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Update from U.S. Forest Services - Maintenance of Old HWY 126

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Hello Deer Lake Association Members,

After the Fall Association Meeting we received additional communication from the U.S. Forest Service, Mr. Patrick Petracca. The board is passing along the communication to the members for informational purposes regarding the "old" HWY 126 which the association was looking to maintain for an emergency exit. See email below for the update:

From: **Petracca, Patrick -FS, CUBA, NM** <patrick.petracca@usda.gov>

Date: Wed, Oct 26, 2022 at 7:48 AM

Subject: FR-126-S at Deer Lake

To: Glen Flanders <glenflanders934@gmail.com>Cc: Prewitt, Randal -FS <randal.prewitt@usda.gov>

Good Morning Glen,

It was a pleasure meeting you in person last night and putting a face to the name.

I need to backtrack on some of the information I provided last night.

With a little deeper research this morning, I've learned the road from HWY-126 to the back of Deer Lake is, in fact, open for public travel. The road number for reference is Forest Road (FR) 126-S. Once it reaches the intersection of the Deer Lake egress point, the number changes to FR-267ED the remainder of the way into the mine site.

The fact that it is a designated open road makes things a little easier to manage

usage. The Deer Lake Estates request for permission to maintain the road can still be put through to our roads engineering group for consideration. If approved, the maintenance standards will be established between the Forest Service and Deer Lake.

Management of public travel will not be an issue. The road will be available for all Forest Service users and not just emergency use by Deer Lake residents. The gate can remain unlocked and perhaps some "Please close the gate" signage should be added. I suspect the only purpose for the gate was meant as an attempt to keep cattle of the State right of way.

I will send your application to Lisa Archuleta this morning and see what the next steps will be...I'm guessing at a minimum a site visit to understand the need and process.

I apologize for any confusion that may arise from my synopsis last night. Feel free to communicate to the residents the fact they are absolutely able to use that road at this time as desired.

Have a great day.
Patrick

The Board will continue to work this effort and keep the membership apprised of the developments. If you have any specific questions related to this topic, please contact the President, Glen Flanders, who is the point-of-contact for this effort.

Thank You,
Krystal Rodriguez
Secretary/Treasurer

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