joe Abby Road	2	20250	0.00	0.64
Johnson Hollow Road	2	91410	7.10	9.85
King Grade Road	2	28690	1.08	2.79
Laib Road	2	28110	0.00	3.06
Lewis Gulch Road	2	17460	5.75	7.42

Road Name	Road Closure Classification*	Road Log Number	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost
Low Road	1	17700	0.00	2.37
Lower Weinhard Road	2	24170	0.82	1.32
Maloney Mountain Road	2	19310	0.37	3.94
Maloney Mountain Road	2	19310	8.40	10.03
Marll Road	2	15080	0.00	1.48
McCubbins Road	2	14870	0.00	0.49
Melcum Grade Road	1	14990	0.00	5.00
Nordheim Road	2	10300	0.00	2.30
North Patit Road	1	15960	1.08	7.42
Oliphant Road	2	29320	0.99	3.82
Payne Hollow Road	2	12350	3.08	15.86
Petticord Road (Gated)	1	26700	1.48	3.90
Pettyjohn Grade Road	1	12730	0.00	4.10
Pie Plant Road	2	12590	0.28	1.82
Range Grade Road	2	14730	0.00	1.37
Ring Canyon Road	1	11560	0.54	1.66
Robinette Mountain Road	2	13370	3.45	9.75
Rose Gulch Road	2	24110	1.34	3.07
Rossebo Road	1	28850	0.00	1.17
Starveout Road	1	15800	0.00	4.71
Stonecipher Road	2	22750	0.00	2.80
Territorial Road	2	27310	0.00	6.03
Thronson Road	1	18870	0.00	2.00
Tucker Road	2	15260	0.00	1.84
Warren Road	2	10920	0.05	1.65
Whiskey Creek Road	2	10530	3.67	10.22
Whoopem-Up Hollow Road (Gated)	1	22630	1.24	4.79

\*Road Closure Classifications:

1. These roads are typically closed for the winter
2. These roads are not closed for the winter but may be closed for extended duration due to climatic issues such as moisture, snow fall, snow drifting, etc.

3. These roads are not closed for the winter but may be closed for limited duration due to climatic issues such as moisture, snow fall, snow drifting, etc.
2. The County Engineer is hereby directed to post restrictions as needed on the above-designated roads.
3. The County Engineer is hereby authorized to issue special permits for the operation thereon of vehicles transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents under such restrictions, as the County Engineer may deem necessary to protect the county road from undue damage.
4. The County Engineer is hereby authorized to close any County road on an emergency basis for a period of **365** days from the date of this resolution, **PROVIDED**, this order shall be in effect only when appropriate notice is posted at the termini of each restricted road or section thereof. Whenever possible, closures are to be located where users can safely turn around upon arriving at the closure.
5. Those persons having need for periodic and reasonable use of restricted roads for management and protection of property or for the conduct of other legitimate business may, upon written application to the County Engineer, be granted a general permit for the operation thereon of certain classes or types of vehicles. Any such permit granted by the County Engineer shall not relieve the permittee from responsibility caused by their indiscriminate use thereof.

Should an applicant desire to appeal the decision of the County Engineer to deny a general permit request under this section, such appeal must be made to the Board of County Commissioners, in writing, within five (5) calendar days of the County Engineer's decision.

6. **VIOLATION-MISDEMEANOR** – As passed by Ordinance No. 2003-03, violations of any resolution by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners closing a county road, or limiting the classes or types of vehicles allowed on any county road or bridge enacted in compliance with RCW Title 36, shall be punishable as Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, as designated in the Criminal Code RCW 9A.52.080.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, on this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of November, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Schmidt  
Clerk of the Board