
Fwd: Pilgrim Creek,

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Ms. Birkey,

As you know and the Forest Service acknowledge the "solution" to the Esparanza access has been a disaster. Not only the near \$1,000,000 the Forest Service has spent on it (with more to come) but the decisions made by the Forest Service has continued to cause more and more problems and endanger more lives. The latest fiasco is the \$800,000 worth of rock recently laid down has caused upwards of 80 flat tires to date including those on service vehicles.

To reiterate; the additional endangerment to human life of increased response times, added milage, reduction of emergency evacuation routes etc is inexcusable and your reasoning unsupported. Your response has been the closure has to be maintained because it "exposes the public to risk to life". However any documentation to support that risk seems to not exist and we can only assume the Forest Service reasoning has been fabricated. Repeated often but still fabricated.

I recently visited Paradise Ca to visit friends. The devastation was enormous. As you know it was one of the deadliest fires in US history. Many of those trying to flee were trapped and died due to tires going flat on the limited evacuation routes. You seem to be purposely creating a similar scenario in regards to Pilgrim Creek. I as said earlier Cal Fire still has not provided the Pilgrim Creek area users with valid evacuation routes.

Imagine your grandmother or anyones for that matter, having a flat tire during 100 degree temperatures and AAA refusing to service them on a gravel road (if they can even get cell service to call). Now imagine that scenario magnified during an emergency evacuation.

Next I would like you to explain why you refuse to open a class 4 road when the above scenarios can be prevented by doing so. The cost to do so would either be free (with aforementioned volunteer labor) or perhaps a days job for a heavy equipment operator.

Next I would like you to think about how good you would feel if you opened the road and prevented such tragedies. You could easily do so by acknowledging the folly and danger of your reasoning to keep it closed. My guess is you would better be able to live with a decision that would save lives, save taxpayer monies, protect the environment from excessive dust etc...

We are expecting lightning storms.

Sincerely

Uri Driscoll