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To the Montgomery County Administrator Meadows and The Board of Supervisors:

I would like to enter a request for a secondary state road abandonment located in the eastern section of Montgomery County from the intersection of Craigs Mountain Road and Elliott Creek Road 1.54 miles east along Elliott Creek.

Please find enclosed an aerial map (parcels 013280 and 009908), tax map (109-A-65 and 110-A-1, 2), and a survey plot of my property. Referring to the aerial map, 1.14 miles of the 1.54 miles of the road requested for abandonment is highlighted in yellow. The remaining 0.4 miles follows Elliott Creek towards Split Rail Road has been discontinued but is included in the request for abandonment. Please refer to the survey map to follow the entire road highlighted in yellow.

I am the sole owner of the land on both sides of the road. Referring to the tax map, no other land owners adjacent to my property have access to their property from this section of road. I ask myself why are people going down the road that has no public access and what are they doing? Perhaps trespassing, harassment, vandalism! Therefore, "no public necessity exists for the continuance of the secondary road as a public road" (Board of Supervisors Manual 2012).

This section of road for abandonment has gradually deteriorated over the past 24 years I have lived here to the point of being unsafe by nature. Three major sections of the road has bluffs on both sides (upper side rock face and lower side creek bed) and blind curves. The road is too narrow to pass, not only for two vehicles but for one vehicle and pedestrian(s). How many homeowners would like to drive out of their driveways onto a state maintain road and have to back up to the driveway through blind curves? I ask myself why are people going down a road that is unsafe and what are they doing? Perhaps meeting another vehicle where someone must back up, wrecking/driving over the embankment, hit and run! Therefore, "the safety and welfare of the public would be best served by abandoning the section of road" (Board of Supervisors Manual 2012).

Utility and emergency vehicles will have the same right away as before. The utility lines cross over the road in three areas but most run through the property.

VDOT has in the past encouraged me to request for abandonment for this section of Elliott Creek Road (1997 and 2008). This section is too narrow for most of their vehicles to work on the road and are unable to go to the end of state maintenance. Why spend state funds, time and labor of state workers for a road that dead ends and has no public access?

I have discussed the abandonment with several of my neighbors and they are in support of my request. They feel that as taxpayers they would like to have the main roads to their homes in better condition. Having this section of Elliott Creek Road abandoned may help with future road improvement funds for roads that have heavier traffic on a daily basis.

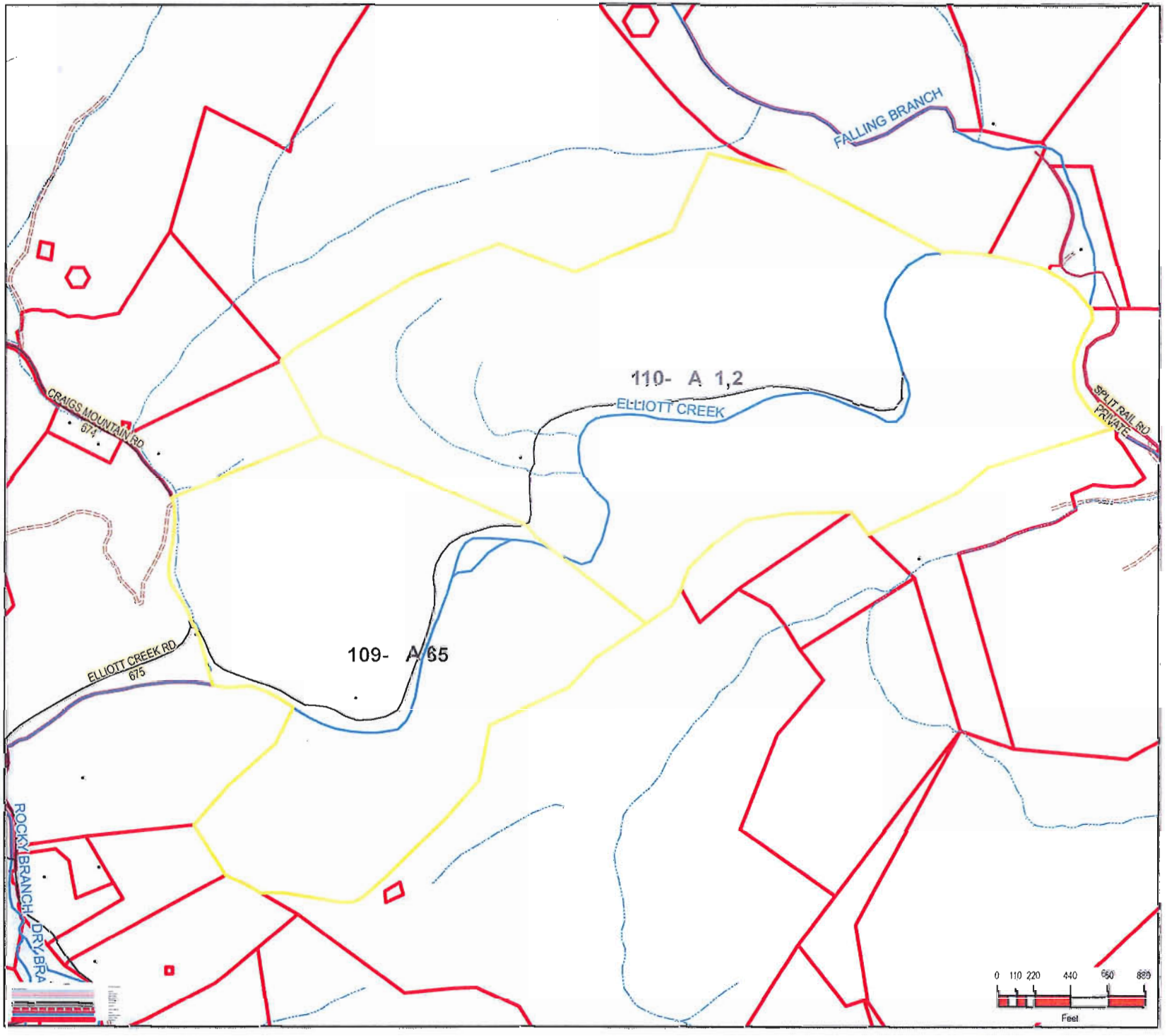
Thank you for considering my request,

Karen Dodson Whitt

Karen Dodson Whitt
2292 Elliott Creek Road
Christiansburg, Va 24073
540-382-1648

PIDs:
013280
009908

Karen D. Whitt



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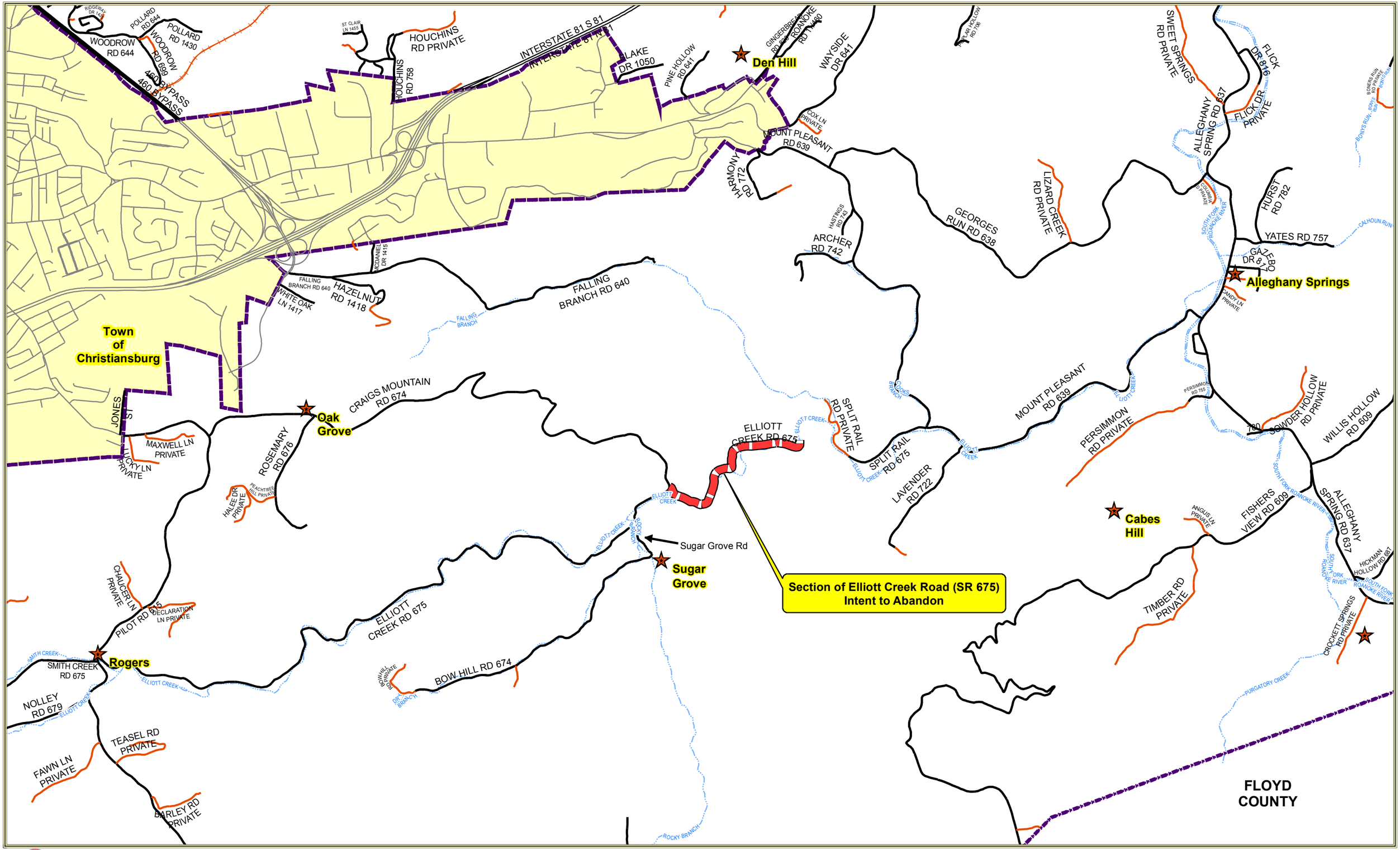

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Elliott Creek Road (SR 675)
Intent to Abandon 1.54 Miles

0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2
Miles

N W E S

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Karen D. Whitt
(Parcel ID(s): 013280 and 009908)

0 125 250 500 750 1,000
Feet

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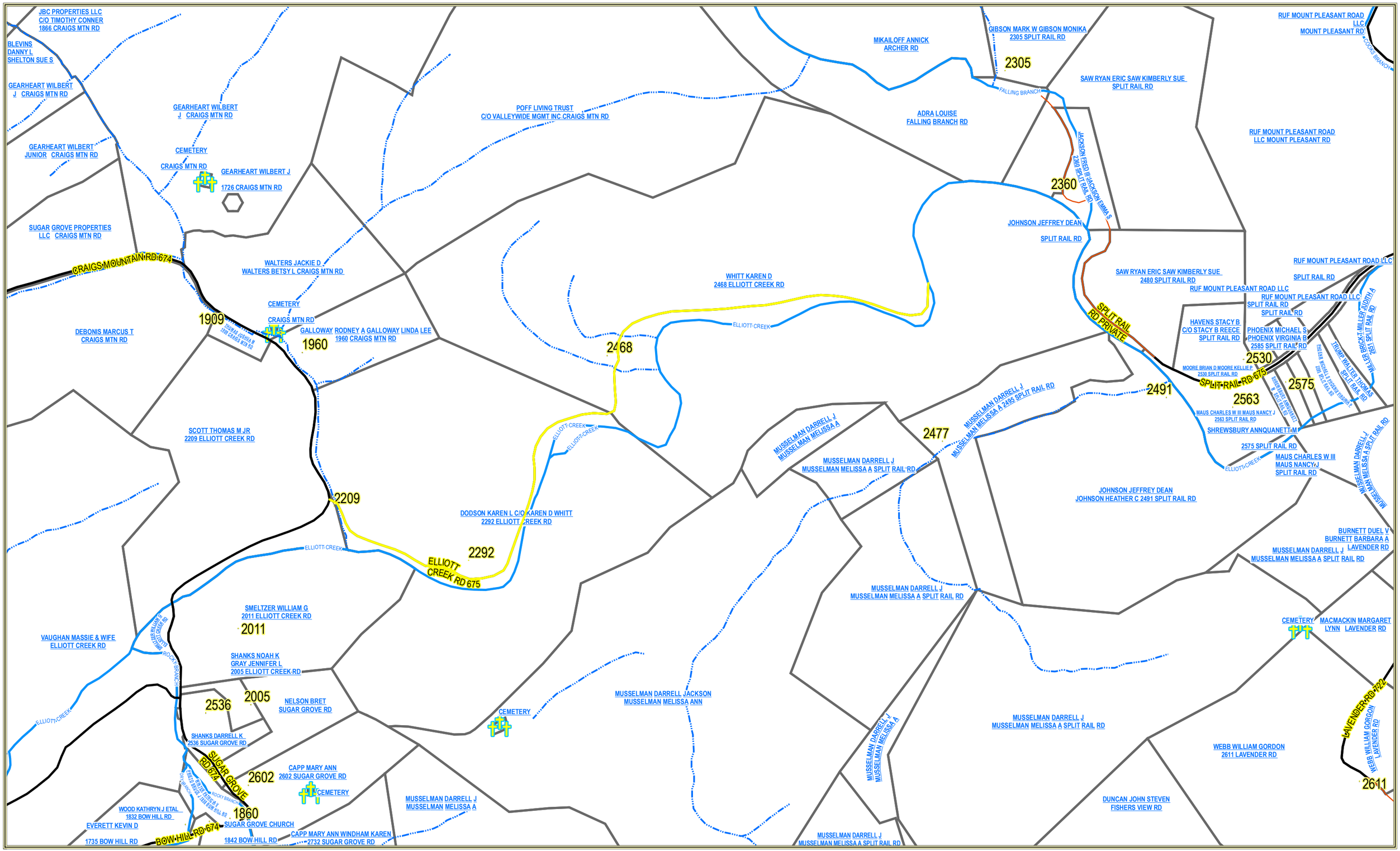

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Elliott Creek Road (SR 675)
Intent to Abandon 1.54 Miles

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Elliott Creek Road (SR 675)
Intent to Abandon 1.54 Miles

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Feet

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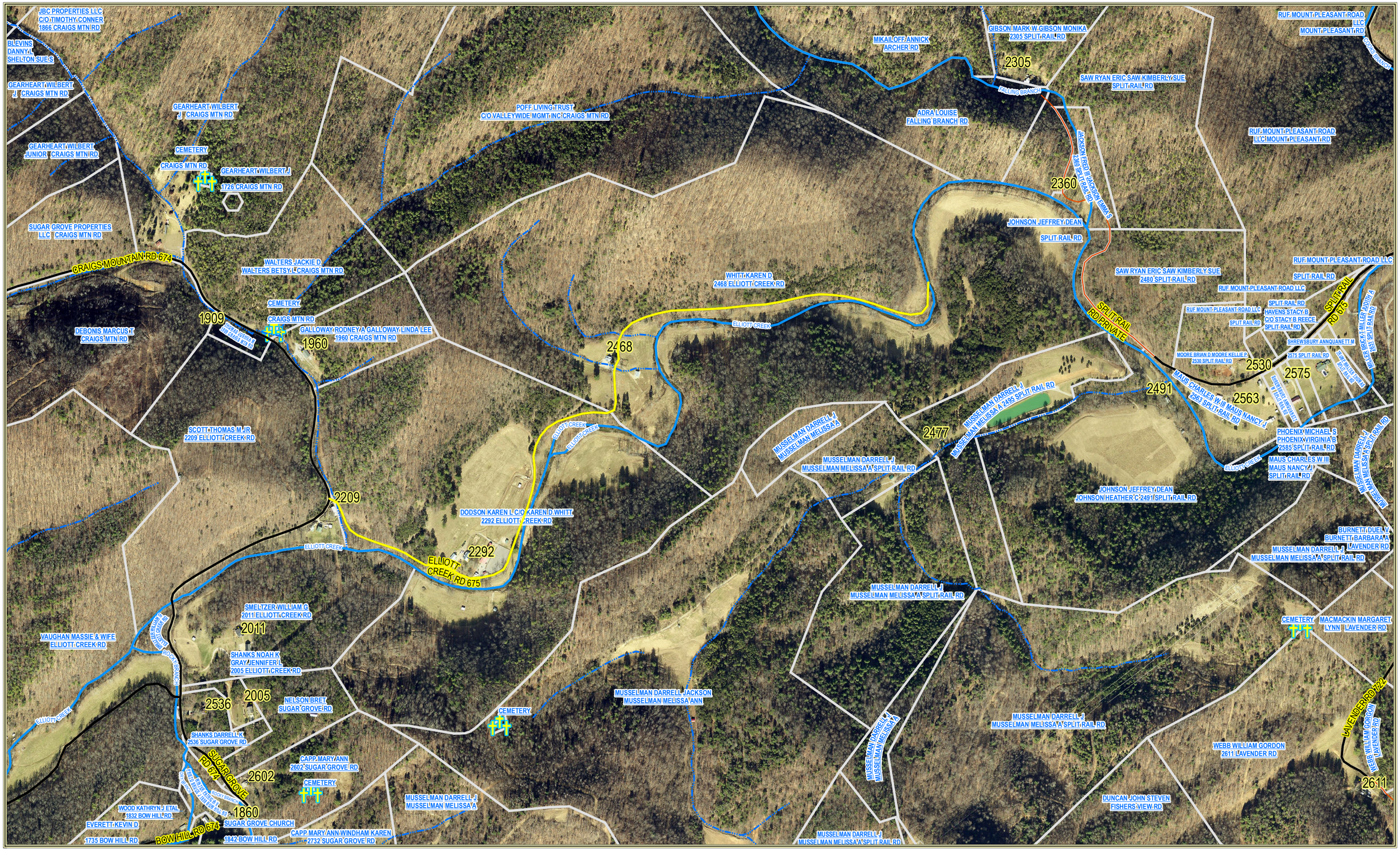

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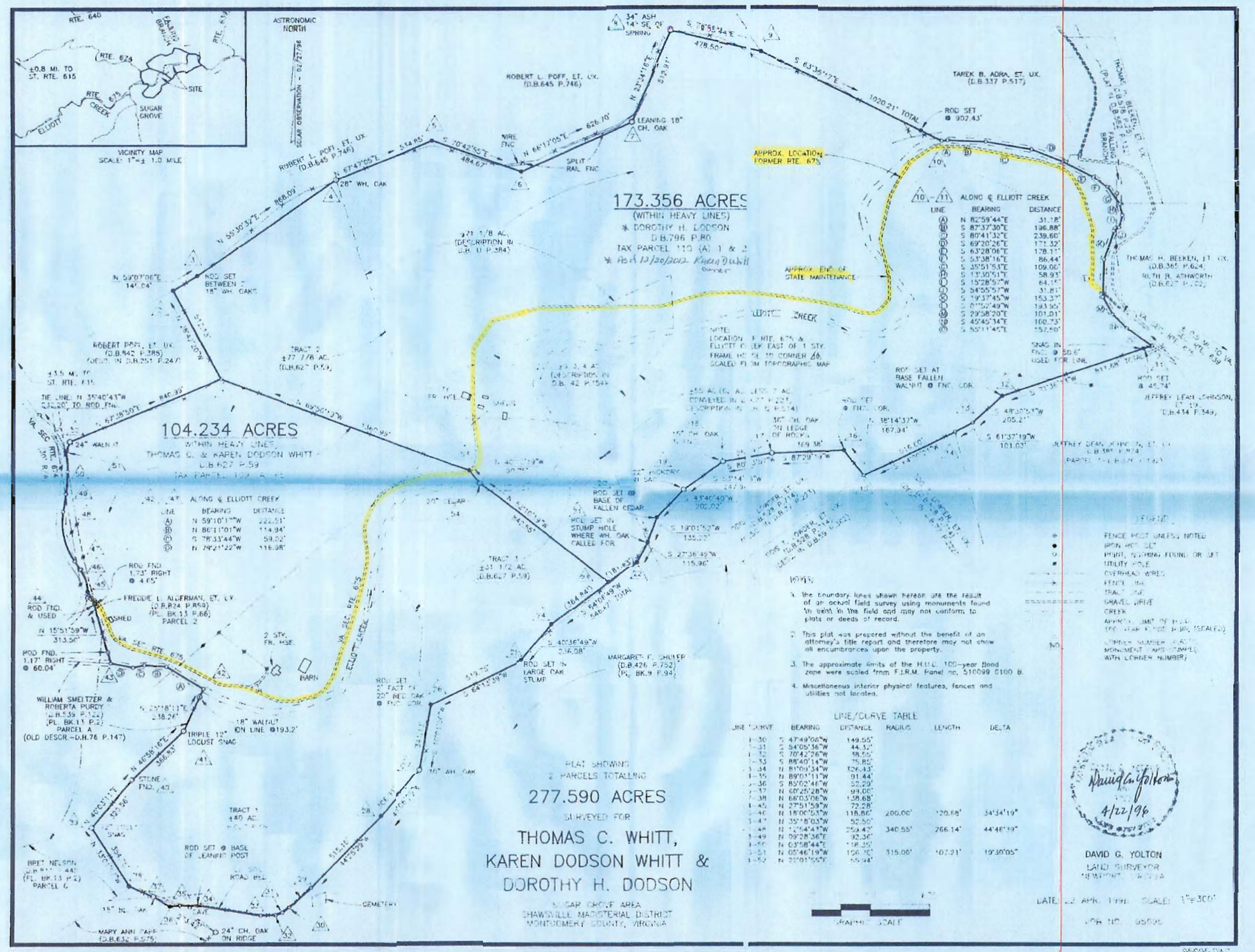
VICINITY MAP
SCALE: 1" = ± 1.0 MILE
ASTRONOMIC NORTH
173.356 ACRES
(WITHIN HEAVY LINES)
* DOROTHY H. DODSON
D.B.796 P.80
TAX PARCEL 110 (A) 1 & 2
104.234 ACRES
WITHIN HEAVY LINES
THOMAS C. & KAREN DODSON WHITT
D.B.627 P.59
ALONG ℄ ELLIOTT CREEK
LINE BEARING DISTANCE
(A) N 82°59'44"E 31.18'
(B) S 87°37'30"E 196.88'
(C) S 80°41'32"E 239.60'
(D) S 69°20'26"E 171.32'
(E) S 63°28'06"E 178.11'
(F) S 53°38'16"E 86.44'
(G) S 35°51'53"E 109.06'
(H) S 13°30'51"E 58.93'
(I) S 15°28'50"W 64.15'
(J) S 34°55'57"W 31.81'
(K) S 19°37'45"W 153.33'
(L) S 07°52'49"W 193.95'
(M) S 29°58'20"E 101.01'
(N) S 45°45'34"E 160.73'
(O) S 55°11'45"E 157.50'
ALONG ℄ ELLIOTT CREEK
LINE BEARING DISTANCE
(A) N 59°10'17"W 222.51'
(B) N 86°11'01"W 114.94'
(C) S 78°33'44"W 59.02'
(D) N 29°21'22"W 116.08'
LEGEND
FENCE POST UNLESS NOTED
IRON ROD SET
POINT, NOTHING FOUND OR SET
UTILITY POLE
OVERHEAD WIRES
FENCE LINE
TRACK LINE
GRAVEL DRIVE
CREEK
APPROX. LIMIT OF H.I.L. 100-YEAR FLOOD (SCALED)
CORNER NUMBER (CALL MONUMENT AND CORNER WITH CORNER NUMBER)
NOTES
1. The boundary lines shown hereon are the result of an actual field survey using monuments found on hand in the field and may not conform to plats or deeds of record.
2. This plat was prepared without the benefit of an attorney's title report and therefore may not show all encumbrances upon the property.
3. The approximate limits of the H.I.L. 100-year flood zone were scaled from F.I.R.M. Panel no. 510099 0100 B.
4. Miscellaneous interior physical features, fences and utilities not located.
LINE/CURVE TABLE
LINE/CURVE BEARING DISTANCE RADIUS LENGTH DELTA
1-30 S 47°49'06"W 149.55'
1-31 S 54°05'36"W 44.32'
1-32 S 70°42'26"W 38.55'
1-33 S 88°40'14"W 75.85'
1-34 N 81°00'34"W 526.43'
1-35 N 89°01'13"W 91.44'
1-36 S 85°02'46"W 55.29'
1-37 N 60°25'28"W 99.00'
1-38 N 68°03'06"W 138.68'
1-45 N 27°51'59"W 79.28'
1-46 N 18°06'53"W 118.86' 200.00' 120.68' 34°34'19"
1-47 N 35°18'03"W 52.50'
1-48 N 12°54'43"W 259.40' 340.55' 266.14' 44°46'39"
1-49 N 09°28'38"E 92.34'
1-50 N 03°58'44"E 158.35'
1-51 N 05°46'19"W 156.30' 315.06' 107.31' 19°30'05"
1-52 N 22°01'55"E 55.94'
PLAT SHOWING
2 PARCELS TOTALLING
277.590 ACRES
SURVEYED FOR
THOMAS C. WHITT,
KAREN DODSON WHITT &
DOROTHY H. DODSON
SUGAR GROVE AREA
SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
GRAPHIC SCALE
DAVID G. YOLTON
LAND SURVEYOR
4/22/96
DAVID G. YOLTON
LAND SURVEYOR
DATE: 22 APR. 1996 SCALE: 1"=300'
JOB NO. 95095

Nov. 24, 2013

Craig Meadows
County Administrator
722 Roanoke Street Ste. 2E
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Dear Mr. Meadows,

I am writing in regards to the notice I received in the mail Nov. 23rd 2013.
RE: Intent to abandon a 1.54mile portion of Elliott Creek Road

I have lived in the Sugar Grove area for the past 13 years. I know this portion of Elliott Creek road very well. Have been down it many time with my family to visit the homeowners that live down that road.
I agree with the Home Owners. This road SHOULD be abandon and allow the owners to take over the maintenance and up keep of the road.
This road is very difficult to pass other cars. There is not enough space on the road for two cars to meet and pass safely. In regards to safety the owners would be able to know who is visiting and who is on the road. There are many blind curves and bluffs that are very steep. This alone makes the road very dangerous to people in cars on foot or on bikes that do NOT know the area.
For those that do drive down the road there are very limited areas to turn around.
Allowing the road to be taken overtaken by the owners who own both houses on the road will help decrease costs to Montgomery County tax payers, since the owners will overtake the repairs and upkeep to the road.
Even though I cannot attend this Board Meeting, please use my letter in helping with your decision. Feel free to contact me for any additional questions.

Jennifer & Noah Shanks
jennifershanks3@gmail.com
540-381-4652
2005 Elliott Creek Road
Christiansburg, VA 24073

-----Original Message-----
From: Nystrom, Lynn [mailto:tansy@vt.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 3:37 PM
To: Judy Kiser
Cc: Nystrom, Lynn; Whitt, Karen
Subject: Elliot Creek Road abandonment

TO the Board of Supervisors:

I am a property owner in Sugargrove, a part of Christiansburg, Va.

There is a current petition to close 1.54 miles of Elliott Creek Road that has already been abandoned at the end where it once led into the Shawsville area connecting to Mt. Pleasant Road. This connection was terminated some 33 years ago. That petition, signed by homeowners on both sides of the creek, was an attempt to keep joy riders from using this road. They were constantly getting stuck in the creek, and seeking help to be pulled from the creek where their vehicles would become mired in the muddy water. It was an environmental problem as well as a nuisance to the adjacent homeowners.

Now the road that is being requested to be abandoned is one that has seen very little to almost no maintenance by VDOT over the years. Karen and Tom Whitt own both sides of the one-lane road. It is not wide enough for a second vehicle, and as such, can be dangerous with steep embankments along part of it. One young man who used to live in Sugargrove (one of the late Fred Alderman's children) became paralyzed from the neck down when he went over one of the embankments while riding his ATV. This occurred in the 1990s I believe.

It is not a scenic trail or byway, and there is no place for a vehicle to pull off other than on the Whitt property which would be trespassing.

Selfishly, since I live on Bow Hill Road, and travel some five miles down Craigs Mountain Road, I would prefer to see the main road better maintained. Shortly after any grading is done on my last three miles, it quickly returns to pot holes and accordion like waves along the road. It can often take months before it is graded again. The wear and tear on the vehicles is huge. If the county does not have enough resources to keep the main road in good working order, why would it want to maintain a narrow side road where all property on both sides of the one-lane road is owned by a single family?

Karen and Tom Whitt - as I said - are the sole owners of their section of the road, and have been the primary maintainers of it for a number of years.

I sincerely hope you will rule in their favor.

Lynn Nystrom
property owner
1613 Bow Hill Road
Christiansburg, Va 24073

Judy Kiser

From: Bernadette Alfonso <bavarealtor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Judy Kiser
Cc: Whitt, Karen
Subject: Support for Karen Whitt - Abandonment hearing - Elliott Creek Rd

Good Morning Judy

In advance of Monday's hearing, being that I will not be able to attend, wanted to send a supportive email regarding Karen Whitt's request for the abandonment of a portion of Elliott Creek Rd that runs through her property / farm.

I am a friend of Karen's and was also her adjoining neighbor from 5/2009 - 11/2013. Very familiar with the situation at hand as it relates to the portion of the road in question. I lived at 2011 Elliott Creek Rd. However where the house I lived in was situated, one did not need to access that portion of Elliott Creek Rd where Karen Whitt resides despite road signage that would lead one to believe that indeed, that was the road to turn on. Karen brings up a " Public Safety" concern. Let me speak to that.

In May 2009, we had appliances being delivered from Sears. The gentlemen were in a very large box truck. Despite giving detailed directions, they followed the Elliott Creek Road sign . Passed the farm and continued onward only to find themselves in a VERY dangerous and precarious situation. At the end of this road, as Karen has presented, it is exceptionally narrow with a steep drop off to the right, and no way to turn a standard vehicle around , never mind a large box truck. With a miracle, the gentlemen were able to reverse their truck and luckily returned to safe ground. They arrived at my home shortly there after and I can truly say that I have never seen two grown men so afraid in all my years. This was not the only time this occurred. During the duration of my residence at 2011 Elliott Creek Rd, it occurred several times with the same results and reactions. The last time it occurred was 10/12 when my personal truck needed to be towed and 3 hours later they arrived. They took the same wrong turn and wound up in the same situation however, struggled to get the tow truck reversed out. Ultimately they arrived but the fear instilled in the driver was completely unnecessary. It all could have been avoided.

The entire Sugar Grove area offers anyone who wants to be on foot or horseback, miles of public road to do so. This section in question truly should be a private road . There is nothing beyond their home for anyone to access . The farm is not a public farm so hence, people are not visiting for tourism or anything of the sort. People should only be on the road if they are rightfully invited to do so.

I greatly urge to Board of Supervisors and whomever is at the helm of making this decision to strongly consider Karen Whitt's request. I believe that it would be a wise decision across the board from a public safety issue, to saving tax payers dollars, and providing the Whitt's with their rightful privacy. They truly respect their property and hopefully their request will be respected and ultimately granted.

Kind Regards,

Bernadette Alfonso
(540) 357-3577

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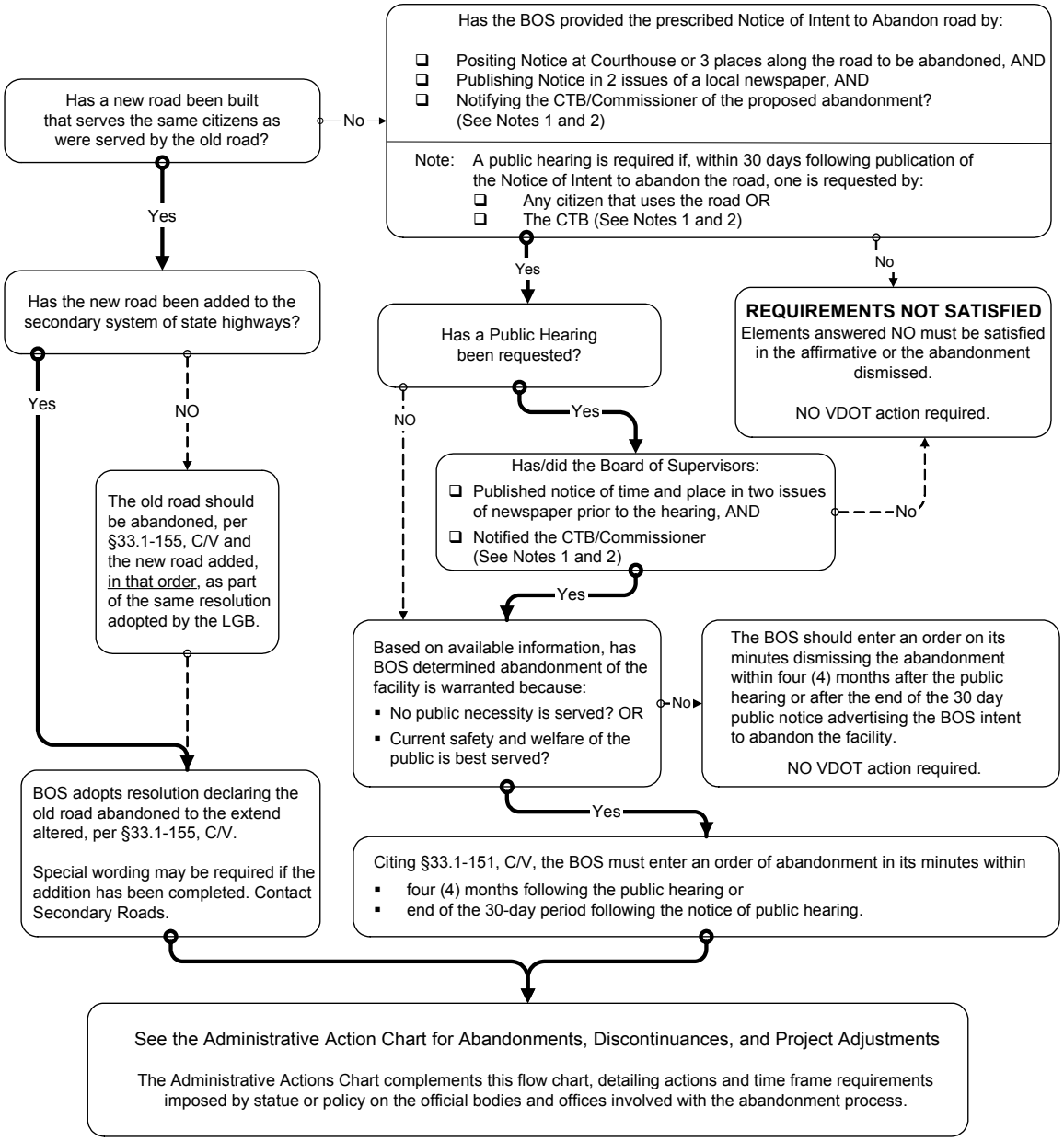
ABANDONMENT OF A ROAD FROM THE SECONDARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS UNDER 33.1-151 OR 33.1-155, CODE OF VIRGINIA

The power to abandon a secondary road is vested entirely in the Board of Supervisors of the various counties or equiivalent local governing body.



Notes:

1. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is to be notified when the proposed abandonment involves a public landing.
2. The Resident Engineer is to notify the Secondary Roads Engineer immediately upon learning of efforts to abandon a secondary road, advising of the circumstances concerning the potential abandonment, and his recommendations.
3. When the road proposed to be abandoned lies in more than one county, the BOS of each county involved must agree on the proposed abandonment. (As a practical matter, this applies to §33.1-151 and §33.1-155, but is cited only under §33.1-151.)
4. Any appeal from a BOS' order of abandonment under §33.1-151 shall le to the circuit court of the county pursuant to §33.1-152.
5. As a practical matter, when the abandonment (or discontinuance of an old road is associated with the construction of a new road that serves the same citizens as the old, in the LGB's resolution, the old road is ordered abandoned before the new road is added.
6. Abandonment of a road has the effect of removing the road from the public domain as a public way.
7. When public service is provided, but is not sufficient to justify maintenance as a public expense, a discontinuance, pursuant to §33.1-150, should be considered.

R12 County order to post notice of intent to abandon a road per §33.1-151

The Board of Supervisors of _____ County, in regular meeting on the _____day of _____, _____, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that Secondary Route _____ from _____ to _____ a distance of _____ miles, serves no public necessity and is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Clerk of the Board is directed to post and publish notice of the Board's intent to abandon the aforesaid section of Route _____ , pursuant to §33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Recorded Vote

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

A Copy Teste:

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(Name), (Title)

R13 Abandonment of a secondary road per §33.1-151

The Board of Supervisors of _____ County, in regular meeting on the _____day of _____, _____, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under §33.1-151, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the secondary system of state highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, this Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of Secondary Route _____ from _____ to _____, a distance of _____ miles, and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above described section of road and removes it from the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.1-151, Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Recorded Vote

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

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_____

(Name), (Title)

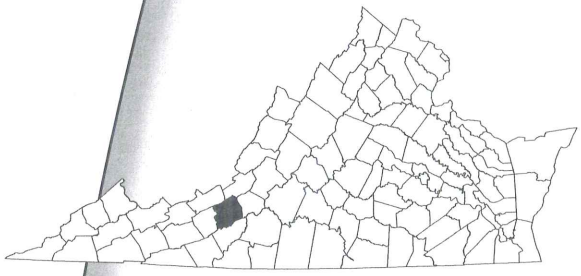
TOT

TYPE	7/1/1932	7/1/1934	7/1/1941
BIT.SUR.,PAVED	28.17	28.17	44.62
GRAVEL,SOIL,ETC.	172.26	172.26	198.38
GRADED & DRAINED	11.80	11.80	60.03
UNIMPROVED	200.56	200.56	88.70
TOTAL MILEAGE	412.79	412.79	391.73

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation

COUNTY ROAD MAP



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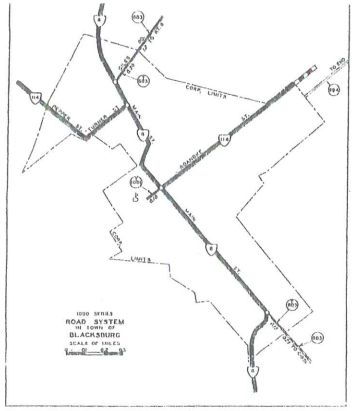

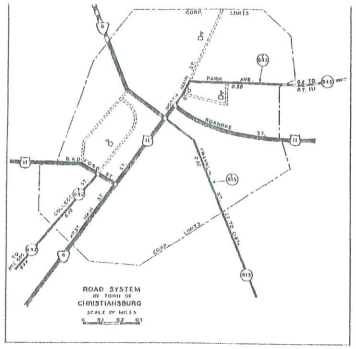

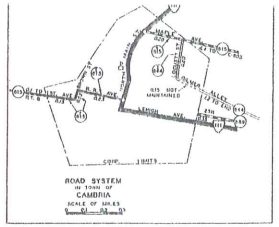

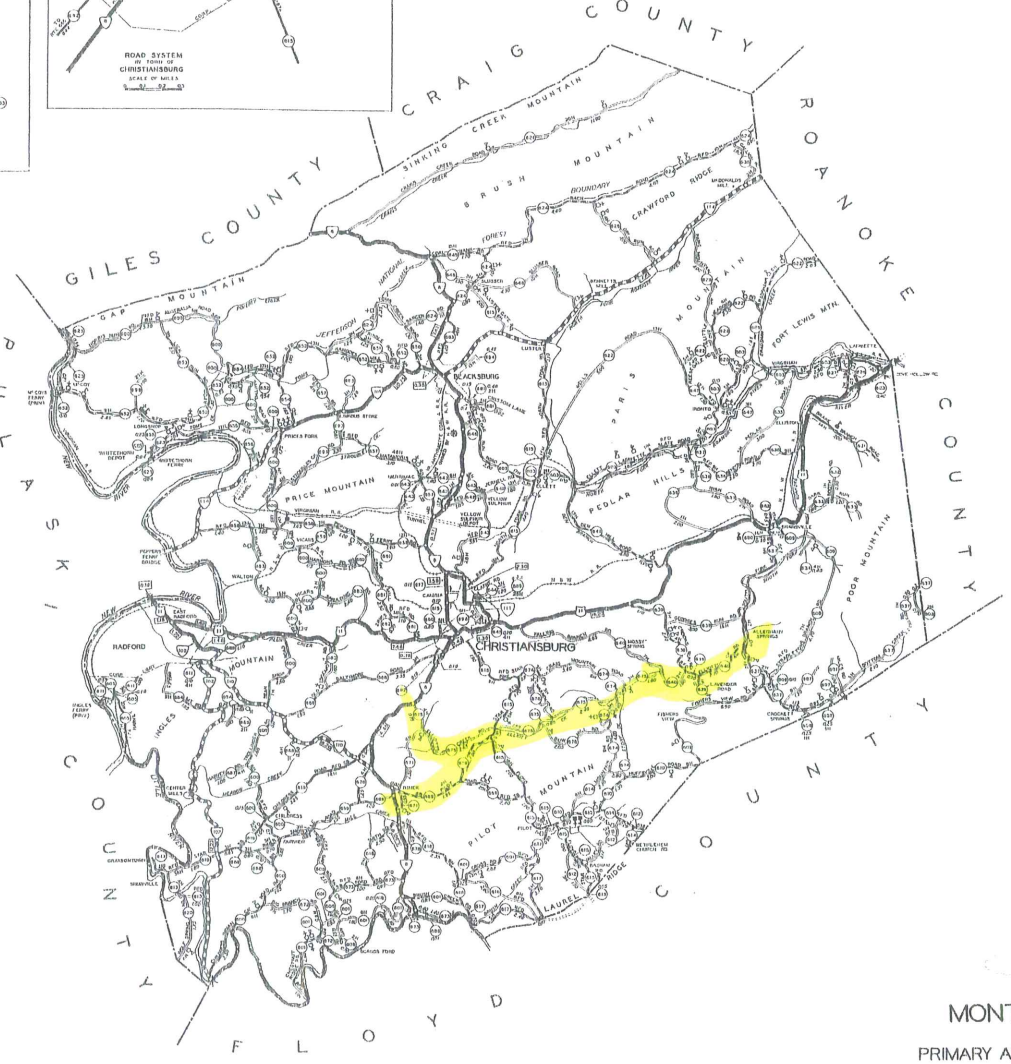

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MAP OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SHOWING

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

SCALE OF MILES

COUNTY SEAT - CHRISTIANSBURG

LEGEND

PRIMARY HIGHWAYS

HARD SURFACED

SOIL, GRAVEL, SAND CLAY

UNIMPROVED

SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

HARD SURFACED

SOIL, GRAVEL, SAND CLAY

GRADED UNSURFACED

UNIMPROVED

FEDERAL HIGHWAY NUMBERS

PRIMARY HIGHWAY NUMBERS

SECONDARY HIGHWAY NUMBERS

MAIL ROUTES

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

BRIDGES

CHURCHES

WHITE

COLORED

SCHOOLS

WHITE

COLORED

INTERSECTIONS

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

LOCATING AND PLANNING DIVISION

MILEAGE TABULATION

TYPE	LENGTH 1-1-32	LENGTH 1-1-33	LENGTH 1-1-34	LENGTH 1-1-35	LENGTH 1-1-36	LENGTH 1-1-37	LENGTH 1-1-38	LENGTH 1-1-39
HARD SURFACED	—	—	28.17	28.12	21.12	22.77	21.60	22.85
			170.06	177.06	180.09	181.89	188.24	198.09

ELLIOTT CREEK
CRAIGS MTN
STOP
673

ROAD
ENDS
1.25MI.
NOTICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
INTENT TO ABANDON 1.54 MILE PORTION OF
ELLIOTT CREEK ROAD EAST FROM
INTERSECTION OF CRAIGS MOUNTAIN ROAD

There is a small, historic, rural community located in Montgomery County VA formerly known as Harless, and now known as Sugar Grove. It at one time had a Post Office, a one room Sugar Grove School , a Church and a Cannery a dairy farm, tomato and bean farm, and butchering trough. Elliott Creek was the waterway that supported the community. Elliott Creek Road connects communities from Riner, to Rogers, to Sugar Grove to Alleghany Springs and runs along Elliott Creek, a very scenic area. Children from Alleghany Springs walked to Sugar Grove to go to the one- room school. Below is a petition declaration to keep the Elliott Creek Road as a public way for the public good as it has historical, recreational and cultural value to the county and the citizens.

PETITION

WHEREAS, Elliott Creek Road located in Montgomery County VA is a public way with historical significance as a connector road through many rural communities. Many have traveled it throughout history from Alleghany Springs to Harless, now known as Sugar Grove Community and on to Rogers or Riner.

WHEREAS, the property adjacent to the road bed along its length are separate parcels of property and although currently owned by the same owner have unique title histories that would need to be examined to determine other private rights of way to cemeteries or other parcels that would be adversely impacted.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the community and greater Montgomery County area continue to use the Elliott Creek Road for recreational activities today which includes: exercise walking, horseback riding, bicycle riding, fishing, geo-caching, "Sunday drive" touring and high school cross country team training.

WHEREAS, Elliott Creek Road serves as a potential evacuation route from this isolated mountainous community in the event of a forest fire or other emergency or disaster if the Craigs Mountain Road is ever blocked as by fallen trees, ice or landslides.

WHEREAS, emergency response is dispatched to the first available station this community may be served by Elliston, Riner and Christiansburg Stations.

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Power Electric utility service feeds this community via lines running parallel to the north portion of Elliott Creek Road from the substation in Alleghany Springs

WHEREAS, the Tourism Initiative and tourism potential would be adversely impacted by disenfranchising the horseback riders, mountain bikers, cross country teams and fishing interests.

WHEREAS, the initiatives of the county to mitigate transportation pressures and enhance economic opportunities would be adversely effected by the closing of a public road.

WHEREAS, the value of this public way would be an extreme financial loss to the County considering acquisition costs for rights of ways are extremely costly and value based on footage.

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2. Alexander Albrecht	2732 Sugar Grove rd. Christiansburg

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3.	[illegible] Albright	2732 Sugar Grove Rd. Christiansburg VA
4.	April Fisher	1543 Craigs Mtn. Rd C'burg, VA
5.	Jennifer Stringer	1543 Craigs Mtn. Rd., C'burg, VA
6.	Emily Howard	1042 Ryan Estates Ln. Bedford, VA 24523
7.	Heather Howard	1042 Ryan Estates Ln. Bedford, VA 24523
8.	Kathy S Moore	1543 Craigs Mtn Rd. C'burg, VA. 24073
9.	Hoyt A. Moore	1543 Craigs mtn Rd C'Burg VA 24073
10.	Dwight A Moore	1543 Craigs mtn. rd. c-burg VA, 24073
11.	Doyle A. Moore Jr.	
12.	Janet Wingo	1377 Craigs mtn. rd c-burg VA 24073
13.	Sabrina Wingo	1377 Craigs mtn Rd c-burg VA 24073
14.	Johnathan Linkous	1377 craigs mtn rd c-burg VA 24073
15.	Eric Smith	1379 craigs mtn RR c-burg VA 24073
16.	Michelle Smith	1379 Craigs Mtn Rd C-Burg VA 24073
17.	Mary E Alt	1690 Craigs MT Rd, CBurg 24073
18.	Elva D Reed	1691 Craigs Mountain Rd Christiansburg VA 24073
19.	Christopher H. Reed	1691 Craigs Mtn. Rd. Christiansburg VA 24073
20.	Danelle Lucas	1691 Craigs MtA Rd. Christansburg VA 24073
21.	Lily Rosales	501 B Bolitt Ave. Roanoke Va. 24013
22.	[illegible]	930 Murray Ave Roanoke, VA. 24013
23.	Winston Hart	2209 Elliott Creek christiansburg VA. 24073
24.	[illegible]	2209 Elliott Creek Dr. Christiansburg, VA
25.	[illegible]	2974 Proclamation Ln. C'burg, VA.
26.	Kathryn Wood	1832 Bout Hill Rd C'Burg Va.

	Name	Address
27.	[illegible]	1368 CRAIGS MTN RD CHRISTIANSBURG, VA
28.	Beth Via	1368 Craigs Mtn Rd Christiansburg, VA
29.	Joey Conrade	525 Starling Dr Christiansburg
30.	Caleb Vipperman	1503 Craigs Mountain Road Christiansburg, VA
31.	John Ruggle	1321 Craigs MTN Rd Christiansburg VA
32.	Kelsey Sullivan	1321 Craigs MTN Rd Christiansburg VA
33.	Chris M [illegible]	1321 Craigs Mtn Rd Christiansburg, VA
34.	Barbara Allred	2607 North Main Blacksburg VA
35.	Kelly Barker	1050 Bow Hill Rd. Christiansburg VA
36.	Melanie DeCordo	1325 Bow Hill Rd Christiansburg VA
37.	Amy L Cain	1325 Bow Hill Rd Christiansburg, Va. 24073
38.	Kenneth R. Cain	1250 Bow Hill Rd " " "
39.	Michael Walthy Sword	1063 BOW HILL RD CHRISTIANSBURG 24073
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41.	Samuel Sword	1065 Bow Hill Rd. Christiansburg VA
42.	[illegible]	Travis Beasley 1425 Bow Hill Rd. Christiansburg Va. 24073
43.	[illegible]	1735 Bow Hill Rd Christiansburg 24073
44.	B. Prieto	1858 Bow Hill Christiansburg 24073
45.	P. Wisher	1858 Bow Hill Christiansburg 24073
46.	[illegible]	1578 Bow Hill Rd Christiansburg 24073
47.	Peggy Wright	300 Proclamation Ln Christiansburg VA 24073
48.	[illegible]	300 Proclamation Ln Christiansburg VA 24073
49.	Greg Hale	510 E. main st christiansburg VA 24073
50.	Donald H. Wall	2336 Aspen Grove Rd, Christiansburg, VA 24073
51.	Michael [illegible]	304 Royal Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060
52.	Linda Evans	1960 Brake Lane Riner, Va 24149

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Mary North	6020 Piney Woods Rd; RINER VA 24149
Helen Renquist	121 FARRIER Ln, Newport, VA 24128
Barbara L. Shepherd	174 Summit Ln., Newport, VA 24128
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Daniel Bing	440 Atkinson Rd. Christiansburg VA 24073

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[illegible]	631 Allen Rock Rd Hillsville VA
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Tamara Cregg	436 Vermillion St Dublin
Chris Larter	175 Hidden Pond Road Max Meadows
Todd Alley	911 Carriage Hill Drive Pulaski VA 24301
Beatrice Dolores Snee	1220 Flint Dr Cburg VA 24073
Faythe Rittenhouse	1612 Willis Hollow Rd Shawsville, VA 24162
Richard Rittenhouse	1612 Willis Hollow Rd, Shawsville, Va 24162
[illegible]	425 Arrowhead Trl., C'burg, VA 24073

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