

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGE STEVEN J. HOWELL, PRESIDING JUDGE, BUTTE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

FROM: J. MICHAEL CRUMP, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT FOR FY2007/08

DATE: October 17, 2008

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Butte County Superior Court

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Sharol Strickland Clerk

By *[Handwritten Signature]* Deputy

I respectfully submit the following comments on the 2007/08 Butte County Grand Jury Report:

FINDINGS
DOE MILL ROAD, SKYWAY FROM INSKIP TO HUMBOLDT ROAD AND
THE UPPER RIDGE EVACUATION PLAN

Grand Jury Findings

1. *The North end of Doe Mill Road does not meet county standards for maintenance at this time.*

The respondent agrees with the finding.

2. *The Upper Skyway from Inskip to Humboldt Road at Butte Meadows will be paved starting in 2009, which will provide a connection to Highway 32 from Upper Skyway.*

The respondent disagrees partially with the finding. The Department is currently working with Butte County Association of Governments on a project which will pave the road in question. Construction is planned for 2009; however, the project is currently underfunded, a situation that could delay project implementation.

3. *There is a preliminary Upper Ridge Evacuation Plan, called Butte County Inter-Agency Emergency Action Plan, which includes the communities of Magalia, Paradise Pines, Lovelock, and Stirling City.*

The respondent agrees with the finding.

Grand Jury Recommendations

The Butte County Department of Public Works and the Butte County Board of Supervisors should move forward expeditiously with the necessary steps, including coordination with related agencies and seeking citizen input, to adopt a final Upper Ridge Evacuation Plan.

The recommendation has not yet been fully implemented, but is in process. It should be noted that the Department of Public Works is not the lead agency responsible for the Upper Ridge Evacuation Plan. We are a stakeholder and active participate in the process and will continue to work with Cal-Fire, the Sherriff's Department, County Office of Emergency Services, as well as other agencies to implement this recommendation.