

Resolution No. 07-2014

RESOLUTION
OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO
Concerning
Seasonal Closure of C77 Road (aka Green Mountain Road)
Sec4, T50N, R7W, NMPM

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §§ 42-4-106(1) and 42-4-111(1)(x) authorize a Board of County Commissioners to temporarily close roads under its jurisdiction as provided and C.R.S. §42-4-111(1)(v) authorizes a Board of County Commissioners to adopt temporary regulations as may be necessary to cover special conditions relating to roads under the Board's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, C77 Road is a road under the jurisdiction of the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-2013, the Board has previously authorized the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to temporarily close C77 Road for the protection of nesting Gunnison Sage Grouse; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison Sage Grouse is a species which has been proposed for listing as "Endangered" pursuant to the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that local efforts to protect the Gunnison Sage Grouse are more effective and preferable to the listing of this species under the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it will be beneficial to the Gunnison Sage Grouse if access to critical breeding and brooding habitat adjacent to C77 Road is limited by the temporary restriction of motor vehicle use of this road; and

WHEREAS, the road provides for no direct residential or private land access and is wholly contained on BLM land; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure is not in conflict with the County's maintenance schedule or plans; and

WHEREAS, private landowners and livestock producers in the vicinity of the road have stated support for seasonal closure of the road; and

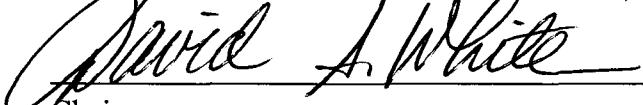
WHEREAS, the proposed closure will reduce disturbances to large game herds during critical winter months and reduce game damage to private lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Montrose County, Colorado that:

1. C77 Road may be closed by the BLM and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for the period from December 1 through May 15 for the benefit of Gunnison Sage Grouse, large game herds and private property owners. Such closure shall be made at the BLM gate located at C77 Road off the Black Canyon Road.
2. This Resolution shall remain in effect from year to year unless rescinded by further Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.
3. This resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 20-2013.
4. Montrose County shall install signage on the gate citing the county's authority for, and authorization of, the temporary closure. This signage shall also specify the allowed usage of the road during the closure.

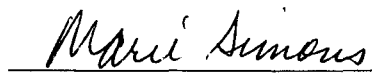
Adopted this 21st day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,



Chairman

ATTEST:



County Clerk & Recorder - By: Marie Simons

