

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2023-09

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATION FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF SNOWMOBILES AND ATV/UTV'S OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF ECKLER MOUNTAIN ROAD (ROAD NO. 91240)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in recent years, has seen it appropriate to designate and direct the County Engineer to maintain a portion of Eckler Mountain Road for exclusive use of recreational vehicles during the time when the road is snow covered, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service indicated general support and cooperation in designating certain forest roads for exclusive use of snowmobiles; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080 provide authority to the Board of County Commissioners to restrict classes or types of vehicles on any County road; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Columbia County Commissioners find it to be in the public interest to restrict travel to certain vehicles as proposed;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that during the period each year from December 1 to April 1 of the succeeding year, the Eckler Mountain Road from milepost 12.53 to milepost 16.08 (National Forest Boundary) be closed to vehicles other than snowmobiles, ATV/UTV's, and recreational tract vehicles. Any other class of vehicle will be allowed only through the landowner use permit process through the Columbia County Public Works Department. This order shall be in affect only when an appropriate notice is posted at the termini of each restricted road or section thereof. This resolution shall remain in effect until such time the Board decides otherwise. Any use of the Forest Service Road is subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations; and,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that as adopted 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 6th day of March, 2023.

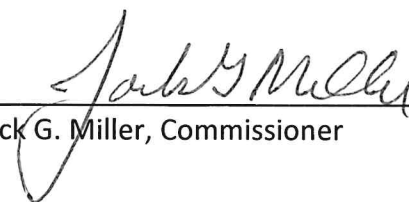
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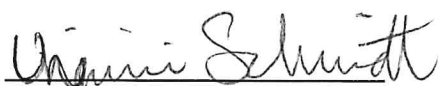
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



Marty Hall, Commissioner



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

Attest: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board