

EMC Road Committee Report February, 2026

Since the January 17, 2026 Roads Committee meeting (see meeting notes below), Danny Karell developed a more comprehensive survey of the issue pertaining to skiing and USFS Rd 100 from last driveway to the 4-way intersection. The Roads committee reviewed the survey and changes were made. The Roads Committee would like to give members a month to complete. We recommend it include an accompanying note explaining why another survey is begin done.

The temporary joint Firewise and Roads committee met and Larry Mauksch with assistance from Becky Sproat and other committee members developed and submitted a DNR grant for the proposed Fire Evacuation Route signs.

Alan Harney, the owner of the first house near Goat Creek Road and East Fawn Creek Road contacted Larry and Nicki to discuss maintenance of this lower section of the road as summarized below.

Alan has not had much winter traffic (ice skating rink conditions now) but says it has gotten crazy in summer and he is particularly concerned w speeders who apparently live in Edelweiss. He also said a lot of service and delivery trucks use that road including huge trucks w pilot cars. This is causing, along with the atmospheric river and the speeders, rapid deterioration of the road. The swales Edelweiss put in were blown out.

He met w Chris Furr of USFS (currently on leave) about it. He also consulted an attorney. The FS had him take down the road closed sign he had up this winter. He was able to leave the slow down signs on his property. Unfortunately, Google Maps still leads visitors to Edelweiss up that way and he has helped some unsuspecting tourists that had trouble navigating the road.

He was curious about the special use agreement we have w the FS that allows us to maintain the road through the subdivision. We provided him with a copy of the agreement.

The Roads Plan recommends maintaining that road to limit trespass through the community and for emergency egress. Maintenance is somewhat limited given budgetary constraints and permission from the FS.

EMC and Alan obviously have some similar concerns, mainly condition of road and the on-going problem of speeders. Alan was told by his attorney that the district ranger can limit who can use the road such as - no commercial traffic. Alan also suggested to Chris Furr that the road get downgraded to maintenance level 1 which would mean it would be closed and no maintenance done. It currently is considered Maintenance level 2 which is maintain for high clearance 4wd vehicles. It is unlikely it could be downgraded because that would require public input and that would not likely fly given support for another emergency egress road for Edelweiss and limiting trespass through the community for non-members wishing to access the Rendezvous.

The next Roads Committee meeting date has not been set but the agenda would likely include an update on the survey and road evacuation sign grant and potential turnouts for emergency vehicles.

EMC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: January 13, 2025, 7pm

Committee Members Present:

Ed Melvin
Nicki McCullough
Larry Hall
Blair Howe

Committee Members Absent: Nancy Kirner (joined near end of meeting)

Guests:

Debbie and Dave Rodenhizer Danny Karell Larry Mauksc

The Roads Committee, Pitkin Thomas and guests met via zoom to discuss 1)winter road maintenance along East Fawn Creek Road, 2)the formation of a joint temporary task force with members from the Firewise and Roads committee to discuss efforts of mutual interest 3)locations of where to widen roads for fire trucks. The last two agenda items were combined.

East Fawn Creek Winter Road Maintenance

The Board asked for advice from the Roads Committee regarding winter road maintenance along 1,600' of East Fawn Creek Road (USFS Rd 100) from the last driveway to the Cattleguard at Highland. Cascade Concrete had requested they be given permission to plow this area to make their operations more efficient. Many skiers want to keep this section unplowed for better ski access and to prevent vehicle use. At the last Board meeting, the board decided to revert to the previous practice of not plowing this section and to request the Roads Committee look into the matter and make a recommendation to the board on whether to plow or not.

The Roads Committee and guests discussed the issue. Danny Karell, who lives part time on Mustard Mountain works and teaches survey design. He agreed to take on the task of creating a survey and distributing to the Roads committee to review. The survey will include information describing the issues to give the questions context. He offered to present the Roads committee with a draft survey in the next few weeks.

Formation of a joint Firewise and Roads temporary task force - Larry Mauksch, a Firewise Committee member, said the Firewise Committee has Firewise issues that concern roads. They would like a joint temporary task force be formed with members from both the Firewise and the Roads committee. The committee would address the following:

- 1)Creation of an evacuation plan.
- 2) Installation of Fire Evacuation Route and alternative Evacuation Route Signs at key intersections. There is currently a DNR granting opportunity that could pay for the signs.
- 3) Another task would be to identify locations of where to widen roads for fire trucks.

Danny Karell said he had an interest in learning more about this issue. Ed thought Alan Fahnstock, local full time resident and former fire fighter would be able to offer advice about locations for where to widen roads. Larry Mauksch, Ed Melvin and Nicki McCullough volunteered to be on the committee.

Action Items	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Develop draft Survey	Danny Karell	February 2025

Review draft survey	Roads C.	Feb/March 2025
Ask Sharon Cupp to help find a Firewise volunteer	Larry Mauksch	January, 2025
Ask Alan Fahnstock for advice on road widening for Fire trucks	Ed Melvin	January, 2025
Inform Danny Karell about joint task force	Larry Mauksch	January, 2025