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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

@ 4:00pm, Webex Platform

- I. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**
- II. CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO DECLARE**
- III. NEW BUSINESS**

Forestry

- 1. Consider Closure of County Forest to All Recreation Due to Fire Danger
RECOMMENDATION: If the Commission desires to close the county forest due to fire danger, direct legal to draft an Order stating so and authorize Chair Oates to sign the Order.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chapter 10.12

FOREST ROAD CLOSURES (HRC Ordinance No. 78) ADOPTED February 28, 1977

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10.12.010 Short title--Jurisdiction.

This chapter shall be known as the "forest road closure ordinance of Hood River County," may be so pleaded and shall be referred to herein as "this chapter." The Hood River County district court shall have jurisdiction over all violations of this chapter.

10.12.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter unless the context requires otherwise, the terms set out in this section are defined as follows:

A. "Board of commissioners" means the Board of Commissioners of Hood River County.

B. "Hood River County forester" means the Hood River County forest manager.

C. "Motor vehicle" means any carriage, conveyance or artificial contrivance, mounted on axles and wheels either self-propelled or towed, including but not limited to automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, tractors, snowmobiles and farm implements.

D. "Vested private property right" means any recorded easement, right-of-way, or other legally observed right of access over the subject forest roads.

10.12.030 Policy.

To protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Hood River County, the Board of Commissioners has determined that during times of fire danger, and during periods of wet weather when unpaved roads are subject to rapid erosion, it is necessary to promulgate regulations for the closure of certain roads within the county forest to motor vehicle traffic.

10.12.040 Affected roads.

The county forest roads, or portions thereof, which are affected by this chapter are

indicated on a map marked "Exhibit A" attached to Ordinance 78, which is on file in the office of the forestry department, and is by reference made a part of this chapter.

10.12.050 Closure of roads.

A. The Hood River County Forest Manager may close any or all of those forest roads as indicated in Section 4 of the Road Closure Ordinance to motor vehicle traffic when there is an emergency caused by natural disaster, or it is deemed that a fire danger exists and closure of the forest is in the best interest of the public.

B. The Hood River County Forest Manager shall reopen the forest roads when it is deemed that it is safe to do so, or the danger of fire no longer exists.

C. The Hood River County Forest Manager shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners that any or all of those roads as indicated in Section 4 of the Forest Road Closure Ordinance shall be closed to motor vehicle traffic when it is deemed necessary to protect the roads from surface erosion during wet weather.

D. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the County Forest Manager to close forest roads to motor vehicle traffic to protect the roads from surface erosion during wet weather, the Board shall order the closure of said forest roads to motor vehicle traffic when in the opinion of the Board closure is in the public interest.

E. The County Forest Manager shall recommend to the Board reopening of the forest roads when there is no longer a danger to surface erosion. Upon receipt of such recommendation, the Board shall order the forest roads reopened if the Board finds that the danger from road erosion no longer exists.

F. When effectuating closure as outlined herein the County Forest Manager shall post at the entrance to the affected areas in a conspicuous location a sign containing the following information:

1. That the road is closed to motor vehicle traffic beyond this point
2. That the road closure is pursuant to an order of the County Forest Manager under authority from the Board of Commissioners, or pursuant to an order of the Board of Commissioners of Hood River County.
3. The purpose for the road closure
4. Violators will be prosecuted

10.12.060 Emergency vehicles.

This chapter is not intended to affect fire, police, public works or other emergency vehicles while in performance of an authorized function.

10.12.070 Road use permits.

Any person having a private interest in real property which is affected by this chapter may apply with the county forester for a road use permit to travel on the closed road. If the forester finds that such person does have a vested private property right which

is affected by this chapter he shall issue the road use permit. If the forester denies the application for a road use permit, such person shall have the right to appeal the decision to the board.

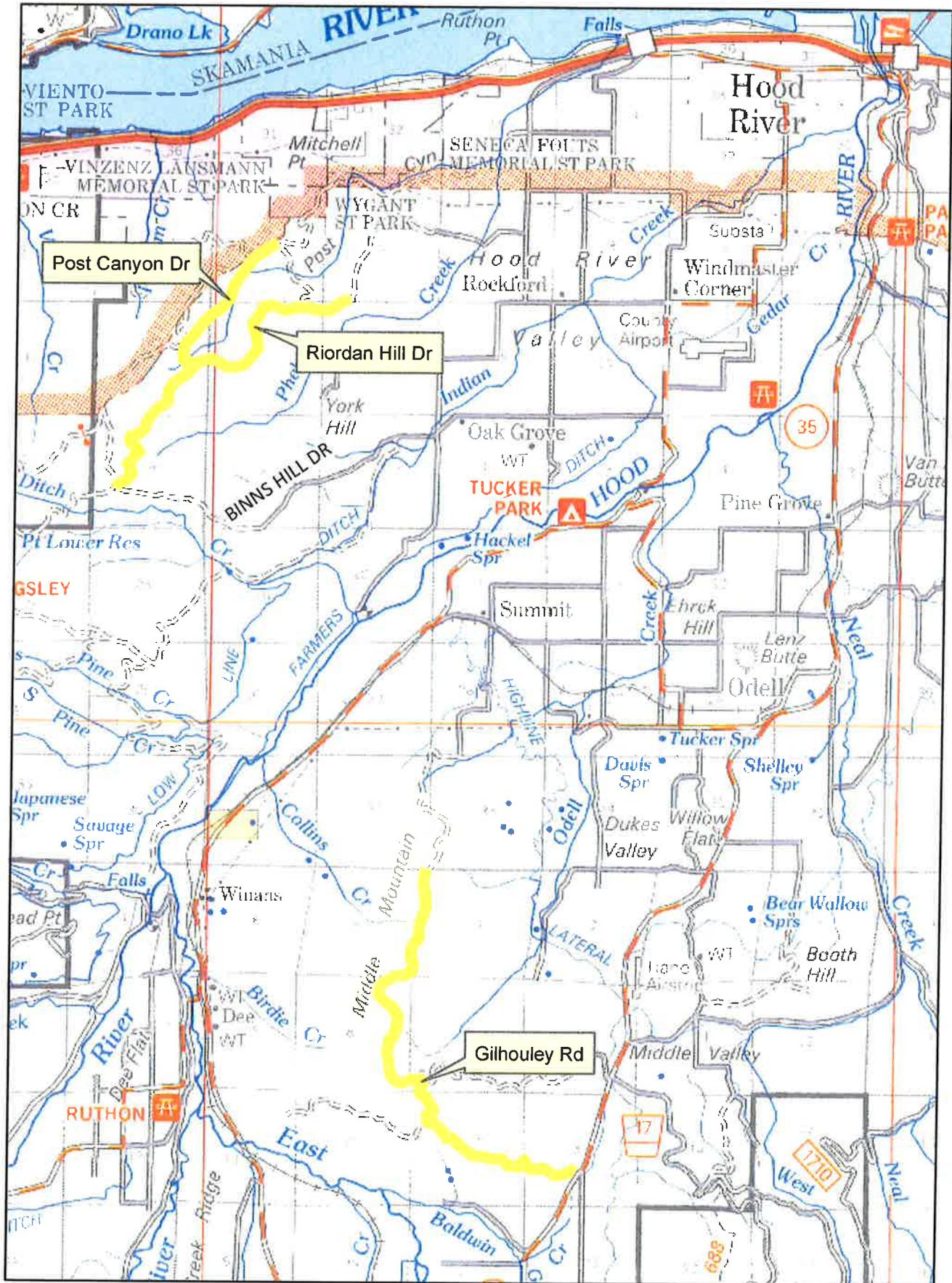
10.12.080 Violation--Penalty.

Violation of this chapter is a Class C misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to five hundred dollars, or thirty days in the county jail, or both.

"Exhibit A"

HRC Forest Road Closure Ordinance #78

Dated: February 28, 1977



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