

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC HEARING STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Set a public hearing to discuss lowering the speed limit on certain county roads to allow wheeled all-terrain vehicle use.

BACKGROUND: The Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) amended Kittitas County Code 10.24 in May, 2014 to allow the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles, as described in RCW 46.09, with the additional requirement that wheeled all-terrain vehicles have head lights that are utilized at all times, on county maintained roads with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

The Sheriff's Office has requested the Public Works Department to evaluate and present posted speed limits on certain county roads to allow legal access for wheeled all-terrain vehicles. These roads have no posted speed limits, so the default speed limit is 50 mph. Some of these roads tie into 35 mph roads and would benefit riders going between recreational areas. Some are primitive roads in recreational areas. Others are roads in residential neighborhoods that have no posted speed limits in code.

The roads evaluated include Colockum Road (MP 2.23-21.61), Durr Road (MP 0.0-1.95), Strande Road (MP 1.47-3.61), Umptanum Road (MP 2.68-9.03), Upper Green Canyon Road (MP 0.0-1.55), Cooke Canyon Road (MP 2.04-2.55), Gage Road (MP 0.0-0.74), Buffalo Road (MP 0.0-0.26), Evergreen Way (MP 0.0-0.2), Kachess Dam Road (MP 0.0-0.1), and Kachess River Road (MP 0.0-0.48).

INTERACTION: Public Works, Sheriff's Office

RECOMMENDATION: Set a public hearing

HANDLING:	Return signed copy of public hearing notice to Public Works
ATTACHMENTS:	Public hearing notice
LEAD STAFF:	Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager

Public Notice
Kittitas County, Ellensburg WA

The Board of Kittitas County Commissioners will meet at 2:00 pm on December 2, 2014 at the Kittitas County Courthouse, Commissioners' Auditorium, Ellensburg, Washington to consider lowering the speed limit on certain county roads to allow wheeled all-terrain vehicle use.

More information is online at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/notices/>.

Clerk of the Board

Publish:

Daily Record: 11/21/2014; 11/28/2014

North Kittitas County Tribune: 11/20/2014

For more information, contact Public Works

Anyone with an interest in this matter is urged to attend said hearing where all testimony will be taken. Written comments may be received at 205 W 5th Ave. STE 108, Ellensburg, WA 98926 at or prior to the hearing.

Kittitas County complies with all ADA requirements.