



January 5, 2023

From: Road and Bridge Superintendent

To: County Administrator

Subj: ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

1. Highlights for December, 2022:

- a. Recruited Matt Truitt as an Equipment Operator I (started work on 12/12/2022).
- b. Nearly continuous winter maintenance operations.
- c. CR-1 escarpment (Log Hill south to CR-24) – reshaped shoulders and broomed.
- d. On 12/6/2022, we received our third deer strike in past 12 months (2022 Jeep Gladiator) – all between Colona Gravel Pit and City of Montrose. Most significant damage averted due to reinforced front bumper.
- e. Ironton Park Drainage Survey – Monadnock Mineral Services, LLC has provided a fixed quote of \$5,000 for this work (\$5,200 through SEH). This survey work would not be able to be conducted until after the Spring thaw.
- f. Patched potholes along old chip-sealed portion of CR-1.
- g. Completed improvements to repaired CR-24 road segment (shouldering and finish grading).
- h. Caterpillar 315L excavator repairs (est. \$83K, approved by BOCC on 3/8/2022) – no invoice yet; we've been using a loner machine from CAT Wagner since August 2022.
- i. Dave Wood Road IGA/MOU (grading & MgCl₂ application) – Ouray County is self-sufficient and does not need to continue this.

2. Priorities for January, 2023:

- a. Sustain winter maintenance operations.
- b. Culvert replacement at 257 CR-3A.
- c. Recruit for a Maintenance Technician (Fleet).
- d. Continue equipment repairs/maintenance, to include improvements to the county's water truck, in order to prepare for gravel build-up on select road segments as soon and conditions will allow.
- e. Develop cost estimates for installation of delineators all along the CR-1 escarpment, as an all-weather solution to keeping vehicles in their lanes and on the pavement. This would likely cost in excess of \$20K, and is not currently in budget.
- f. Procurements:
 - (1) Communications equipment (\$72,260).
 - (2) Fleet management consulting services (fleet replacement planning).
 - (3) Gravel production (Owl Creek and BLM gravel pits).

Very respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. L. BARGER", is written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

T. L. BARGER