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Derek,
Ok, the plan is for Phillip to take the grader around through NM 126 to the west end of NFSR 70. He will grade from NM 126 to the San Gregorio TH only,

He should be on his way up there right now.

Thanks

Pat

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Hello Mike. That might be a possibility. Currently the equipment is on the FR 69 and 70 area, so we didn't want the grading to occur in the gathering area. We should work on the area you are describing below.

Pat - if that is doable that would be great, but we would need the equipment to be taken around via 126 and not through the gathering area.

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Derek, do you think traffic on FR 70 between 126 and San Gregorio trailhead is too heavy now to do some grading? I think that was the stretch that folks were a little worried about with those big potholes--the concern was accidents if people hit them going too fast. If it's too late, I understand.
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Hello Pat. This event is very unique and coordination with everyone that technically should be is one of those issues that makes managing it difficult. Unfortunately we are doing this by the seat of our pants in the most coordinated way we can. No, we haven't had a qualified engineer do an assessment, but it needs to be understood that whoever comes in, if that is what you are requiring, will have to devise a plan that works with (not changes) what we have already begun to implement. We've gone down a certain path already and changing it now would create conflicts we don't need. As far as the maintenance, we lost our window 3 or 4 days ago to get that done. There are too many vehicles in the affected area to safely complete maintenance work, so that is why we requested that we hold off for now. If we have signage that would assist with implementing the one way system I'd have Henry bring it with him to limit the number of times he needs to come out. Let Henry know to contact someone here to show him what we need to do and not to just go up there and start planning. Thanks for making Henry available and for getting the equipment to the site, unfortunately now wasn't an opportune time to use it.

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Folks,
Is there a qualified individual assessing the roads and preparing a sign plan to verify that signs and other traffic control devices meet the standards in the MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD) as mandated by the Highway Safety Act (HSA) for ML 3 roads?

This question has been raised by two issues:
1. The decision not to maintain the roads at this time and,
2. The decision to make these roads ONE-WAY.

For these reasons, hazards that are not mitigated by maintenance need to be signed and changing managing the road for ONE WAY traffic requires specific sign plan and installation.

Henry Gallegos, our Roads O&M engineer is available to do this assessment if you do not already have a "qualified engineer" to do so.

Henry can be reached at 505 470-3985.

Thank You.

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We had our regularly scheduled meeting with Cong. Lujan's staff.. she understands what we are doing in working together.. but did share this information with us..

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Art, attached is a briefing paper I put together for Congressional staff. I'm sending it to our local staffers in

a few minutes. Please send it to your DC contacts. I understand Rainbow Family reps have already contacted elected officials at the DC level and has asked for Chief's and Civil Rights involvement in stopping the harassement of law enforcement at the Rainbow Gathering. They've even sent a form letter they can use.

We had a scheduled meeting this afternoon with Jennifer Manazanares of Cong. Ben Ray Lujan's office on general Forest issues. She shared that Rainbow letters were sent to elected officials and NM Gov., asking for Chief's and Civil Rights involvement in resolving law enforcement problems.

Jennifer's scheduled a trip with Mayor Velarde to the Rainbow Gathering site on Thursday, June 25, we're hoping to tie-her in with Erin or Derek.

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