

September 15, 2014

Ken Buelt  
7855 N.W. Milne Road  
Cornelius, OR 97113

**RE: Letter Dated September 5, 2014**

Ken,

Thank you for the letter regarding your position on continuing maintenance of the paved portion of Milne Road fronting your property. The County does not dispute its responsibility to properly maintain Milne Road including the paved portions. As you point out the functional classification of Milne Road is a local road and the County intends to maintain the road in accordance with the Board adopted road maintenance Prioritization Policy and associated matrix.

As you may be aware the County does not have the dollars necessary to fully fund the maintenance needs of all the 1300 miles of roads under its jurisdiction. In order to ensure that the available dollars benefit the most users the higher classification roads, arterials and collectors, are our highest priority. Unfortunately, the current financial situation does not provide sufficient funds to keep even our highest priority roads fully maintained.

Without adequate funds difficult decisions must be made. In the case of Milne Road the most cost effective way to remedy the current unacceptable road condition and provide for efficient ongoing maintenance is to revert the paved portion fronting your property to gravel. The reversion process will take place within the next 30-days.

The County has delayed this work for as long as possible to provide you and your neighbor with the opportunity to keep this short section of pavement viable. That hasn't happened and according to your September 5, 2014 letter will not be happening in the future.

It's my responsibility to keep our County roads as safe as possible for users and to do so in the most cost efficient and effective manner possible. Sometimes that means making decisions that are not popular. This is one of those occasions and I am sorry for the impact this action may have on you, your family and property.

Sincerely,

Dave Schamp  
Road Operations and Maintenance Manager

Ken & Jeanne Buelts  
7855 N.W. Milne Rd.  
Cornelius, Oregon 97113

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**Todd,**

**We (the Smiths and Buelts) have decided not to pay to have our section of Milne Road in front of our houses paved. The road has been paved for at least 50 years, with County maintaining the paved section along with the rest of Milne Road. We feel the County has the responsibility to continue that history.**

**Milne Road is designated as a local road; the County has many options under that designation; a no thru trucks sign is not unreasonable. We feel by paying to pave Milne Road we will have to maintain the pavement for years to come and have no input into the kind of traffic allowed on this road.**

**Milne Road has 2 collector roads that parallel it; Gordon & Kerkman, and a State highway to the North to service businesses on Vadis Road. Allowing unabated traffic on Milne is using it as a collector road. Milne is a local road and should be treated as such.**

*Sincerely,*

*Ken*