

MONTEZUMA COUNTY BOCC NOTES 8-21-17

Just a few items to discuss this time. The usual disclaimer is that these are notes from an observer, not minutes. For accurate record watch the broad cast on Mesa TV on channel 30.6 Each Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

COURTHOUSE construction is all but over. The contractors are going through the “punch out” check list this week. The landscaping will be



going on and lots of little things to “fix” etc. The Certificate of occupancy is expected late this week. The Slow process of moving in some items may begin next week. Some Solar panel work was approved to have Yellow Jacket Solar do some work for \$14,000. Open house, etc. ceremonies will be announced later.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TIME had several commenters. One commented on displeasure with BOCC not announcing when they have “on site” and “information gathering” sessions, so that public could be present if they

chose to. Other commenters were there to express concern on the



proposal by BLM to put in a parking lot access to BLM controlled land south of Summit Lake for equestrian and hikers to utilize the Public lands administered by the BLM. The problem was not the parking lot, but the road is not County Maintained, but has been and is maintained by private owners in the adjacent subdivision. Also, issues were concerns over increased traffic, vandalism, law enforcement

etc. The BOCC would bring up the concerns to the BLM who was on the agenda at 10:00. To help those of you not acquainted with the area, this photo map indicates the BLM land and the segment of Public.

Access, but private maintained road that is influenced by the BLM land

access proposal. Summit lake is top center, and Pruett lake is partially seen at top left edge, and Hwy 184 along the top.

BLM met and discussed the above issue. They expressed that the Summit parking access area will be for Equestrian and Hikers ONLY, no mountain bikes, motor bike, ATV's. They don't expect this to become a "destination" for these uses, but mostly just locals, so don't think traffic would increase. The BLM seemed confused over the road not being a county maintained road, and expressed that they have no funding for road construction maintenance. BLM wanted County to put in a traffic counter to establish baseline for local traffic use. However, the BLM is going to put in a Trail Counter into the parking area which would serve to show volume of traffic that was not local. BLM wants to include this project in their upcoming "Travel Management Plan" for the whole TresRio Dist.. The EA will take at least 6 months (history indicates it could be much longer). Something needs to be done soon as people have heard about the new access proposal and think it is there now, causing some local road and access issues. No resolution to the discussion except to work together with all parties involved. (This issue clearly shows the problems that arise when the governing agency "County" is not in the decision role of lands it is charged with to govern)

The Phil's World expansion for trails is still waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office, who is waiting on the BLM??

FOREST SERVICE discussed how they would like to look into an overall access and inspection point for boats launching on McPHee. Hopefully that would be more cost effective and helpful for boaters. Currently there are 4 cooperators funding \$80,000 for the inspection stations..

The Boggy Draw trail expansion proposal closes for comment on Aug. 28th. So if you haven't got your comments in, that needs to be done ASAP. Also, the Rico-Dolores West Travel Management Plan comment period CLOSED Today. The Record of Decision will come out this fall

COUNTY ROADS is busy chip sealing 5 different segments of roads this week and the next week or two. To see if you will be affected go to the County website at montezumacounty.org , the very front page shows the listing of what roads and the schedule for those roads.