

ORDINANCE NUMBER #10-18-04-01

**ORDINANCE FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE  
OF UNMAINTAINED PARTS OF COMBS ROAD**

Whereas, the road commonly known by the public as Combs Road includes a maintained portion that is part of the county's inventory road system and also includes other portions of Combs Road and portions of County Road 4 and Old County Road 77 that are not maintained by the county and not part of the county's inventory road system;

Whereas, those unmaintained parts of Combs Road, County Road 4 and County Road 77, together with Forest Road 203 and Forest Road 313 consist of some 1.46 miles of unmaintained public way, ending at the Jackson County line, all within Van Buren Township;

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has been informed by the administrators of the Hoosier National Forest, that they wish the above-stated roads officially closed to vehicular traffic to prevent misuse, damage to and pollution of forest property, and injury and property damage to those who might otherwise use the roads, and the Board of Commissioners finds that the closing the above-stated roads is in the public interest and economic interest of the county;

Whereas, the Hoosier National Forest is the only property owner to be affected by a temporary closure of the above-stated roads and their closure will not unreasonably interfere with the flow of traffic on the county road system;

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners at this time do not wish to vacate the above public ways should their use later be determined necessary; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to temporarily close a public road pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-20-8-1 and Chapter 3 of the Indiana Code;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED:**

1. The road commonly known by the public as Combs Road that is not a part of the county's highway inventory road system and which includes those portions of Combs Road, County Road 4, Old County Road 77, Forest Road 203 and Forest Road 313 that are not maintained by the county and not part of the county's inventory road system, consisting of some 1.46 miles and ending at the Jackson County line, is hereby closed to all vehicular traffic except for emergency vehicles for the provision of fire, medical or law enforcement services, or other vehicles that from time to time may be authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

2. This temporary closure shall not be deemed to include that portion of any road that is currently part of the county's inventory road system.

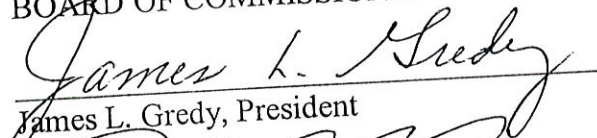
3. This temporary closure shall be for a term of five years from the effective date of this ordinance, and may be renewed by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County prior to the expiration of that period for any additional term allowed by law.

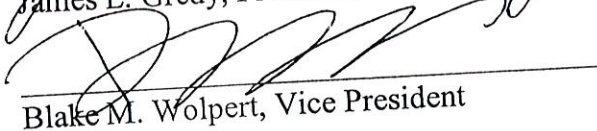
4. The County Auditor shall publish this ordinance twice in a manner prescribed by law, and shall mail a copy to the Forest Supervisor, Hoosier National Forest, 811 Constitution Avenue, Bedford, Indiana 47421.

5. The County Highway Department shall post appropriate signs to provide notice to the public of this temporary closure.

SO ORDAINED this October 18, 2004.

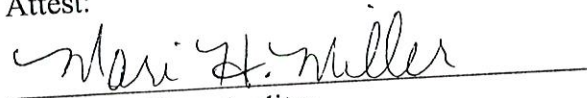
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