

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT		BOARD MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
	Matheson Road Combined Use Highway	06/03/2008	
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution designating Matheson Road as a Combined Use Roadway in accordance with Section 38026 of the California Vehicle Code.

SUMMARY:

This resolution would allow off-road vehicles to use Matheson Road. Matheson Road links the Shasta Dam off-road area with BLM off-road areas to the south.

DISCUSSION:

The County and various federal agencies have been working to link non-contiguous off-road vehicle areas from the Shasta Dam off-road area to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) off-road vehicle areas. The Chappie Shasta Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area currently has two designated staging areas. One is on Coram Road just below Shasta Dam. The other is on Matheson Road, near Iron Mountain Road. The staging areas are connected by two designated trails. These trails share a segment at the southern end that is designated on BLM maps as "most difficult" for OHV riders. Matheson Road is a lightly travelled road. It is wider and has a smoother surface than the existing trails.

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows a local agency to designate highways as "Combined Use Highways." A local agency can make this designation by resolution. Staff has consulted with the CHP, and they do not object to the Board adopting this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

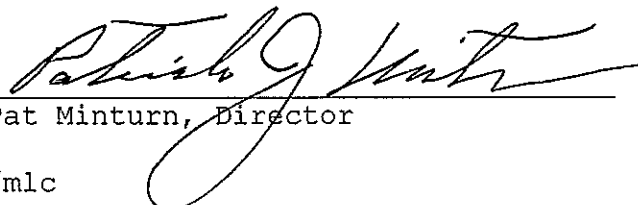
The Board may decline to adopt this resolution, allowing the existing situation to continue.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The California Highway Patrol will enforce this resolution after its adoption. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form only. The CAO's Office has reviewed this recommendation.

FINANCING:

The Adopted 2007-08 Road Fund contains the resources to carry on a continuous traffic engineering program. There is no General Fund impact.


Pat Minturn, Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
DESIGNATING MATHESON ROAD AS A COMBINED USE HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the County of Shasta seeks to accommodate Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use in cooperation with federal agencies in control of lands around Shasta Dam; and

WHEREAS, Matheson Road links the Shasta Dam OHV area with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) trails and staging areas to the south; and

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code allows the designation of "Combined Use Highways"; and

WHEREAS, Combined Use Highways allow OHV to utilize roadways designed for regular vehicular use; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Matheson Road as a "Combined Use Highway" will provide alternate OHV access between BLM trails and staging areas and Shasta Dam OHV trails; and

WHEREAS, Matheson Road is designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use of regular vehicular traffic and the driving of off-highway motor vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, that the entire 1.16 mile length of Matheson Road be designated as a "Combined Use Highway," pursuant to section 38026 of the California Vehicle Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designation of Matheson Road as a "Combined Use Highway" shall not become effective until the Public Works Director has installed, or caused to be installed, appropriate signs of a type approved by the State Department of Transportation on and along the designated portion of Matheson Road.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:

LINDA HARTMAN, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:
LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy