

Nancy Cooley

From: Mike Elle <melle@ketchumfire.org>
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To: Nancy Cooley
Cc: Tom Bergin
Subject: RE: Ketchum Rural Fire District Agency Comment, Camp Rainbow Gold CUP

Nancy,

All of the opposition letters I received had two things in common. The statement that during an emergency we, as emergency service providers, would send all of our resources to help Camp Rainbow Gold and leave everybody else in the East Fork drainage to fend for themselves. This is untrue and false. All emergency services providers in the region have guidelines in place to prioritize committing resources to the people and property in the highest need first.

The other item was East Fork Road. I did not specifically address that issue in my agency comment sent yesterday however in an effort to address it, the following was our reasoning for not requiring any improvements. With the exception of the requirements that Fire Chief Tom Johnson put on the Nie (now Wenner) residence to improve Hyndman Creek Road, no other project anywhere out there has ever been required to bring East Fork Road up to Fire Code standards in order for their residences or compounds to be built. In our review of East Fork Road, we found that improving East Fork Road to the required 26 feet wide width would create a hardship on property owners who have encroached on the County right of way and would involve roadway encroachments in to a protected wetland area. In addition, several of the people who spoke to me directly stated that recent East Fork Road improvements from Highway 75 to Canyon Road have created a "high speed" road that they feel is a threat to their safety.

The current condition of East Fork Road actually works as a traffic calming system. The fire departments do not have a problem getting out East Fork in its current condition. We are going to require Camp Rainbow Gold to indemnify all local government agencies in case we can't get there for whatever reason.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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