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**CR 363**

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To: commissioners@huerfano.us

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**Greetings....**

I write again requesting that the Commissioners keep County Road 363 open and accessible as an emergency egress for the Huajatolla Valley, Little Kansas and the Town of La Veta and that sufficient maintenance be done to achieve this.

As I was unable to make the trip myself, my neighbor and leader of Wahatoya Firewise Community, Joe Edes, drove the unmaintained portion of CR 363 on August 25 to assess the driveability of this road section. He reports that the west portion was too damaged for a sedan (my AWD KIA) to pass, though he was able to do so in his truck. The remaining eastern portion he reports has been graded and is stable. If there were a fire in Little Kansas Canyon or any blockage of CR 360 (fire, flood, accident), residents of this area would not have viable egress to safety or help and emergency vehicles would find it difficult if not impossible to get in. As an important side bar, I believe the Town of La Veta designated CR 363 an alternate exit route for the entire town in their post-2018 wildfire Flood evacuation plan which I think is still in effect.

I am not asking that CR 363 be designated a "maintained" county road but that it be driveable for all size vehicles and fully accessible (no chains, bars or locked structures) in the event of an emergency. In my mind this means periodic grading (and perhaps widening) the full length of the unmaintained portion of 363 as you do the maintained portion. Road base application would be limited to heavy run-off sections.

CR 363 is a beautiful road and a treasure. In addition it could be a usable emergency exit for the residents who border the mesa and live in what is now the one-exit Huajatolla Valley. As a community, we need to prioritize our efforts to serve the greatest number of residents and the greater community, with the requests of a few taking a side seat while we accomplish this.

Please consider this request in earnest. Thank you and I would appreciate acknowledging that you received this email.

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