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Subject: Bolinas Post Office move to Olema?

Hello,

Some alarming information has presented itself regarding our Bolinas Post Office mail boxes. It appears they are being installed in the Olema Campground tiny postal space. In light of last year's winter rains and disastrous flooding that closed that site, how can this be true?

As a resident and Bolinas Post Office user for more than 50 years, and a person who has worked with many agencies, including the Bolinas Civic Group Post Office Committee— though I am speaking independently here—I am writing to first, thank all of you for the time and effort you have put in to putting together a workable, affordable, expeditable plan for a temporary postal installation at Mesa Park on the Bolinas Mesa. The response, as evidenced by enthusiastic community support at the hybrid zoom/in-person Bolinas Civic Group meetings at the Bolinas Community Center, drawing 50 to over 100 people to meetings of the past 6 months, has shown enormous community approval.

Second, I am perplexed beyond description as to why, at the last minute, without any official notification to the community, there has been an abrupt change that now has our post office boxes being installed in Olema. How is this possible? There are many reasons this is untenable as a location, the main three being:

- 1. Flooding October typically starts our winter rains which floods the Olema Campground and closed the parking lot and mail facilities last year.
- 2. It is not ADA compliant.
- 3. There is no public transportation to Olema from Bolinas, which places undue hardship on many, and is close to an hour round trip for those who do have personal transportation.

Third, what are options for us as a community? Can we get a temporary restraining order? Temporary injunction? What legal action can be taken?

There will be an article in tomorrow's Point Reyes Light. We can do follow-up letters to the editor and perhaps a community photo around our sign that has just reached the 200 mark for days without our Post Office. What other options do we have as community members? More demonstrations? I can hardly describe how infuriated residents of Bolinas are at this protracted arbitrary and indifferent treatment from our Postmaster towards us.

Thank you once again, Hopefully, Jennie Pfeiffer