Agenda Item Submittal

Date of Request	Jul 31, 2013
Completion Deadline	(This is the LAST possible date that you need the package back to your office.)
Desired Agenda Date	Aug 6, 2013
Amount of Time Requested	
Is this Confidential?	(Select Yes if it should be kept out of public packet. Leave blank if No.)
Action Requested*	(Please select one or select "Other" and enter in field below.) Other
Other Action Requested*	Authorize staff to work with HOA to develope a trail adjacent to CR #76 for their use
Parties to the Agreement	
Term Begins	
Term Ends	
Grant Contract Number	
Agenda Item*	(50 Character Limit) Approve section of CR #76 for ATV use
Agenda Title	(This is the legal description.)
Summary*	Marlene has attached a copy of an email sge received from Rick Cofffman asking about allowing ATV use on the portion of CR #76 between Quartz Creek Properties and the Town of Pitkin. She knows that Commissioner Chamberland also looked at an alternative access with them, but it is in poor condition and there is a question about jurisdiction. She sent the HOA a question asking if a parallel trail along CR #76 which could also be used in the winter by snow mobiles would be acceptable. See attached.
Fiscal Impact*	Unknown, but should be minimal.
Comments to Reviewers	(Enter any comments you would like for the review committee.) Marlene comments that it would require a resolution from the BOCC that would need to be reviewed annually.
Submitted By*	B. Lucero for M. Crosby
Submitter's email address*	mcrosby@gunnisoncounty.org
Upload any supporting Documents	(Please upload any necessary supporting documents.) 2149_001.pdf 187.16KB

Marlene Crosby

From: Rick Coffman <skeleton567@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Marlene Crosby
Subject: Inquiry from www.GunnisonCounty.org

Marlene,

I am unofficially representing the Quartz Creek Property Owners Association of Pitkin to inquire about getting a variance to the Gunnison County 4-wheeler use on a short section of county road.

We have +-400 properties in the Quartz Creek Valley which lies just outside Pitkin, with about 52 miles of private roads and a couple Forest Service roads, one of which is of combined or questionable ownership.

We have a situation where many property owners use one or more 4-wheelers to travel from Quartz Creek valley to Pitkin for services such as postal and groceries/auto fuel, and for access to FS lands immediately to the northeast of Pitkin. For a number of years there was a private road that allowed us access to Pitkin from the valley. But for the past several years, the owner has not allowed access. This leaves our options to a single forest service road on the east side of the valley, that I referred to earlier. Since the ownership of the road seems to be a combination of county, forest service, and town, it get no maintenance and is in very poor condition, even for 4-wheelers.

The Quartz Creek Property Owners Association maintains all of the private roads in the valley, but we do not currently have a legal access to Pitkin except for the single FS road in poor condition.

At the south-west entrance/exit to Pitkin via CR 76, the main entrance to Quartz Creek Properties lies slightly over a half mile southwest. The Gunnison County 4-wheeler prohibition currently is posted at the town line of Pitkin on CR 76, making it illegal for local residents to use this section. The section in question is, I believe, contained within a 35 mph speed zone, so is not subject to fast-moving traffic.

The question I have been assigned (due to my big mouth) is to explore whether Quartz Creek Property Owners Association could possibly receive a variance to the this prohibition by the relocation of the prohibition posting to a location just past the entrance, allowing the owners for the +-400 properties access to the town of Pitkin.

I have no idea where I should begin this research, but found your email on your website and decided to begin with your office. Could you please direst my inquiry to the proper person, or let me know how to contact the proper place to start? I would appreciate this very much. I would be happy to come to your offices to discuss this request once I know whom I need to discuss this matter with.

My contact info is:

Rick Coffman
567 Grasshopper Road
Box 125
Pitkin, Co 81241
563-299-6584

Thank you very much for any assistance.

Rick Coffman
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I was preparing to submit your request for the Board of County Commissioner's agenda on August 6th and I have a few questions.

#1 Are you available to attend the meeting or call in to the meeting? Generally my agenda items are done first thing in the morning, around 9:00 AM.

#2 I understand that Commissioner Chamberland looked at an access from Quartz Creek Properties into the Town of Pitkin. He said he went in his 4 wheel drive pickup and that it would need work……Is that road one of the possible solutions for ATV use?

#3 One of the things my staff suggested was an off road route adjacent to the existing County road that could be used by ATV's in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter. Would you consider that a viable alternative?

Thank you,
Marlene

Terry Davis

Marlene Crosby

From: Terry Davis <gonegpn1@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:50 PM
To: Marlene Crosby
Cc: Bruce Councilman; Rick Coffman
Subject: 4 wheeler use on CR #76

Marlene,

Rick Coffman has asked me to respond to your questions re 4 wheeler use on CR 76 since I am President of the HOA and will also be attending the meeting along with Rick and perhaps a few other of our members.

Question 1- Yes, we will be in attendance.

Question 2-Two commissioners did recently tour a short section of Terrible Mountain Road with several of our Board members. The ownership of this 7/10's of a mile section is unclear at this point. The commissioner agreed to have the county research the ownership. If it is county owned, then perhaps the road could be improved. While this would afford access Easy access into Pitkin for owners on the Far East side of our 4000 acres, it would not provide a practical access into Pitkin for the majority of our owners. Our main entrance is via Chicago Park Road which reaches CR #76 about 1/10 of a mile from the Pitkin town limits. It is this 500 foot stretch on which our owners cannot legally drive their ATV's and it is this section that results in the issuance of tickets. (I will try to verify the exact Pitkin town boundary with the mayor before our meeting to be sure that my distance is accurate).

Question 3- Yes, I personally think that this would be a very agreeable solution to the problem.

Thank you for your time and efforts in helping us with this longstanding issue.

Terry Davis
President QCPOA

From: Marlene Crosby [mailto:MCrosby@gunnisoncounty.org]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:04 PM
To: Rick Coffman
Subject: 4 Wheeler Use on Cr #76

Good Morning,