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The Honorable Victor Mendez
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: PLHD Grant Application, San Juan County Cattle Point Road Realignment

Dear Administrator Mendez:

I am writing to support the Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program funding request submitted by San Juan County for the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project. This project will provide the resources to complete the final design and construction to relocate a failing portion of the Cattle Point Road.

Cattle Point Road passes through the San Juan Island National Historical Park and serves the neighboring communities of Cattle Point and Cape San Juan, home to approximately 270 residents. The road provides the sole access to lands of the Department of Natural Resources and Bureau of Land Management within the national park as well as to the public and private properties within the communities. San Juan County has estimated that approximately 253,000 cars travel the Cattle Point Road every year, a number expected to increase by 7.46% annually. Unfortunately this access is severely threatened by a portion of the road that lies in the proximity of a nearby bluff that has been eroding.

The National Park Service, San Juan County, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Highways Administration have worked together to propose a long-term solution to this problem. Under the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project, a new segment would be built uphill away from the erosion with a life expectancy of over 100 years. This relocation would ensure safe, continued access to residents and tourists without any delays that would result from road failure caused by erosion and ensuing emergency repair efforts.

Cattle Point Road provides a vital access to local communities and the San Juan National Historical Park. I urge the Federal Highway Administration to give San Juan County's request for the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project full and due consideration.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen
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