



## MEMORANDUM

May 28, 2021

RE: RN 2020-0002 Old Boy Scout Road

*Old Boy Scout Road* is an unnamed private road in the Willits area that takes access from Ridgewood Road (CR 304-A), 0.85± miles east of its transition from East Side Road (CR 304).

*Old Boy Scout Road* is officially unnamed but is widely known in the area by that name; parcels served by the road are addressed as either Ridgewood Road from the north, or Mariposa Creek Road from the south. A small sign currently stands at the intersection of “Old Boy Scout Road” and Ridgewood Road, further aiding its identification. The road serves approximately 43 parcels.

During work creating shaded fuel breaks in the area in 2019, comments were made by a CALFIRE Battalion Chief regarding the confusion between the ‘main’ stretch of Ridgewood Road and the portion known as *Old Boy Scout Road*, which initially brought the issue to the attention of the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services Department (“the Department”). There also exists at least one duplicate address between the two that requires correction. When contacted regarding an address change, the property owner stated that they were waiting for the road to be named so they wouldn’t have to change their address twice.

Given its existing signage and awareness in the community, staff believes this road is an excellent candidate for formal adoption. The original proposal was only to name a portion of this road, and on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 notice was sent to these owners stating the Department’s intent to begin the road name process. Of the 30+ notices sent to property owners only two responses were received; both stated opposition to road naming. Stated concerns include no perceived issue with current addressing, the estimated cost of implementing such a change and the time required for agencies and companies, including Google Maps, to be made aware of the updated addressing. Referrals to CALFIRE and the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office were returned in favor of adoption, and no response was received from the Little Lake Fire District.

Subsequent outreach to the Little Lake Fire District sparked further discussion about the larger area and the network of private, un-named roads that serve it. Following this, the Department chose to revise the proposal and name the entire length of *Old Boy Scout Road*, from Ridgewood Road to Mariposa Creek Road. This added another 10 parcels to the project, and a second notice letter was sent to these additional owners on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Of those, one response was received, opposing the name change.

In conjunction with the Little Lake Fire District, staff was also able to identify two other roads that would greatly benefit from adopted names, and these are being put forward as separate projects but as part of a larger whole.

The project is consistent with the applicable goals and policies of the General Plan, the Mendocino County Addressing Ordinance (MCC Section 18.16) and has been determined to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA under Class 1(g). Therefore, staff recommends approval of the name *Old Boy Scout Road* for this private road, and finding the project to be Categorical Exempt, direct staff to assign addresses accordingly.

Russell Ford  
Planner III/Cartographer/Address Coordinator

**Resolution Number**

County of Mendocino  
Ukiah, California  
June 10, 2021

RN 2020-0002 County of Mendocino

RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY OF  
MENDOCINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PRIVATE ROAD  
NAME

WHEREAS, the applicant, the County of Mendocino, has submitted a request to the Mendocino County Zoning Administrator to adopt the name *Old Boy Scout Road* for a private road in the Willits area, 3.9± miles southeast of Willits on the south side of Ridgewood Road (CR 304-A), 0.85± miles east of its transition from East Side Road (CR 304); General Plan RR-5/RMR-20/RL 160; Zoning RR-5/UR-20/RL/PF; Supervisorial District 3; (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary for Resources has found that certain classes of projects have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are therefore exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents, and the Project was determined to meet the criteria for a CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions of law, the Zoning Administrator held a public hearing on, June 10, 2021, at which time the Zoning Administrator heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator has had an opportunity to review this Resolution and finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the Zoning Administrator regarding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Zoning Administrator makes the following findings;

1. **General Plan Consistency:** The project is consistent with applicable goals and policies of the General Plan; and
2. **Mendocino County Code Consistency:** The project is consistent with the County's Addressing Ordinance, MCC Section 18.16 with regard to private road names; and
3. **Environmental Protection Findings:** The proposed project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from a CEQA Initial Study under a Class 1(g), Section 15301 exemption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator hereby grants the requested Private Road Name, as identified and described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator designates the Secretary as the custodian of the document and other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the County of Mendocino Planning and Building Services, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator action shall be final on the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the Resolution unless an appeal is taken.

*I hereby certify that according to the Provisions of Government Code Section 25103 delivery of this document has been made.*

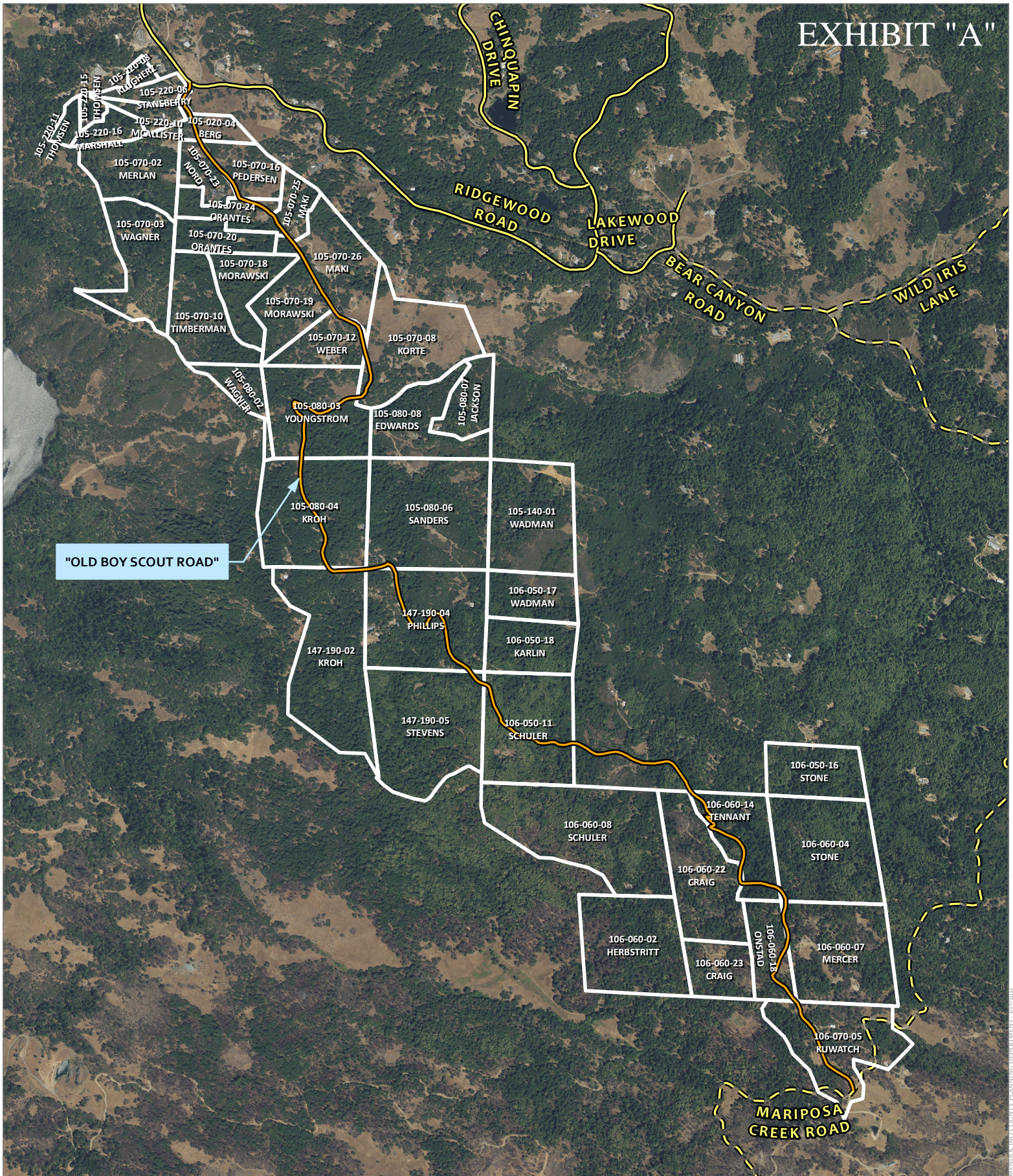
ATTEST: JAMES F. FEENAN  
Commission Services Supervisor

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BY: IGNACIO 'NASH' GONZALEZ  
Zoning Administrator

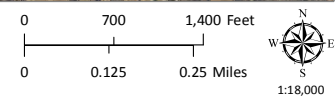
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# EXHIBIT "A"



CASE: RN 2020-0002  
 OWNER: Various  
 APN: Various  
 APLCT: County of Mendocino  
 AGENT:  
 ADDRESS: Ridgewood Road, Willits

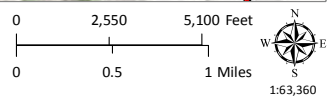
- Public Roads
- Private Roads





CASE: RN 2020-0002  
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-  Major Rivers
-  Highways
-  Major Roads



LOCATION MAP