

administrative changes could take care of some of the complaints.

Lumaco assured Smith the board would take his objections "to heart" and see if there were ways to speed the inspection.

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Whose Road

Until they receive a written policy statement from the U.S. Forest Service on allowing forest service roads to serve as public access roads for subdivisions, the commissioners will not take action on approving a final plat for Star Water, a subdivision on Snoqualmie Summit.

Jim McGowan, general counsel for Star Water's developers, Reintree Inc., discussed his dilemma with the board, but was refused an answer until the county learns the forest service's position.

The access road to the development crosses a forest service road, which McGowan says the federal agency will dedicate to the county once the county indicates it will accept the road.

Or, McGowan said, the board could

accept the final plat on the condition it be served by a forest service road.

Lumaco said the question of who controls forest service roads being used as public access is a matter of contention between the county and forest service which cannot be resolved until the forest service states its position on the matter. He told McGowan he expected to receive the policy statement within the week.

Appointed

Lee Ellenbarger, of Easton, was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the board of commissioners for Fire District No. 3.

Boat Money

Following a brief public hearing, the commissioners approved an emergency appropriation of \$1,800 for the sheriff's department to replace equipment stolen from the patrol boat.

Digging Approved

The board gave Puget Sound Power and Light permission to cut and restore Lake Kachess Road for burying an underground cable.