Before the Bonner County Board of Commissioners
Request for Right-of-Way Vacation

PROPOSAL

The petitioners are seeking the vacation (abandonment) of an undeveloped portion of Hawkins Road, a public right-of-way, located east of parcel RP00234005001AA, addressed as 453 Lakeshore Drive, and west of parcel RP00234006025AA, addressed as 451 Lakeshore Drive, Sagle, Idaho in Bonner County.

The portion of right-of-way to be vacated is 40.00' wide and approximately 350' long, running north to south from the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Hawkins Road. The end of Hawkins Road is not known. The total square footage of right-of-way to be vacated is roughly 14,000 feet.

If approved, an easement for a 5.00' wide walking path will be provided to preserve public lake access.

This request is being made in accordance with Idaho Code 40-203.

BACKGROUND

Historically known as High Street, the subject right-of-way was originally dedicated with intent of providing public access to Lake Pend Oreille. The right-of-way has never been developed or maintained as a roadway, trail, or public access corridor and has remained unused and unsurfaced except as a driveway approach for the two adjoining properties.

As a result, the area has become heavily overgrown with native vegetation, trees, brush, and other natural growth that effectively prevent public use or access.

PUBLIC INTEREST AND PROPERTY ACCESS

The petitioners understand the importance of preserving public access to Lake Pend Oreille and aim to protect that access by providing a 5.00' walking path easement through the existing paved driveway of 451 Lakeshore Drive.

The right-of-way is adjoined only by 451 and 453 Lakeshore Drive. The vacation will not adversely affect either property owner. No property will be deprived of access; both owners will retain driveway access off Lakeshore Drive.

Vacation of the right-of-way will not extinguish any existing utility easements.

COMPLIANCE

The vacation will not create or increase existing non-conformities with Bonner County Revised Code.