



# Teton County

Road Vacation / Abandonment Application

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Teton County,

This letter is to request and support portions of the Packsaddle Road Vacation/Abandonment Application.

Consistent with the discussions by the applicants with the BOCC, the applicants request that a public hearing be scheduled for **May 23, 2016**. This date will allow for compliance to Idaho code, which requires that a 30-day notice be sent to all adjoining landowners and 14-day notice in the Teton Valley News.

**Section I:**

There will be several landowners that will take part in this application and they are as follows:

**BAINBRIDGE, EARL FMLY TRST**

SEC 8 T5N R44E  
RP05N44E080600

**ASSANTE, MICHAEL JOSEPH**

SEC 8 T5N R44E  
RP05N44E082401

**FELGER, JOSEPH W**

SEC 8 T5N R44E  
RP05N44E082700

**AG RIM LLC**

SEC 5 & 6 T5N R44E  
SEC 31 T6N R44E  
RP05N44E052451  
RP05N44E060010  
RP06N44E310010

**GRANDVIEW RANCH II LP**

SEC 30 T6N R44E  
SEC 25 T6N R43E  
RP06N44E300014  
RP06N44E306000  
RP06N43E257201  
RP06N43E240012  
RP06N43E246001  
RP06N43E130010

**Section II:**



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Pease see attached Exhibit A, B, C, D, & E for the following:

1. Site plans drawn to scale by a professional surveyor showing:

- Perimeter, dimensions and topography of the road/property.
- The names and locations of all streets bordering the property.
- The location of all easements or right(s)-of-way.
- All adjoining property owners

2. Granting the proposed vacation is in the public interest as it will be subject to the dedication of a new right of way that will be deeded to Teton County that is defined herein. The new right of way begins 350' west of the intersection of Packsaddle Rd and N 9000 W (See Exhibit A & B). The new alignment of Packsaddle Road will protect and enhance the existing aesthetic, ecological, environmental, wildlife, and cultural amenities in this very sensitive area of the Teton Valley. It will provide:

- Better and safer access for current and future agricultural operations
- Improved and safer access to all three US National Forest Service Public accesses
- A vehicle Public Parking area at the US National Forest Service Packsaddle Lake access. (See Exhibit C)
- An Improved Multi-Use Trail located parallel to Packsaddle Road, Packsaddle Bench Road, and Grandview Road from the point of beginning to the Northern most National Forest Service access (See Exhibit D).
- Improved and Safer access for public use, Emergency Service Vehicles, Fire Protection needs, US Forest Service access, and to all property owners.

A major portion of Packsaddle Road is on private ground through a prescriptive right-of-way. Instead of areas of mixed prescriptive and deeded right-of-way, the applicants will grant deeded access for the new road, approved As-Built by the Teton County Engineer. Further, the applicants propose re-alignments and improvements be made on portions of the existing county roads (See Exhibit A).

Consistent with the request of the 2014 Teton County Engineer, the road relocation has been designed and constructed to Teton County Road Specifications



The re-alignment will improve the existing grade, drainage, ballast section, roadway cross-section and horizontal geometry.

The vacation will not leave real property adjoining the public right(s)-of-way without access to the County right(s)-of-way.

The vacation will reserve and/or relocate easements and/or right(s)-of-way for public utilities, ditches, and canals (if any).” This section of the code just deals with public utilities, such as ditches, canals, electric, etc., and not the road we’re trying to relocate.

### 3. Packsaddle Road Narrative:

New construction begins, as stated previously, 350’ west of the intersection of Packsaddle Rd and N 9000 W (See Exhibit A & B). Portions of existing Packsaddle Road will need vacation, abandonment, and reclamation is as follows:

1. ABANDONMENT of Packsaddle Road (Kay's Hill) from the Existing Packsaddle Parking Lot to the intersection with the NEW CONSTRUCTION (See Exhibit B Station 65+00) at the old Rammel Home place (Wagon Tracks in the rocks) or the intersection of the proposed re-alignment and the existing Packsaddle Road. This ABANDONMENT is being requested by the four adjoining property owners:

BAINBRIDGE, EARL FMLY TRST  
ASSANTE, MICHAEL JOSEPH  
FELGER, JOSEPH W  
AG RIM LLC

2. ABANDONMENT of the existing County (Packsaddle) Road beginning at the intersection (Sta. 87+00) of the proposed Packsaddle Public Parking area road left turn (West) on the South end, then North with said roadway to its intersection with the NEW improved County (Grandview Rd.) Road on its North end located North of the Milk Creek ford at the South boundary of a BLM 40. (See Exhibit E) This ABANDONMENT is being requested by the two property owners:

AG RIM LLC  
GRANDVIEW RANCHES LP

3. REALIGNMENT of the existing Milk Creek Road Right of Way through the BLM 40 from the existing location to the surveyed and engineered location that places the road back on the old grade that improves the grade and maintenance characteristics of the road. This will require an



application by the County to the BLM. The applicant will agree to provide agreed upon financing for this process.

4. REALIGNMENT of the Milk Creek Road Right of Way beginning at the North Boundary of the above identified BLM 40 from the existing County deeded Right of Way to the new road location constructed to County Road Specifications from this location North to the end of the engineered and built roadway at Sta. 401+00 (See Exhibit A & B). Included in this re-alignment request along with the conveyance of the new road right of way would be the conveyance of a new trail easement for the multi-use trail as identified on the above referenced map.

5. DEDICATION, conditional upon the above outlined items being approved and guaranteed by the BOCC to the owner's full satisfaction, of a new road fully constructed to County specifications from its beginning at the existing Parking area at the end of Packsaddle Road pavement to its end of construction location as shown on the Engineering mapping (See Exhibit A & B). This new road and Right of Way will include the width necessary for and the construction of a multi-use trail located as identified and to the specifications indicated on the mapping from the beginning point of the road into all three NFS access roads.

6. CONVEYANCE, with the same conditions as above, of the specific acreage and amount as identified in the mapping for the Packsaddle Public Parking Area (See Exhibit D) to the County of Teton, ID with the construction of the road and multi-use trail to the parking area and the constructed road connector to the existing NFS access road. This will include the placement of fencing along the West boundary of the Parking Area and the connector road to the NFS access road and the installation of a cattle guard at the appropriate location for existing livestock grazing control.

All applicants signatures will be provided to you in the manner and when requested.

Thanks,

T. Drew Meppen, PE