February 11, 2014

6 Mile Lake Landowners
C/O Dayna Mase
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St. Louis County Land & Minerals Dept.
Mark Weber, Land Commissioner
320 W 2nd St.
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Dear Mark:

As a result of our February 7th 2013 meeting in Ely with Jim Simons concerning prescriptive easement RD-IDC-1001 on Sixmile Lake Road, we the affected property owners of 6 Mile Lake Rd., request that the private portions of Sixmile Lake Rd. be removed from the counties prescriptive easement list and not represented in the county forestry road system.

In our conversation with Mr. Simon's it was agreed that the land ownership shown as "unidentified" on the RD-IDC-10001map is in error and is actually privately owned. We were also informed that the two four foot wide trails highlighted on the easement map cannot be converted into logging access roads.

Mr. Simons mentioned that it may be possible to have this issue resolved prior to the public meeting on February 26th. If after reviewing this information, you determine that this easement does not meet the counties purpose, we would appreciate that this easement be pulled from the prescriptive easement list. If not the following individuals would like to speak at the meeting: Dayna Mase and Jarrod Kitteson.

Our further comments and concerns are listed below.

Thank you,

6 Mile Land Owners
Dayna & Eric Mase
Gary, Beth and David Adams
Sue & Matt Oberhelman
Terry Anderson
Sarah Stonich & Jon Ware
Tanya & Michael Altimari
Melissa & Jarrod Kittleson
Ralph, Theresa & Colleen Kloehn
Will & Katherine Kemnitz

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cc: Jim Simons

6 Mile Lake Rd. Owners Concerns & Comments:

1) We have been told that the easement request is for two reasons:

*for forestry management (logging south of 6 Mile Rd. on county land)

*easement for leased cabins on Needle Boy.

Please confirm this, or tell us what the purpose is for the easement request.

Note the following:
The Leased Cabin dwellers have been granted permission by land owners Gary Adams and Jarrod K to access the Needle Boy leased cabins since 1999.
The leased cabin dwellers have been contributing to the maintenance of 6 Mile Lake Rd since 2004.

If forestry is the issue, it should be noted that the path to the leased cabins is a 'cart path' 4ft. wide, and will not support logging vehicles. In addition, 6 Mile Lake Rd. was not made for logging vehicles and poses a safety risk to residents traveling the windy, hilly single lane road.

In regards to possible access for the public to Needle Boy, it should be noted that there is no parking for vehicles, with 6 Mile Lake road currently maintained by the residents, not the county.
In addition, if an easement were granted to the public, who would maintain the trash and the road maintenance on 6 Mile Rd?

2) In regards to the statement in letter dated January 22, paragraph 5:
"The easement will allow St. Louis County continued use of this road for forest management and PUBLIC ACCESS", we would like to know: What is the county granting in regards to public access?
Note that all lands on either side of 6 Mile Rd, are on private lands with no access to the lake or public lands.

3) The county lands located along 6 Mile Lake Rd at both the Trygg Rd end and the Hwy 169 end are already accessible to the public, and the county lands near Needleboy Lake have available access from the past logging roads on the south side of Needleboy lake.

4) Are there any minerals leases that might be accessed by this easement?