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Date: JUNE 4, 2024

Catherine McRae
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RE: Garrison Special Road District Request for Easement Improvements

Ms. McRae:

Christian County fully supports the SF-299 application submitted by the Garrison Special Road District, which outlines their proposal to chip and seal Garrison Ridge Road within their boundaries.

Easement AVA104701 for Garrison Ridge Road is held by Christian County. The original easement is dated December 17th, 1982, and provides maintenance guidelines for portions of the roadway that fall within T25N, R19W, S 17, 18 20 and T25N, R20W, S 13. We support the modification of this easement to allow for the hard surfacing of Garrison Ridge Road.

In addition, the County would like to request a Cost Recovery waiver per 36 CFR 251.58 (F)(I). We believe that we qualify under the following sections and paragraphs:

36 CFP 251.88 (f)(1)(i) The applicant or holder is a local, State, or Federal governmental entity that does not or would not charge processing or monitoring fees for comparable services the applicant or holder provides or would provide to the Forest Service;

Christian County is a local government agency that would not require similar fees from the US Forest Service for comparable work. All permits currently issued by the Highway Department are at no cost to both the public and other government agencies.

36 CFP 251.88 (f)(1)(iii) The application is for a project intended to prevent or mitigate damage to real property, or to mitigate hazards or dangers to public health and safety resulting from an act of God, an act of war, or negligence of the United States;

Christian County believes that the conversion of the base rock road to a hard surfaced chip and seal road will prevent stormwater dangers to travelers and the property owner(s) located at the south terminus. The new surface will produce fewer potholes, wash boarding and full roadway loss during heavy storm

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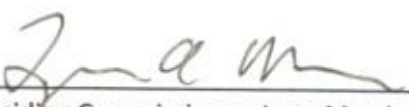
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events. This will allow safer travel and ability for property owner(s) to receive emergency services, utility services (propane, trash, etc.) and mail delivery on a more continuous basis.

36 CFP 251.88 (f)(1)(vi) The proposed facility, project, or use will provide, without user or customer charges, a valuable benefit to the general public or to the programs of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Please see response for 36 CFP 251.88 (f)(1)(iii).

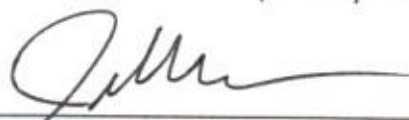
If you require any additional information, please contact the Highway Administrator at 417-582-4389.
Thank you for your time and service.



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