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Date: November 14, 2023

To: Lon and Pam Dale
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RE: Lakeshore Drive at Georgetown Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Dale,

Thank you for your email that was received by the Granite County Board of Commissioners on November 7, 2023. You discussed Georgetown Lake Road, but we believe you are actually talking about Lakeshore Drive. This section of roadway has been discussed quite frequently over the last several months. This section of roadway is not a County road, but is a U.S. Forest Service Road that the County assists in maintaining.

In recent years, the County has worked closely with the U.S. Forest Service to explore FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant Program funding to redo that section of roadway and for the County to hopefully take over ownership of that road. However, the U.S. Forest Service, late in the planning stages, informed the Granite County Commission of a large increase in the match requirement which was going to exceed \$400,000. The match requirement was initially going to be \$50,000. This was simply not feasible for the County, so we withdrew from the Grant. There could be opportunities in the future to reapply for the FLAP Grant Program, but there is not currently a call for any projects to be funded.

Currently, the County is working with the U.S. Forest Service to pursue other grant funding, in the form of a RAC Grant, to support maintenance efforts on that section of roadway. Additionally, we are going to be meeting with Pintler District Ranger, Cameron Rasor on November 28, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. to discuss that effort.

We welcome you to join us for that meeting, and thank you for your questions

Sincerely,

Board of Granite County Commissioners

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