

Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023
To: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
From: Shelley Gray, Assistant Planner
Subject: Proposed road name changes for three unnamed private roads:
Joy Place (RN-22-01); Gene Court (RN-22-02); and Lilly Loop (RN-22-03)

Background

On May 13, 2022, Jonathan Leduc of JH Ranch submitted applications to establish road names for private roads serving their property. The project is a proposal to name three private roads that are south of the city of Etna. The County procedures for establishing a road name are found in Title 10, Chapter 9 of the County Code. The procedures require that a “resolution of intention” be first adopted by the Board, which resolution includes a date setting a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Board may adopt by resolution the proposed road names.

Staff has determined that per the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Safe Regulations §1271.00, which defines “roads, streets, private lanes” as “vehicular access to more than one parcel” and §1284.04, which requires that “public and private roads and streets shall be identified by a name or number,” that the following unnamed roads used to access portions of JH Ranch qualify as roads under State regulations:

- **Unnamed Private Road (Joy Place)** has a starting point at Homestead Lane in a loop approximately +/- 767 feet. (See Figure 1, Map)
- **Unnamed Private Road (Gene Court)** has a starting point at Homestead Lane approximately +/- 215 feet south easterly, then 116 feet easterly, and heads in the north easterly direction approximately +/- 207 feet. (See Figure 1, Map)
- **Unnamed Private Road (Lilly Loop)** has a starting point at Homestead Lane in a loop approximately +/- 813 feet. (See Figure 1, Map)

On March 15, 2023, pursuant to Siskiyou County Code (SCC) §10-9.04(b), staff notified adjacent property owners to the unnamed roads of the proposed road names and asked to comment by April 3, 2023. No comments were received. (See Figure 2 – Adjacent Parcels)

Local agencies were notified of the proposed names and asked to comment. No comments were received.

Notice of the project was published on March 22, 2023, and posted as required prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting.

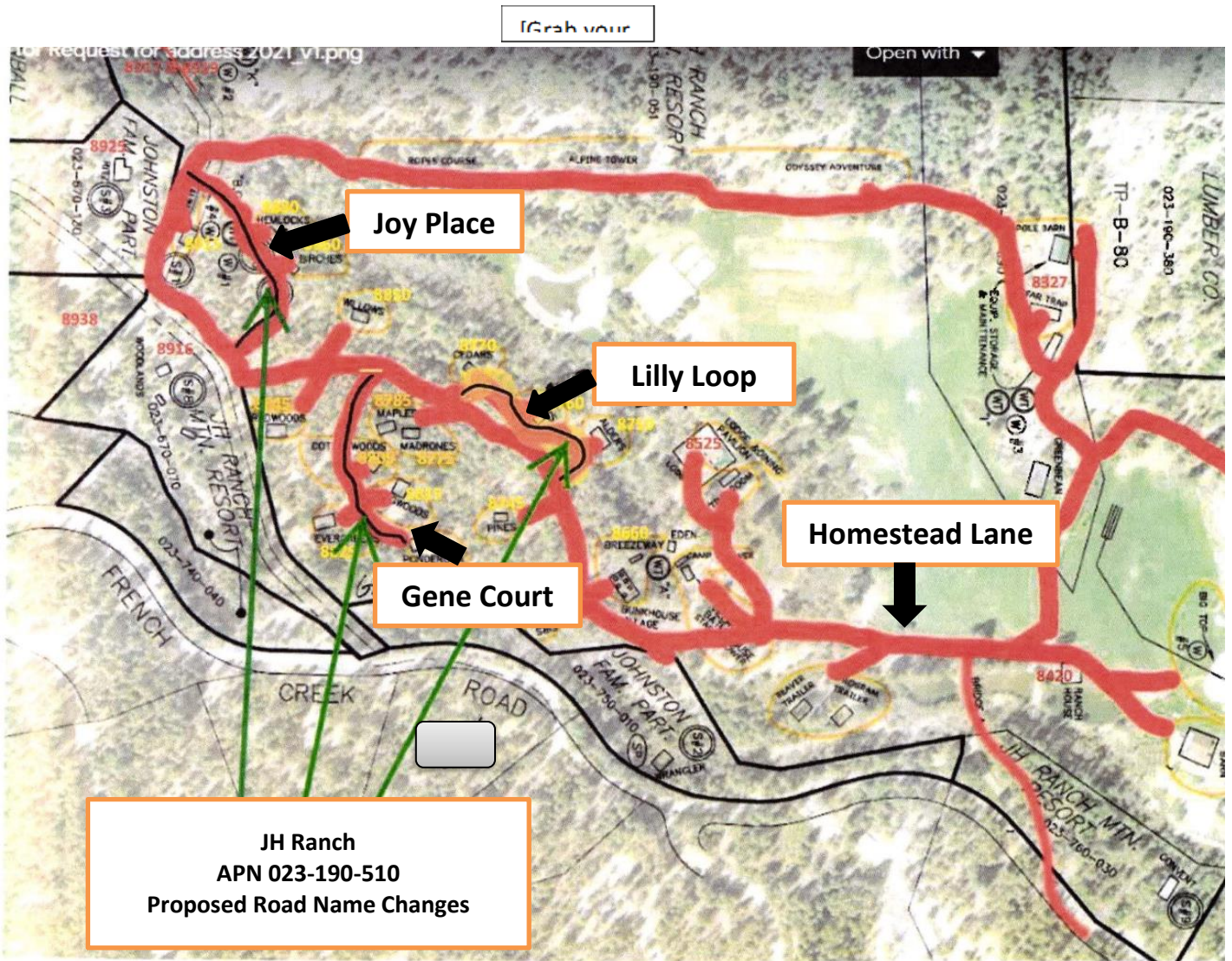


Figure 1 – Site Map

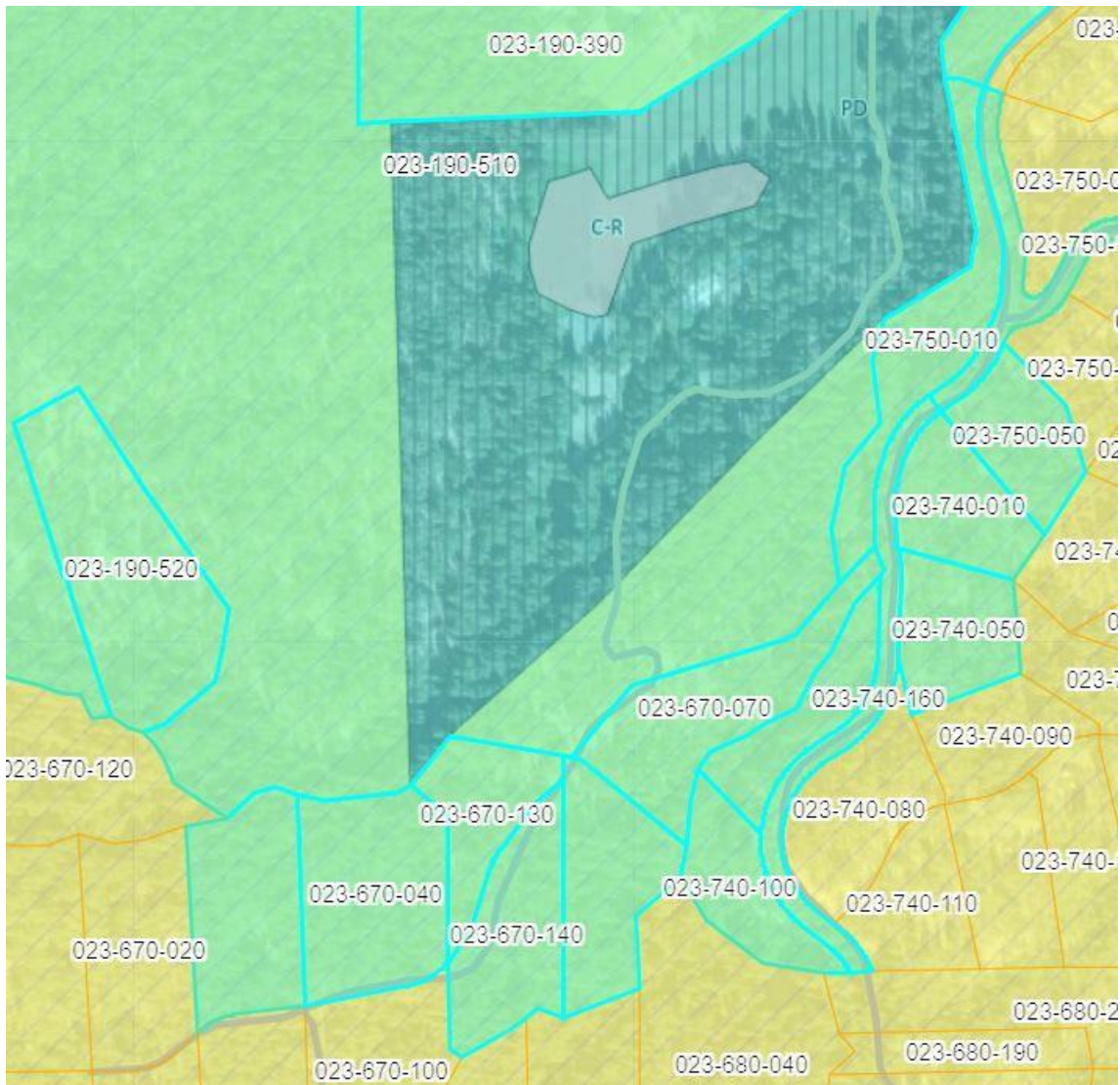


Figure 2 – Adjacent Parcels

Discussion

Prior to approving the proposed Joy Place, Gene Court, and Lily Loop Road Name changes (RN-22-01, RN-22-02, and RN-22-03), the Board of Supervisors would need to pass a resolution indicating its intention to name the unnamed private roads. Adoption of such resolutions would initiate the scheduling of a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors to take formal action on the matter.

Environmental Review

It is staff's opinion that the naming of unnamed roads will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15060(c)(2), the naming of unnamed roads is not subject to CEQA.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the Joy Place, Gene Court, and Lily Loop Road name changes (RN-22-01; RN-22-02; RN-22-03) and adopt the proposed Resolutions hereby taking the following actions:

1. The Board of Supervisors declare their intentions to name three private roads, “Joy Place”, “Gene Court”, and “Lilly Loop” as described within the attached Resolution(s) and shown in Exhibit A attached to the Resolution(s);
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby set a public hearing on May 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM or shortly thereafter for the proposed “Joy Place”, “Gene Court”, and “Lilly Loop” Name Changes (RN-22-01; RN-22-02; RN-22-03);
3. The Board of Supervisors shall direct the Department of Public Works to give notice in accordance with law; and
4. The Board of Supervisors shall determine that the proposed “Joy Place”, “Gene Court”, and “Lilly Loop” Road Name Changes (RN-22-01; RN-22-02; RN-22-03) are not projects pursuant to CEQA as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and are therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3).

If the Board of Supervisors concurs with staff’s analysis and recommendation, the Board of Supervisors shall indicate its intention to name the subject unnamed private roads by making the motion detailed below.

Recommended Motions

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution(s) indicating the Board’s intention to name the three unnamed private roads and set hearing thereon.

Attachments

1. Draft Resolution(s), a Resolution of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Declaring the Board’s intent to name three unnamed private roads in Supervisorial District 5 and to set the time and date for a public hearing on the proposed road names.
 - a. Exhibit A within Draft Resolution(s): Proposed Road Names, Joy Place, Gene Court, and Lilly Loop.