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Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Conway, Lori; Johnson, Jeff; Maint Area3
Subject: FW: Lake County CARL Question Update :: W003405-021015:: W003405-021015

This CARL request has been responded to and closed out. Please see my response below.

Thank you,

Michelle Bilbrey

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From: Lake County Support [<mailto:lakecountyfl@mycusthelp.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:04 AM
To: bobhokkanen@gmail.com
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Your Question:

Is Longwoods Road (near Astor Park -off 445A) considered an impassable forest road for emergency vehicles. (The current condition of the road controlled by the Forest Service has not been maintained and has numbers of pot holes filled with water of questionable depth. Longwoods Road is the only access to the private properties and the Forest Service is reluctant to have the residents improve the road. I am 84+ years old and am concerned if an emergency arises!

Our Solution:

Mr. Hokkanen,

Good Morning. This email is in response to your recent request placed through the Lake County "citizen's action request line" about Longwoods Road in Astor.

After researching, it was established that Longwoods Road is not a Lake County maintained road. It is located in the boundaries of Ocala National Forest.

Contact was made with the U.S.D.A. Division of Forestry- Seminole Ranger Station for further information about this road. We spoke with Steve Cromer who was familiar with Longwoods Road and provided the following information about it:

Longwoods Road is a Maintenance Level 2 road. It is only maintained in instances of a fire or for timber sales. Although this road has a white "Lake County" sign on it, it is not County maintained. The road sign is placed for 911 purposes only.

For interested homeowners who would like to improve their forest road, they can go to the Ranger Station and apply for a "Special Use permit". With this permit, the Forestry will provide the clay to put down on the

road. The homeowner must then transport the clay and spread it on the road themselves.

For further information on the Forest Service Roads and classifications please click on this link:

<http://www.swcrown.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Forest-Service-Roads-101.pdf>

If you have any additional questions about Longwoods Road, please contact Steve Cromer at (352) 759-2577 (ext 5604). If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Thank you,

Michelle Bilbrey

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Sincerely, Lake County Board of County Commissioners Web Team

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