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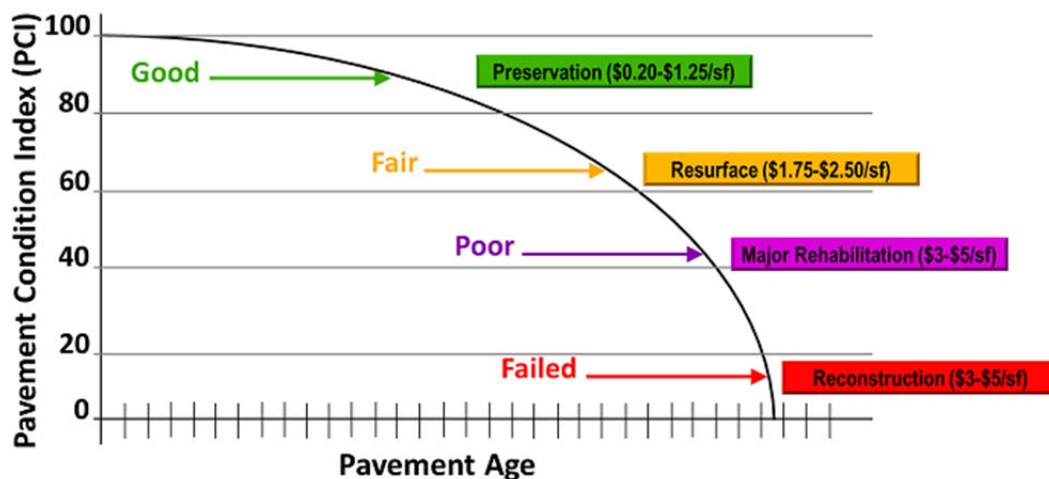
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RE: Federal Lands Access Program/Pinecrest Lake & Dodge Ridge Roads

Ms. Allen;

On behalf of the Pinecrest Permittees I would like to express support of County application for Federal Lands Access Program funding for two major County roads within our basin. The Lake & the ski resort are destinations accessed by thousands of people each year by way of Pinecrest Lake Road & Dodge Ridge Road. These travelers provide an economic boost to Tuolumne County throughout the year. Repaired & well maintained roads would enhance their recreation experience and promote repeat visits.

Additionally, repaired & well maintained roads will be easier to continue to maintain and to plow. Current conditions, if tested, would probably reveal a low Pavement Conditions Index in spite of continuous County efforts to prevent decline. As you know better than anyone the slow



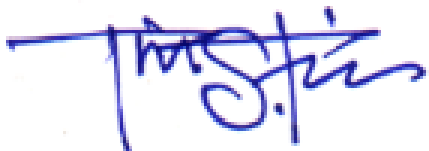
degradation becomes a costly repair job. Restoration & reconstruction would provide the roads with a good base which could be economically maintained for many years.

These roads traverse a very scenic area within a National Forest. In the case of Dodge Ridge Road, steep slopes and many sharp turns are the norm. Most traffic on this road is during the snowy winter months adding 'slipperiness' to the risk factor, especially on turns with 'overlooks'. Pinecrest Lake Road is more level & is used more in the summer months but bring another set of safety concerns. It serves many; pedestrians, bicycle riders & boat & trailered vehicles in a congested setting with numerous access points from merchant parking, cabins & camps along its length. Some the conditions we perceive are:

- Alligator cracking
- Bleeding
- Block cracking
- Bumps and sags
- Corrugations
- Depressions
- Shoulder drop-off
- Patching and utility cut patching
- Potholes
- Weathering and raveling
- Low ride quality

These conditions impact traveler experience, defeat short term maintenance programs & reduce safety. This funding would provide relief.

Thank you for your consideration.



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