

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 26, 2020

335 West Colorado Ave, Telluride Colorado (WEST WING) AUDIO ONLY
Telluride, Colorado

Present: Hilary Cooper, Chair
Lance Waring, Vice-Chair, via phone
Kris Holstrom, Commissioner, via phone

Staff Present: Mike Bordogna, County Manager
Amy Markwell, County Attorney, via phone
Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board, via phone
Ryan Righetti, County Road and Bridge Superintendent

Others Present, via Phone:
Delanie Young, Town of Telluride
Todd Brown, Town of Telluride
Ross Herzog, Town of Telluride
Kim Montgomery, Town of Mountain Village
Kieffer Parrino, Town of Norwood
Sydney Roop, Town of Ophir
Julia Caulfield, KOTO Radio
Doug Tooley, San Miguel County Resident
Amy Levek, San Miguel County Resident
Robert Stenhammer, Telluride Ski and Golf

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

12:48 p.m.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. Discussion and update with the San Miguel County Commissioners on virus outbreak via San Miguel County staff and others, if needed.
- b. ~~Item pulled - Consideration of Chair's signature on a resolution on a temporary parking restriction on CR D65 (AKA Ophir Road).~~
- c. Consideration of Chair's signature on a resolution on a temporary closure of CR K68/Forest Service Road 869 (AKA Tomboy Road).

Present: Ryan Righetti, County Road and Bridge Superintendent; Amy Markwell, County Attorney

MOTION by Kris Holstrom to approve the Chair's signature on the resolution on a temporary closure of CR K68. **SECONDED** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.** (ATTACHMENT I - Resolution 2020-011).

b. Other, as needed.

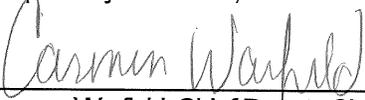
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

1:52 p.m.

MOTION by Kris Holstrom to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

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Respectfully submitted,



Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

Approved April 22, 2020.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

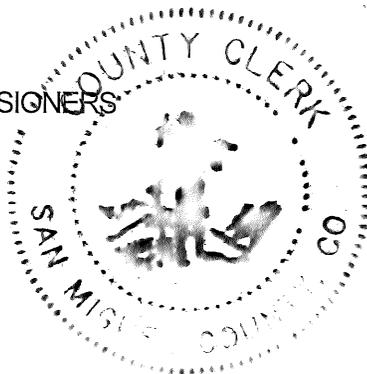


Hilary Cooper, Chair

ATTEST:



Mike Bordogna, County Manager



ATTACHMENT I

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE
OF A PORTION OF
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY ROAD K68**

Resolution #2020-011

WHEREAS, the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”) have received a request from Ryan Righetti, the San Miguel County Road and Bridge Director, for the temporary closure of a portion County Road K68, also known as Tomboy Road, Forest Service Road 869 or C.R. K68 (“CR K68/FS 869”) to public, motor vehicle traffic due to low accumulated snowpack and an attempt to mitigating damage to the road; and

WHEREAS, Megan Eno, Norwood District Ranger for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, has additionally advised the County that CR K68/FS 869 is closed to public motor vehicle traffic through May 16, 2020 according to their travel plan (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Righetti has advised the BOCC that CR K68/FS 869 does not receive winter maintenance and because of low levels of accumulated snowpack in the Telluride region, motor vehicles have been traveling on it. As the result of the current climatic conditions, the operation of motor vehicles has caused and appears likely to result in further serious damage to the road necessitating its temporary closure to public motor vehicle traffic until conditions of the road surface become stable, or the road is able to be reopened to public motor vehicle traffic without such traffic proximately causing damage to the road (Exhibit B); and,

WHEREAS, the portion of CR K68/FS 869 requested for temporary closure begins at the point where it passes the boundary of the Town of Telluride and continues for a distance of approximately 7.11 miles to Ouray County; and,

WHEREAS, CRS § 42-4-106(1) authorizes the BOCC to temporarily close roads on the county system for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one calendar year, whenever any said road by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights of such vehicles is reduced; and,

WHEREAS, the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners does hereby find that the current condition of that section of CR K68/FS 869 beginning at the boundary of the Town of Telluride and continuing for a distance of approximately 7.11 miles to the boundary of Ouray County, is such that by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions, it would be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of motor vehicles thereon, as well as motorcycles, by the public, is prohibited for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days from the adoption of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to CRS § 42-4-106(1), that section of CR K68/FS 869 beginning at the boundary of the Town of Telluride and continuing in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 7.11 miles to the boundary of Ouray County, is temporarily closed to all public motor vehicle traffic, as well as motorcycle usage by the public, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the adoption of this Resolution or until that section of CR K68/FS 869 becomes passable to motor

vehicles after a determination that the road surface can handle vehicular traffic without causing severe damage, or such temporary closure is rescinded by action of the BOCC prior to the expiration of the ninety-day temporary closure period.

- 2. The County Road and Bridge Director, in coordination with the Forest Services, is hereby directed to cause the posting of suitable public notices of this temporary closure of the portion of CR K68/FS 869 beginning at the boundary of the Town of Telluride and proceeding in an easterly direction for approximately 7.11 miles to the boundary of Ouray County. The Road and Bridge Director is further directed to periodically inspect, or cause to be inspected, such road closure notices and to cause such notices to be repaired and/or replaced in the event of their damage or destruction during the temporary closure period. Upon the removal of such signage, the temporary road closure authorized by this Resolution shall no longer be in effect.

DONE AND ADOPTED, by the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, at a public meeting held in Telluride, Colorado, on March 26, 2020.

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Hilary Cooper
Hilary Cooper, Chair

Vote:	Kris Holstrom	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Hilary Cooper	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Lance Waring	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

ATTEST:

Carmen Warfield
Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

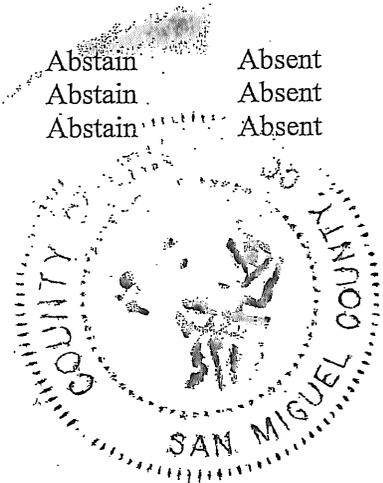


Exhibit "A" – Email from Megan Eno, dated Ryan Righetti Temporary Road Closure Request, Dated March 25, 2020.

- pc: US Forest Service
- Idarado Mining Company
- Road & Bridge Department
- Sheriff's Office
- County Attorney's Office
- Planning Department
- Town of Telluride

Exhibit A



Amy Markwell <amym@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>

Repair request Dennis Mitchell

Eno, Megan -FS <megan.eno@usda.gov> Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 7:58 AM
To: Amy Markwell <amym@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, Todd Herman <toddh@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>
Cc: Ryan Righetti <ryanr@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, Kaye Simonson <kayes@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, Mike Bordogna <mikeb@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, Phyllis Shaffer <phylliss@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, Tom Hannahs <tomh@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>, "Clark, Grant - FS" <grant.clark@usda.gov>

All,

Forest Service Road 869, according to our travel plan, is closed through 5/16.

After speaking with Grant Clark, we have a single width gate and posts already fabricated which would be available from Delta next week.

I will have Grant work directly with Ryan to facilitate getting the gate in place.

Open to interim measures until the gate is available. Thank you for acting so quickly.

Megan



Megan Eno
District Ranger

Forest Service

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, Norwood Ranger District

p: 970-327-4261 x 4342

c: 720-369-5982

f: 970-327-4854

megan.eno@usda.gov

1150 Forest Road
Norwood, CO 81423

www.fs.fed.us



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From: Amy Markwell [mailto:amym@sanmiguelcountyco.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:19 PM

To: Todd Herman <toddh@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>

Cc: Ryan Righetti <ryanr@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>; Kaye Simonson <kayes@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>; Mike Bordogna <mikeb@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>; Phyllis Shaffer <phylliss@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>; Tom Hannahs <tomh@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>; Clark, Grant - FS <grant.clark@usda.gov>; Eno, Megan -FS <megan.eno@usda.gov>

Subject: Re: Repair request Dennis Mitchell

I think you can start going through your next step process as Kaye described. Ryan and I discussed getting BOCC to close the road by resolution (90 day max) for the sole purpose of protecting the road. And then we work with USFS on getting that done - or USFS could close the road on their end, too.

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ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

RYAN RIGHETTI, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

To: San Miguel County Commissioners
CC: Amy Markwell, County Attorney
Kaye Simonson, Planning Director
Todd Herman, Building Official
Megan Eno, USFS Norwood District Ranger
From: Ryan Righetti; Road and Bridge Director
Date: March 25, 2020
Re: Temporary closure of CR K68, "Tomboy Rd", FSR 869 to motorized vehicles

Due to the current conditions of the roadway on CR K68 "Tomboy Rd" East of the boundary of the Town of Telluride, Road and Bridge is recommending a temporary closure of the road to motorized vehicles.

This portion of roadway is not maintained through the winter months and is normally covered with snow. Due to the warm weather early in the season, portions of the road have appeared passable to motorized traffic. This year, vehicles have been attempting to travel on the lower section of the road and have caused damage to the road surface. Taking into consideration the time of the year and that routine maintenance will not be performed until late May or early June, along with the high probability of continued spring storms, the road will continue to encounter further damage if vehicular traffic continues until weather and conditions allow for the surface to become stable enough to tolerate motorized traffic. The USFS has current closures to vehicular traffic on those portions of the road that cross Federal Lands until May 16th.

Road and Bridge is recommending to the BOCC that a resolution, consistent with Colorado Statutes restricting the use of highways, temporarily prohibiting motorized vehicles on the Portion of CR K68, at a point beginning from the boundary of the Town of Telluride extending east 7.11 miles to the boundary of Ouray County, for a period not to exceed 90 days or until such time that a determination by the BOCC, or the Superintendent of Road and Bridge, finding the road surface has become stable enough to tolerate motorized traffic, be enacted. CR K68 will remain open to all other, non-motorized means of travel during this time. Signs will be posted and maintained by San Miguel County Road and Bridge informing motorists that this portion is restricted to non-motorized use.