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Road Damage from Vehicles at Willow Creek Cutoff

Normal usage – 433 car trips/day x 365 = 158,045 car trips/year

3 years = 474,135 car trips normally

5 years = 790,225 car trips normally

10 years = 1,580,450 car trips normally

Assuming 6,000 – 7,000 round trips of logging trucks, each doing 4,000 – 7,000 car trips of damage

Minimum (6,000 trips x 4,000 car trips per logging truck trip) – 24,000,000 car trips

Maximum (7,000 trips x 7,000 car trips per logging truck trip) – 49,000,000 car trips

Assuming road damage from trucks equivalent to 24 million to 49 million car trips:

Minimum (10 years, truck damage = 24,000,000 car trips) – 16 times more road damage

Maximum (3 years, truck damage = 49,000,000 car trips) – 104 times more road damage

Note: this estimate only accounts for loaded logging trucks coming down Willow Creek Road. It does not include road building/maintenance equipment, Forest Service trips for tree marking, logging supervision, etc., unloaded trucks going up, or logging crew vehicles.

From: John Horat <jhorat@rc.mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Office@GoheenLaw.com
Subject: RE: Information Request
Attachments: Res 1553 (Gravel Road Management).pdf; Res 1749 (Management of Roadway Easements).pdf

Hi Gail,

Attached are a couple of policies regarding gravel roads in Ravalli County.

Regarding recent road counts on Willow Creek Road, we have the following data for trips per day in our file:

2005 Willow Creek at railroad tracks = 3190

2017 Willow Creek at Coal Pit = 525

2017 Willow Creek east of Willow Cross Road = 433

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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John,

I am writing to you to request some information regarding county roads. First, could you send me the official list of management practices for gravel roads for Ravalli County? And second, could you please send me the county's traffic counts for Willow Creek Road for the last four years? Your help in providing me with this information would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Gail

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