

August 31, 1992  
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Introduced by: Bruce Laing

Proposed No.: 92-593

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to road closure;  
3 recognizing the emergency fire hazard  
4 conditions on Snoqualmie National Forest  
5 lands due to the current drought  
6 conditions in the Pacific Northwest and  
7 authorizing the installaion of a gate and  
8 temporary closing of Stossel Creek Road,  
9 and declaring an emergency.

10 PREAMBLE:

11 King County owns and maintains Stossel Creek Road which  
12 accesses Snoqualmie National Forest lands. The severe  
13 drought conditions existing in western Washington this  
14 year has created an extraordinary fire hazard, making  
15 public access to these forest lands a dangerous risk.

16 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

17 SECTION 1. The Stossel Creek Road shall be closed to the  
18 public at such time that the fire danger/risk reaches a minimum  
19 threshold for the National Fire Danger Rating System and upon  
20 expert opinion of the Department of Natural Resources.  
21 Reopening of the road shall take place when the fire  
22 danger/risk falls below this threshold or at the request of  
23 Department of Natural Resources.

24 SECTION 2: During the road closure only residents living  
25 along the road and their guests and personnel directly involved  
26 in law enforcement, fire prevention, fire detection or  
27 suppression shall be permitted on the road.

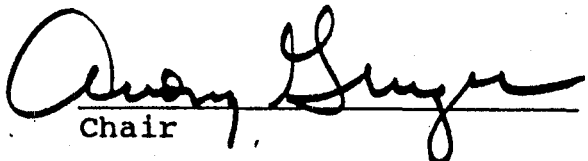
28 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and  
29 declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,  
2 health or safety or for the support of county government and  
3 its existing public institutions.

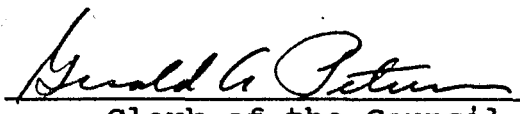
4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 31st day  
5 of August, 1992.

6 PASSED this 31st day of August, 1992.

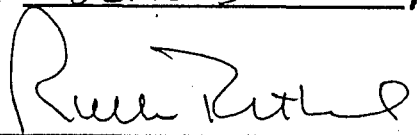
7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9   
10 Audrey Guyer  
Chair

11 ATTEST:

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13 Gerald A. Peterson  
Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1992.

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16 Ruth Ruth  
for King County Executive