



COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Public Programs...Personal Service"

DATE: August 27, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

THRU: Jackie Watkins, County Engineer

FROM: Teresa Murphy, Right-of-Way Agent

SUBJECT: Proposed abandonment of Caribou Lane

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 18-___, abandoning portions of public easements as depicted in the Survey entitled Deer Haven Ranches, more particularly described in said Resolution.

Background (Brief): The applicant, Dean Willbanks had requested the abandonment of several public easements within the Deer Haven Ranches, near Kansas Settlement Road. Mr. Willbanks plans to develop the land into an organic farm and would like to be able to access as much of the property as possible. Upon review, the Highway department had concerns over connectivity and access for privately owned parcels as well as lands held in trust by the State Land Department. Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Co-Op also had concerns over the proposed abandonment. Mr. Willbanks has amended his request to only abandon two 30-foot-wide public easements, known as Caribou Lane as it intersects the applicants two parcels.

The applicant contacted neighboring parcel owners and local utilities. There were no objections to the amended abandonment. Mr. Willbanks and Clarence Kendall, owner of parcel to the north of the abandonment have made a separate fencing agreement.

The County Transportation Planner has no objections to the amended abandonment.

All fees associated with this application have been paid.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources: Not applicable.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: If the abandonment is approved, no further Board action is required. Upon recording of the Resolution, staff will forward copies to the applicant.

Impact of Not Approving: The described portion of Caribou Lane will remain dedicated public easement.