

Engineering & Traffic Investigation Report

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Initiated by Road Maintenance Department

COUNTY ROAD: Skate Creek Road S. Road No. 72651 MP 1.620 to 1.670

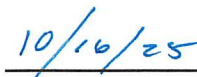
IN THE MATTER OF: Establishing a No Parking zone on the county right of way on the east side of Skate Creek Road S., between mileposts 1.620 and 1.670.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **Current Speed Limit:** 35 mph
85% Prevailing Vehicle Speed: 52.4 mph
Average Daily Traffic: 628
Truck Percentage: 10.1%
- b) **Physical Features:**
Skate Creek Road S. is a major collector road that starts in the unincorporated town of Packwood and heads north into the USFS and becomes Forest Road 52. The roadway is 1.853 miles in length, has a pavement width of 23 feet, has 4-to-5-foot paved shoulders, and an overall width of 31 to 33 feet. This roadway has minor horizontal or vertical alignment considerations. The roadway surface itself is in good condition.
- c) **Accident History:**
The accident history shows that there have been 5-property damage and 4-injury type accidents over the past 5-years. None of the accidents have occurred in the focus area of this traffic investigation.
- d) **Traffic Characteristics:**
Skate Creek Road S. is a major collector road with moderate traffic volumes, and along with Forest Road 52 and Skate Creek Road N. provides a through route between Packwood and the Ashford area. Traffic increases in this area during the summer tourist season and hunting season.
- e) **Remarks and/or Recommendations:**
This traffic investigation is in response to a request made by our Road Maintenance Department. The area of this investigation is near the end of the county's jurisdiction on Skate Creek Road. A turnaround that was built for snowplows, county vehicles, and school buses is located here. People have started using this turnaround as a camping spot, primarily during summer months and hunting season. Making this a No Parking zone would alleviate the problem and keep the turnaround open to use by county crews. It is my recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed resolution that establishes the No Parking zone as described.



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Date