Jason Meyer - RE: St. Louis County Prescriptive Easement Process

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Jason-

Here is a letter as you requested, hopefully this is what you were expecting as the process continues.

Mr. Rosati and I own the west parcel and Mr. Lowry owns the east parcel. All three of us either have cabins in the area (mine on Dinham in Cotton and the others on Lk Elora) and grew up in Eveleth and Duluth. We have a keen interest in preserving our lands and working with St Louis county to allow the access necessary for that.

Thank you for your help

Scott Bradt

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From: Jason Meyer [meyerj@stlouiscountymn.gov]
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Scott,

Please send me a written email or letter with your concerns regarding the prescriptive easement process. If you can do this by the end of the week (Friday), it will ensure we can take your situation/concerns into account. Again, this route off the end of the Munger Shaw Road (RD ID 20390) has been used for many decades for forest management and public access to the public lands south of your property. There is documentation the road existed before 1940. The county is interested in preserving this access for land management and public use.

Please send correspondence to:

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Thank You,

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February 28, 2014

Re: PIN 673-0010-02270 Road ID RD-ID-20390 T 53 R 16 S 15

Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your time on the phone and your insight into the prescriptive easement intention and process. This letter comes as a follow up to that conversation, dated February 26, 2014, in which we discussed possible actions related to the slated county prescriptive easements affecting our road and adjacent parcels. As you directed, we are writing to maintain open communication and to allow for discussion of options available to us as landowners.

We understand the importance of county forest management and welcome the continuation of such practices to ensure healthy and productive forest and game management. We are in agreement there has been significant historical access and land/road use by county agencies and welcome that continuation.

At the same time, while on our lands, we have seen and continue to see:

- Random dumping of metals, auto parts, appliances and household garbage.
- Frequent traffic approaching up to maintained access points and retreating upon recognizing road is low maintenance.
- Apparent in-vehicle "road hunters" who jeopardize the safety and security of all landowners and leaseholders on the road. Several foot trails and portable stands are located in wooded areas unseen by transient hunters, during small game, big game, bow and rifle seasons.
- Sightseers unknowingly traversing a dead-end, low maintenance road and having difficulty finding suitable turnaround access.

We welcome the opportunity to further discuss any or all of the following:

- Potential for a county gate to indicate presence of dwellings and people to reinforce responsible behaviors, encourage appropriate use and eliminate dumping.
- Placement of "Dead End" signage to alert travelers of condition.
- Placement of "Minimum Maintenance Road" sign for same.
- Limited road repair and slight extension of county plowing.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to learning more how we might strengthen our partnership as stewards of St Louis County lands.

Regards-

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