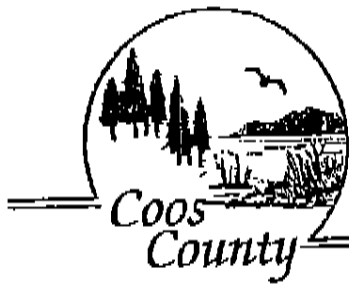


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**COOS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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coosroad@co.coos.or.us

LARRY R. VAN ELSBERG

Roadmaster

December 9, 2003

To: Doug Tindall, State Maintenance Engineer
Interim Chair, HBRR Committee

From: Gary Gangewer
Coos County Highway Department

Subject: Coos County Response to Local Application Information Request

Coos County is glad to assist with a review of our applications for local bridge funding under the 2003 Oregon Transportation Act (OTIA III, Enrolled House Bill 2041).

Our applications submitted provided accurate and verifiable information about truck traffic exceeding 26,000 GVW. The application also provided accurate information and maps on the detour routes these trucks endure by not being able to utilize the deficient and restricted structures submitted, as well as how these routes are connected to the State Highways – mainly Highway 42 and Highway 101.

Several freight users failed to respond to our repeated requests for letters supporting our bridge submittals. They probably will be the users who scream the loudest if these structures are not selected.

In reviewing our submittals, we do have four more letters from the logging, farming and agricultural industry, supporting the replacement of the Leneve Bridge #08927 on North Bank Lane in Coos County. Presently this bridge is restricted (5-ton) until temporary repairs are completed, and the restriction can be raised to 13-ton. This additional information will be included with this letter.

Once again, Coos County is glad to assist in a review of our bridge submittals, and if we can further assist in your selection process, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Gary Gangewer

Coos County Highway Department

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To: Larry VanElsberg
Coos County Road Department
(541)396-4011

From: Sharon Waterman
(541) 347-3453

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Dear Larry VanElsberg:

The Coos County Livestock Association and the Coos-Curry Farm Bureau supports the need to replace the Leneve Bridge on the North Bank Lane. This bridge is essential to the agriculture community for freight mobility. The present weight limit is a tremendous cost to the agriculture community at this time. It presently costs agriculture producers at least 20-30 minutes in time to bypass the bridge let alone the fuel costs.

The Leneve Bridge is necessary for agriculture freight mobility to truck rock for roads, feeder cattle, sheep, milk from the dairies, feed, hay, supplies and equipment. Agriculture producers who are also logging during this time are losing a tremendous amount due to increase trucking cost of their logs. The Leneve Bridge is very important to the freight mobility of the timber industry.

It is essential that the Leneve Bridge is replaced as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sharon Waterman

Sharon Waterman
Coos-Curry Farm Bureau State Representative
Coos County Livestock Association Member
87518 Davis Creek Lane
Bandon, Oregon 97411

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To: Larry Van Elsberg
Gary Gangewer
Coos County Road Department

From: Hidden Canyon Ranch
89223 North Bank Lane
Coquille, OR 97423
(541) 396-2920 or (541) 347-4160

Dear Mr. Van Elsberg & Mr. Gangewer:

Hidden Canyon Ranch supports the need to replace the Leneve Bridge on North Bank Lane. Our ranch is 1770 acres and consists of timber and agriculture.

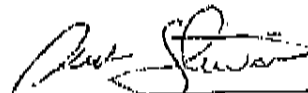
Recently we shipped 147 loads of timber, of which 63 loads had to use the alternate route. This created extra mileage of 29.6 miles per load amounting to an additional cost of \$3,150.00, not including time lost. This affects our daily mobility in shipping commodities - timber and livestock.

On a personal basis, the alternate route has caused me additional costs on the use of my commercial vehicle (79 Peterbilt) i.e. - Fuel, PUC Costs & Maintenance.

The replacement of the Leneve Bridge should be done as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Carol Pearce, Owner


Curt Stewart, Owner

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Coos-Curry Dairy Association
631 Alder Street
Myrtle Point, OR 97458

December 8, 2003

Larry Vaneisburg
Roadmaster
Coos County Road Department
1281 W. Central
Coquille, OR 97423

Dear Larry,

Coos-Curry Dairy Association is concerned about the Leneve bridge closure to vehicles weighing more than 5 tons on North Bank Lane. It affects our freight mobility in regards to commodities, equipment, shipment of product, gravel, sand, and bedding. It also affects our families and barn help since the school bus adds extra time going around the bridge. This also costs the school district extra money in driver time.

Any help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cochran
Secretary/Treasurer
Coos-Curry Dairy Association

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RON PERKINS

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P.O. Box 182
Myrtle Point, OR 97458
(503) 572-2576

December 9, 2003

To Larry Van Elsberg

Subject: Bridges on North Bank Rd and
Sitkum Ln.

Dear Mr. Van Elsberg

Is there any hope of ever getting these bridges repaired? My milk trucks are having to travel a lot of extra miles and time every day because of not being able to cross these bridges. The extra miles per month comes to around 600 miles. These extra miles also cost more wages, fuel and maintenance on the trucks.

Please if there is anything you can do - please help!

Sincerely,
Ron W. Perkins

Manager, Kings County Truck Lines
(541)290-0363

Coos County Highway

Fax

To: Victor Dodier From: GARY Gangewer
Fax: (503)-378-2021 Pages: (2) incl cover
Phone: 503-986-3422 Date: 1-13-04
Re: Noble Cr. Bridge # 11C53

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Gary Gangewer

From: "Gary Gangewer" <gangewer@co.coos.or.us>
To: "Heyer, Monica" <mheyer@co.coos.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 9:56 AM

To: Victor Dodier

As per our conversation on Monday, 1-12-04, Roseburg Lumber Co. has bought out all the bigger timber companies, (Weyco, International Paper, and most recently the remaining Menasha timberlands) timberlands that are tributary to the Noble Cr. Bridge #11C53 in Coos County. A letter from Harold Rowe, Roseburg Resources Company, supporting this bridge replacement, was included in our application.

I am also expecting additional letters of support from some smaller landowners who depend on the Noble Cr. Bridge for the harvesting of their timberlands:

Werner Erickson
Harold Benson
Bryan Rejo

Werner Erickson is helping me contact these property owners. As I receive the information from them, I will forward to you via fax#503-378-2021 for your records.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Gary Gangewer
Courthouse
Coos County Hwy Dept
Coquille, Oregon 97423
(541)-396-3121 ext 370
e-mail gangewer@co.coos.or.us

Coos County Highway

Fax

To: Victor Dodier From: GARY GANGEWER
Fax: (503)-378-2021 Pages: (2) incl cover
Phone: 503-986-3422 Date: 1-14-2004
Re: Noble Cr. Bridge # 11CS3

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Victor:

Here is a letter from Werner Erickson,
property owner who utilizes Noble Cr. Bridge
for the harvesting of his timber lands.

Gary

January 13, 2004

Mr. Gary Gangewer
Coos County Highway Dept.
Coos County Court House
Coquille, Oregon 97423

Dear Mr. Gangewer:

I own over 260 acres of timber land north of the Noble Creek Bridge in Coos County. I plan to harvest timber on this property in a few years. This would mean heavy timber transported across the Noble Creek Bridge for manufacturing in Coos County mills.

I very definitely support the replacement of the Noble Creek Bridge on the North Lake Road near Lakeside, Oregon.

Yours truly,



Werner E. Erickson

Coos County Highway

Fax

To: Victor Dodier From: GARY GANGWER
Fax: (503)-378-2021 Pages: 2 incl. cover
Phone: 503-986-3422 Date: 1-15-04
Re: Noble Cr Bridge # 11C53

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Victor-

Here is another letter for
Noble Cr. Bridge # 11C53 in Coos County

Gary

North Bend Bus Company, Inc.

1810 Monroe Street – P.O. Box 375

North Bend, Oregon 97459

Phone: 541-756-4025

Fax: 541-756-7137

Email: stanorthbend@earthlink.net

To: Coos County Road Department
Attention: Mr. Gary Gangeaver

From: Dann Barnes
Operations Manager

Re: North Lake Road
Bridge at Noble Creek

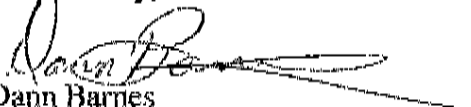
Mr. Gangeaver,

On Monday, January 12, 2004, you contacted my office concerning the bridge on North Lake Road in Lakeside at Noble Creek. The following information you asked for should help you and your team make the proper decision as to what needs to be accomplished in replacing the bridge.

We have bus routes covering that area. We have a full size bus weighing 25,880 lbs going all the way to the end of the road, turning around and going back 3 times a day. We have a special needs bus weighing 10,000 lbs. going two times a day. Then we have a kindergarten bus, weighing 14,500 lbs. sometimes twice a day depending if the child goes to school that day or not. That's it.

As you can see, we travel this road a lot and you can see how it is important to maintain, repair or replace when necessary to ensure the safety of all who use it. I hope this helps you. I also wish to express my deepest thanks to the entire road department for all of the hard work you all do. You have responded to our needs of the past and have made things safe for us and our kids. If there is anything else you need regarding this matter, please feel free to call me during regular business hours or you can reach me at 541-294-1390. That is my cell and it is on from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm M-F. If it is an emergency, you can contact me via South County dispatch and have them ask for Unit 8622. ONLY EMERGENCIES please. Please do not give my cell phone to the public. It is for your eyes only. Please take care and all of you be safe.

Respectfully,



Dann Barnes
Operations Manager

January 14, 2004

Coos County Highway Dept.
Coos County Courthouse
Coquille, OR 97423

Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: 1-22-04
TO: Victor Dodier
FROM: Gary Gangewer
Coos County Highway Dept.

TIME: 5:30 PM
PHONE: 503-986-3422
FAX: 503-398-2021
PHONE: (541) 396-3121 Ext. 370
FAX: (541) 396-4011

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MESSAGE:

Victor -
Here is another letter from
Brian Reho, property owner who utilizes
Noble Or Bridge # 11C53 for the
harvesting of his timberlands.
Gary

Reho Capital Management, LLC

9069 SW 35th Avenue

Portland, OR 97219

(503) 246-1737

Email: rehoproperties@aol.com

January 18, 2004

Coos County Highway Dept.
Coos County Courthouse
Coquille, OR 97423
ATTN: Mr. Gary Gangewer

Re: Noble Creek Bridge/North Lake Road/Lakeside

Dear Mr. Gangewer:

We own 62 acres of developing residential and timberland accessed at the very end of North Lake Road Extension. We have owned this property and more adjoining it since the 1960's.

We are very concerned about accessibility and specifically, the condition of the Noble Creek Bridge. The bridge has deteriorated severely and has had load restrictions on it for years.

We understand that Coos County desires to rebuild Noble Creek Bridge. **We hereby strongly request you and all other Coos County and ODOT officials actively support and fund replacing the Noble Creek Bridge as soon as possible.**

The Noble Creek Bridge is absolutely necessary for access to our property. It is necessary for **emergency services**, such as fire and sheriff, ODFW and all other governmental agencies, Coos and Douglas County PUD and communication services.

We had a fire on the property in the summer of 2002 that had public and private fire fighting crews not been able to access via Noble Creek Bridge, easily could have become another Biscuit Fire disaster.

Many families live year round and seasonally in this area. Forrest operations are nearly continous. Recreational access is desired all seasons. Light and heavy haul access is vital for economic and development purposes. I don't know if a traffic use study has ever been done, but I suggest the volume and nature of usage would be very surprising.

Personally, we need access for timber management, heavy equipment hauling, timber harvesting and planting, road maintenance, firefighting, utilities servicing, lot development and many other purposes.

Further, we feel that restricted, limited and/or eliminated access would diminish the desirability, marketability and value of many properties and create an appeal able property tax situation to the detriment of Coos County. Access + development & timber operations = economic activity = > taxes.

Many people depend on North Lake Road and the Noble Creek Bridge. Loss or limitation of access would be virtually devastating to the area for use, protection and economics. The Lakeside area is already highly depressed. Please don't let this valuable resource area and infrastructure become another lost part of a "Appalachia West."

Thank you in advance for your wise, thoughtful consideration and support.

Sincerely,


Brian Reho, Manager, Reho Capital Management, LLC, for the E.R. Reho Limited Partnership.

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Coos County Highway

Fax

Coos County Hwy Dept

To: Victor Dodier

From: Gary Ganswever

Fax: 503-378-2021

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Phone:

Date:

Re: Noble Cr Bridge #11C53 Coos County

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Victor -
 Here is another letter for
 you file.

Gary

James R. Brown
Lonna M. Brown
811 So. 38th St.
Springfield, Ore. 97478

Jan. 16, 2004

Gary Gangewer
Coos County Court House
Highway Dept.
Coquille, Ore. 97423

Re: Noble Creek Bridge

Dear Mr. Gangewer,

We understand that there are problems financing the needed repairs of the Noble Cr. Bridge on North Lake Road. My wife and I own a home on Big Cr. Arm of No. Ten Mile Lake and we use the county road to access it several times a month year round. We're asking for your help in obtaining repairs that would bring this bridge up to safe, usable standards.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

James R. Brown
Lonna M. Brown

Coos County Highway

Fax

Coos County Hwy Dept

To: Victor Dodier

From: GARY GANGWEL

Fax: 503.378.2021

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Date:

Re: Noble Cr Bridge # 11053 Coos County

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Victor:

Here is another letter for the
Noble Cr Bridge # 11053 file for Coos County.

GARY

Monday, January 19, 2004

To: Gary Gangewer
Coos County Highway Department
Coos County Court House
Coquille, OR. 97423

From: Brad & Judy Hatley
6525 Little River Rd.
Glide, OR. 97443

RE: Noble Creek Bridge

Dear Mr. Gangewer,

We own two lots on the Big Creek Arm of North Tenmile Lake in Coos County. We have access to our lot's using North Lake road and crossing the Noble Creek Bridge in order to reach our property.

It is our understanding that the Noble Creek Bridge, which currently has weight limits in place, is due to be replaced or repaired by the Coos County Highway Department. We recently learned that there may be a possibility that the scheduled repairs and/or replacement of the Noble Creek Bridge may not happen or be put off indefinitely as a result of financial issues related to this bridge project.

We are very concerned about the possibility this project may be put off. We strongly urge the Coos County Highway Department to look for ways to complete this project. We rely on road access to our property for construction, maintenance, repair and emergency services. We plan to develop this property in the near future which will involve the removal of some timber as well as using North Lake road to bring in construction materials, equipment and supplies for building.

As a member of our local school board and several other community committees in Glide I understand that we have a serious financial situation in Oregon, which is resulting in State and local entities shuffling their budget dollars. At the same time I believe that projects like the Noble Creek Bridge replacement are essential to our infrastructure and long term will promote property development and increased property values which both ultimately result in more tax revenues as property values are increased.

We appreciate your time and attention on this matter and again want to state our strong support that the Noble Creek Bridge project stays on track and road access essential to this area remains viable. We would appreciate any information or follow up communication that you could provide us regarding this matter and can be reached at the address above or contact numbers listed below.

Thanks again for your time & considerations.

Sincerely,

Brad & Judy Hatley



Phone: 541-496-0820

Email: bhuman82@earthlink.net