

## Gate Procedure

To initiate the process to put a gate across a county road, the person wanting the gate (petitioner) sends a letter to the Coos County Highway Department (county). The letter should set forth all the reasons a gate should be allowed and should include a petition signed by all land owners beyond the gate. The county will send any landowners who have not signed the petition notice, informing them of the gate request.

The petitioner must provide an assessment map (which can be obtained from the county) with the position of the proposed gate clearly marked, along with a check for \$600.00. The permit to work in the right of way is included in the cost. Next, the county's access foreman will schedule an on-site inspection with the petitioner to review the location, including any potential safety issues. A notice will be sent to all affected landowners.

After sufficient time for response, the gate request will be scheduled at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners. At that time, the Board will receive testimony from any and all affected parties, not just landowners, but others who use the access, such as for recreational purposes.

All costs of construction, installation and maintenance of the gate shall be borne by the petitioner, and keys must be provided to all those affected, including utilities companies and emergency vehicles. The construction of an adequate turn around just prior to the gate may also be required.