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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Board of BCPUD Directors
FROM:	Georgia Woods, General Manager
RE:	<i>ITEM #04,05,06: Roadway Requests — Pine/Elm; Dogwood & Evergreen Hill; Poplar & Alder Speed Bump Consideration</i>
DATE:	January 21, 2026

Purpose

This memo provides background for three road-related agenda items. Although each began as a separate request, they are presented together to give the Board and public a clear picture of the recent inquiries, the cost realities identified, and the potential next steps for roadway improvements on the Mesa.

Item 4: Proposed Road Improvements on Pine Rd. / Elm Rd. — G. Beserra

A resident submitted an application to pave a small segment of Pine/Elm Road near their residence. They obtained a contractor's quote, which exceeded \$20,000, making the project financially infeasible for them. The resident subsequently withdrew the request.

District staff reviewed the condition of the road and approved status-quo maintenance repairs, which we were able to authorize internally under existing authority — **no Board action is required** for this item.

The high-cost estimate obtained by the resident helped inform the next inquiry (Item 5), which involves a much larger paving request.

Item 5: Consideration to Pave Dogwood Hill and Evergreen Hill — BFPD/BCPUD

A request was considered to improve (pave) Dogwood Hill and Evergreen Hill, both of which intersect Mesa Road. Because these routes are significantly longer, steeper, and more complex than the single-parcel request in Item 4, staff anticipates that the paving cost would be prohibitively expensive as well.

Given the expected cost and the need for sustainable solutions on these heavily used emergency-access routes, BCPUD and BFPD staff will evaluate alternative approaches such as improved grading, drainage management, or incremental work rather than full paving.

No decisions are requested at this time, other than Board acknowledgment that full-pavement options may not be feasible and direction to continue exploring alternatives.

Item 6: Consideration to Add Speed Bumps Along Poplar Rd. and/or Alder Rd. — BFPD/BCPUD

This item is separate from Items 4 and 5 and does not originate from a resident paving request.

BCPUD and BFPD have been discussing whether certain Mesa roads—specifically Poplar and Alder—may benefit from jointly planned and jointly funded speed bump installations, rather than relying solely on resident-initiated installations under Ordinance 30.

Key considerations:

- Poplar and Alder function as emergency-access routes, so spacing, design, and number of speed bumps must be coordinated with the Fire District.
- A district-initiated pilot program on one or both roads may result in better speed control without impacting emergency response.
- Don Murch (Gospel Flats) will attend the meeting to discuss feasibility and estimated costs.

This agenda item will allow the Board to continue to pursue this installation of speed bumps in coordination with the BFPD and consider whether to direct staff to continue developing this joint-installation concept.