

Owyhee County Planning & Zoning PO Box 128 Murphy, Id. 83650 208-495-2095, ext. 2 Office 208-495-2051 Fax

May 10, 2016

Dear Interested Party,

A public meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded RS2477 Right of Way maps within the below listed Quadrangles.

The color-coding categorizes the right of ways lying on Federal Lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. **No groups and related criteria intend to cover the various rights of way located on private lands.** The Board is looking for documentation of use and maintenance between 1948 and 1976 that will help ensure that roads, trails, and ways shown on the maps are placed in the correct category. Information collected may be used in an attempt to validate the RS2477 right of ways.

The proposed maps are available for viewing during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Planning and Zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy.

The available maps show roads, trails, and ways located on Federal Lands within the following Quadrangles:

Antelope Spring within portions of 05S01E, 05S01W, 06S01E, and 06S01W;

Cinnabar Mountain within portions of 05S02W, 05S03W, 05S04W, 06S02W, 06S03W, and 06S04W;

Givens Hot Springs within portions of 01N03W;

Hurry Up Creek within portions of 08S01W, 08S02W, 09S01W, and 09S02W;

Opalene Gulch within portions of 01N03W, 01N04W, 01N05W, 02N04W, and 02N05E;

Pixley Basin within portions of 06S01E, 06S01W, 07S01E, 07S01W, 08S01E, and 08S01W;

Reynolds within portions of 02S02W, 02S03W, 02S04W, 03S02W, 03S03W, and 03S04W;

Rooster Comb Peak within portions of 02S04W, 02S05W, 03S04W, and 03S05W;

Rough Mountain NE within portions of 05S01E, 05S02E, 06S01E, and 06S02E;

Silver City within portions of 03S02W, 03S03W, 03S04W, 04S02W, 04S03W, 04S04W, 05S02W, 05S03W, and 05S04W;

Sinker Canyon within portions of 03S01W, 03S02W, 04S01W, 04S02W, 05S01W, and 05S02W;

Soldier Cap within portions of 01N03W, 01N04W, 01N05W, 01S04W, 01S05W, 02S04W, and 02S05W;

Toy Pass within portions of 05S01W, 05S02W, 06S01W, and 06S02W;

Triangle Flat within portions of 06S02W, 06S03W, 06S04W, 07S02W, 07S03W, 07S04W, 08S02W, 08S03W, and 08S04W;

Triangle Reservoir within portions of 06S01W, 06S02W, 07S01W, 07S02W, 08S01W, and 08S02W; and

Wilson Peak within portions of 01N03W, 01S02W, 01S03W, 01S04W, 02S02W, 02S03W, and 02S04W.

Written comments can be mailed to the Owyhee County Commissioners at PO Box 128 Murphy, Id. 83650, or you can hand deliver them to the Owyhee County Clerk's office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Written comments should be received by 5:00 pm on June 15, 2016.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above meeting should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at 208-495-2095 ext. 2, Owyhee County Annex Building, PO Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

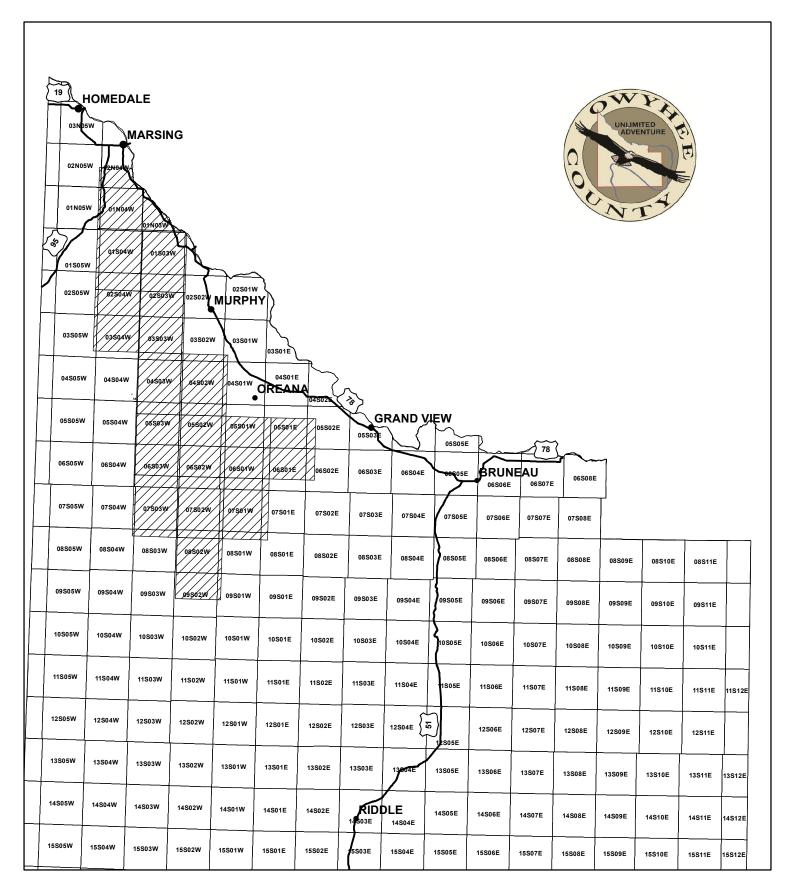
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Sincerely

Mary Huff

Administrator

Owyhee County Planning & Zoning



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Before the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners

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S½ of 02N04W; 01N04W; 01S04W; 02S04W; 03S04W; 01N03W; 01S03W; 02S03W; 03S03W; 04S03W; 05S03W; 06S03W; 07S03W; N½N½ of 08S03W; S½S½ of 03S02W; 04S02W; 05S02W; 06S02W; 07S02W; 08S02W; N½ of 09S02W; 05S01W; 06S01W; 07S01W; N½N½ of 08S01W; 05S01E; 06S01E; W½W½ of 07S01E; NWNW¼ of 08S01E; W½W½ of 05S02E; and W½W½ of 06S02E.

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<u>Category A - Rights-of-way to be ratified as R.S.2477 (i.e. Section 8 of the Act of July 26, 1866, codified as 43 U.S.C. 932):</u>

This group includes those rights-of-way that cross land owned by the United States of America within Owyhee County that are illustrated on General Land Office Maps or through other competent evidence that were established as public roads in accordance with Idaho State Law before October 21, 1976.

Category B - Rights-of-way to access private land and/or Idaho State land:

This group includes those rights-of-way that cross land owned by the United State of America within Owyhee that are illustrated on General Land Office Maps or through other competent evidence that were used to access private land and/or State land within Owyhee County before October 21, 1976.

<u>Category C – Rights-of-way to provide "management/administrative access":</u>

This group includes those rights-of-way that cross land owned by the United States of America within Owyhee County that provide management/administrative access across such land to exercise the rights, obligations and entitlements of a license/permit/land use authorization issued by an agency of the United States of America, like the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), and rights and interests recognized by the State of Idaho, such as water rights, (Idaho Constitution Article XV), grazing preferences (Idaho Code 25-901, 902, 903) and mineral rights (Idaho Code 47-901) including any vested rights for grazing, water, mineral or other rights that existed prior to October 21, 1976. These licenses are inclusive of grazing permits issued by the BLM.

Category D – Rights-of-way to provide "livestock trailing access":

This group includes those rights-of-way that cross land owned by the United States of America within Owyhee County that provide livestock trailing access across such land to exercise the rights, obligations and entitlements of a license/permit/land use authorization issued by an agency of the United States of America, like the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), and rights and interests recognized by the State of Idaho, such as stockwater rights, (Idaho Constitution Article XV), and grazing preferences (Idaho Code 25-901, 902, 903), including any vested rights for grazing, and stockwater that existed prior to October 21, 1976. These licenses are inclusive of grazing permits issued by the BLM.

<u>Category E – Rights-of-way not within any other group:</u>

This group includes those rights-of-way that cross land owned by the United States of America within Owyhee County that are not otherwise determined at this time to be within any other group noted above. This determination, when made by the Board, is not intended to change or otherwise impair whatever status the right-of-way may have had, now or in the future, unless otherwise adjudicated under applicable law.