IN THE MATTER OF:

The Order of the Lewis County Board of Commissioners for the proposed vacation of a portion of W.F. Cole Road No. 700 **ENGINEERS REPORT**

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I, the undersigned County Engineer of Lewis County, Washington, to whom was referred on the 22nd day of February, 2021 by Resolution 21-073, ordering me to examine all that portion of W.F. Cole Road No. 700 in the Government Lot 12 in Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 5 West, W.M., stating that said Board intends to proceed to determine whether said road should be vacated and abandoned for the reason that it is useless as a part of the County road system and that the public will be benefited by its vacation and abandonment, herewith submit my report thereon:

FIRST: The W.F. Cole Road No. 700 was established as a county road, April 01, 1929 at a width of 60 feet.

SECOND: The portion of right of way proposed for vacation is approximately 1,483 feet in length and is unmaintained by the County.

THIRD: The road is adjoined by property owned by Rodney Davidson who has requested this vacation.

FOURTH: This portion of right of way does not abut a body of water, nor is the right of way necessary as part of the county road system and is useless for County road purposes.

FIFTH: As a condition of vacation, the property owner has agreed to provide the County additional right of way adjacent to the un-vacated portion of Cole Road for the purposes of a turnaround. The Property Owner has conveyed the right of way to the County. The deed is being held, unrecorded, by the Public Works Department until such time that the vacation is granted by the Board of County Commissioners.

SIXTH: The Property Owner has paid all administrative fees and publication costs associated with this vacation.

SEVENTH: Utility companies known to service the general area have been contacted and are not opposed to the vacation.

In my opinion, this portion of right of way should be vacated for the reason that the public will be benefited by its vacation, returning the property to the tax rolls.

I include with this report a map showing the road proposed to be vacated.

Respectfully submitted this 3/4 day of March, 2021.

Tim Fife, P.E.

County Engineer