

BUTTE COUNTY CATTLE GUARD POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide the procedure and policy for the installation and maintenance of cattle guards on County Roads.

1. Application. No new cattle guards shall be permitted on County Roads unless an application shall first be submitted to the County Highway Superintendent in a form which includes and addresses the location, specifications and maintenance required by this policy. Maintenance and repair of existing cattle guards shall require application to the County Highway Superintendent who shall have the authority to permit such repair and maintenance. The County Highway Superintendent may refer any request to the County Commission.

2. Specifications. All cattle guards shall be a minimum of eighty-four (84) inches wide and shall be of sufficient length to stretch at least from shoulder to shoulder on the roadway. Further, all cattle guards shall be of sufficient strength to sustain and carry loads greater than the legal load limits.

3. Maintenance. Maintenance and repair of cattle guards shall be the responsibility of the individual making application for the cattle guard or in the case of existing cattle guards the person or persons who benefit from the cattle guard. Any maintenance requires the submission of an application as provided in paragraph one (1) hereof.

a. Notice to repair or replace. The County may give written notice to the responsible party that a cattle guard is in need of repair or maintenance and the repair or maintenance shall be accomplished not later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of such notice. In the event the repair or maintenance is not completed within the thirty (30) day period the County may at its option complete the repair or maintenance and bill the responsible party for the costs associated therewith.

b. Emergency. In an emergency the County may make necessary repairs or may replace a cattle guard and the applicant or person benefiting from an existing cattle guard shall pay the cost thereof.

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