



LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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October 13th, 2023

Board of County Commissioners

Huerfano County

401 main Street

Walsenburg, CO 81089

Subject: Effort to Vacate CR 363

Dear Commissioners:

As we have registered in the past when vacating CR 363 was brought before the Commissioners, the La Veta Fire Protection District is adamantly opposed to vacating this road. Vacating said road is potentially a life safety concern and CR 363 absolutely must remain open as an evacuation route in times of wildland fires and flooding. The residents that live in the region along CR 360, 361 and 362 may need to escape through CR 363 because in times of peril to them, other roads to and through La Veta could well be blocked.

This same issue was discussed extensively during follow up meetings with multiple agencies and the public after the Spring Creek Fire in 2018 and the same concerns were soundly registered. The La Veta Fire Protection District supports the road remaining open to the public and would urge the County to schedule road maintenance on the road each summer so that safe passage for the public and our emergency vehicles is assured.

As this issue seems to come up periodically, please take formal steps to ensure we do not have to keep covering the same concerns over and over. It's important to our residents and to the La Veta Fire Protection District. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chief Ron Jameson

La Veta Fire Protection District



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