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On March 21, 2007 during regular session of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, the Board adopted 73 roadways as primitive roads. A listing of the adopted primitive roads is available to download at:

<http://www.co.pinal.az.us/PubWorks/>

Within the next few months, you will notice signs being placed on the primitive roads. The



signs will serve to alert the traveling public to use the roads at their own risk and warn them that the roadway surface is not regularly maintained.

Please note, primitive roads will continue to be maintained in basically the same condition and at the same frequency as they are currently receiving.

Additional information on primitive roads is available on the website address listed above or by contacting Kathy Borquez at:

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Introduction

Pinal County Board of Supervisors (the Board) may spend public monies for main-



tenance of public roads other than legally designated state and county highways provided that the roads: were constructed without cost to the county; and, completed pursuant to an approved plat in accordance with standard engineering road specifications; or, were constructed and opened before June 13, 1975, even if the roads were not constructed to county road standards.

Pinal County, through its Department of Public Works (the Department) maintains a road inventory of approximately 2,100 miles which includes county highways, standard and non-standard public roads. One of the primary missions of the Department is to construct and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system. To further its fundamental responsibility of improving roadway safety, the Board

has designated certain roads as “primitive roads” in accordance to Arizona Revised Statute 28-6706.

Background

In July 1994, a state law was passed that gives the board of supervisors, or the governing body of a city or town, the authority to designate public roads within its jurisdiction as primitive roads. The statute provides that a primitive road is a public roadway that: is not a state or county highway; was opened to the public before June 13, 1975; and, was not constructed to county standards. The statute further provides that the county, city or town must place signs on every road designated as a primitive road in locations adequate to warn the public.

The Board adopted Resolution Number 70997 in July 1997 which gives Pinal County the authority to establish a primitive roads classification. The resolution states that the Board can nominate and designate certain roads as primitive.



Purpose

The purpose of the primitive roads designation is to improve safety on roadways through signing by: 1) cautioning the traveling public to use the roads at their own risk; and, 2) warning the traveling public that the roadway surface is not regularly maintained.

Designation

The Department identified and nominated 79 roadways or road segments within Pinal County for consideration for the primitive roads designation by the Board. The characteristics of the roadways are described below:

- Were not built to county road standards;
- Have inconsistent or irregular widths;
- Have a surface which can vary from native material, rock or gravel to substandard pavement;
- Have poor to non-existent drainage; and,
- Have little or no roadway signing.