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Addt'l Info from Dunne

**Proposed speed limit reduction on Ohlson Mountain Road from 35 mph to 25 mph**

KBay APC,  
Dear Commission Members,

October 5, 2020

In response to gravel pit trucks frequenting Ohlson Mountain Road in Homer, residents living along the road request a speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph. Our residential community is deeply impacted by trucks driving back and forth to the end of Ohlson Mt Rd where the gravel pit is located. Residents are very concerned for the safety of people living here, our children, our animals, people walking/bicycling. Due to the weight of heavily loaded trucks and their longer stop distance on this partially paved, partially dirt road, the speed limit should be 25 mph. We feel it is imperative to make our residential road safer.

- 1) **30 households** (in other words approx. **60 adult residents**) living on and along Ohlson Mountain Rd are in support of a speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph.
- 2) In addition, **3 households** just around the corner on East Skyline are also in support. These are neighbors who walk/bicycle Ohlson Mt Rd. (Note: Only the closest East Skyline neighbors were asked for their feedback, not East Skyline neighbors as a whole)
- 3) Furthermore, the local Ski Club KNSC will discuss this in their Board Meeting October 7 (we will have a Board decision for the APC meeting Oct 8). Ohlson Mt Rd is not only a residential area but a recreational area with more than 40 km of ski trails which are often frequented by school kids from town both, summer and winter. KNSC events involve thousands of attendees travelling along Ohlson Mountain Road. Many of these events are school-based races and training, and the largest program is Junior Nordic, which is attended by more than 100 children aged 5-12 every Saturday for 5 weeks.
- 4) Please also consider that recently, a new subdivision with 24 lots was made – many more residents will be living on Ohlson Mt Rd in the near future.

Therefore, we kindly ask KBay APC to make a recommendation to the state to lower the speed limit on Ohlson Mountain Rd to 25 mph. We also request that a few speed limit signs will be posted along the road in both directions.

We wish to thank Mike Arno for a positive conversation about our residential concerns!  
We also wish to thank Willy Dunne for his significant help and time in research!

Thank you for your attention!