

# Umatilla County Public Works

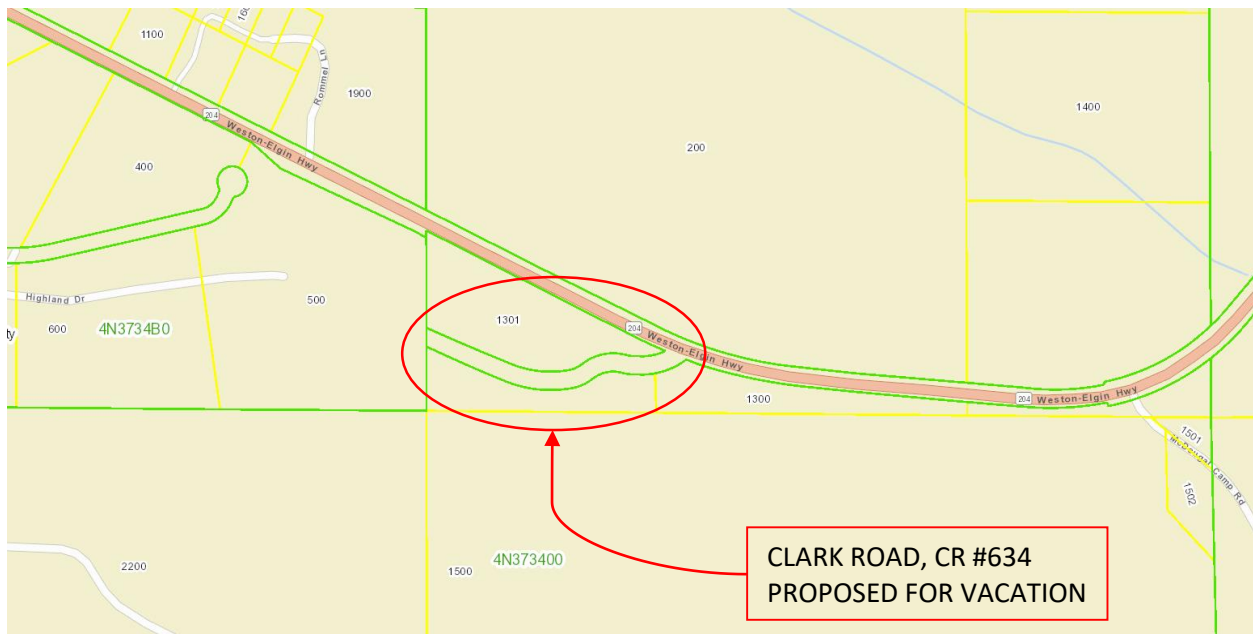
## Clark Road Vacation Report

### Description of Ownership

The portion of Clark Road proposed to be vacated consists of a 60-foot right-of-way located within the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 37 East, W.M., lying south of Weston-Elgin Highway 204. The road extends southwesterly from Highway 204 and dead ends on the east line of the Lincton Mountain Highlands No. 2 subdivision, being approximately 950 feet in length.

The road originates from a portion of old road no. 389 as established in July of 1892. The old road as established was about 8.5 miles in length and makes up portions of existing County Roads Basket Mountain Road, Gentry Road, and McDougall Camp Road, among others. The portion of old road 389 lying immediately west of this proposed vacation was vacated in 1977, the land was then developed into a subdivision. Very little evidence of the old road exists easterly of this proposed vacation.

If vacated, ownership would revert back to the abutting owners by extension of the person's abutting property boundaries to the center of the vacated property, as described in ORS 368.366(1)(d).



### Property Uses

The road is currently used by local property owners and has the appearance of a private driveway. This is not a regularly maintained County Road nor is it likely it would ever become one. According to the petitioners the road is primarily used by the few local residence, mostly for outdoor recreational purposes.

### Assessment of Public Interest

Clark road is not a regularly maintained County Road nor has it ever been used as one. It has a poor alignment creating an inadequate intersecting angle with Highway 204 on the east, a situation unsafe for public travel should the road ever be developed. It dead ends to the west on the east lot line of a developed subdivision, the result of a 1977 vacation. The road provides no access benefits to adjoining owners that doesn't already exist through Highway 204, Highland Drive, or McDougall Camp Road.

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department that the road be vacated as requested in the petition.