

BUTTE COUNTY CATTLEGUARD POLICY

For new cattle guards, the landowner(s) shall buy the cattle guard which shall be not less than 7' by 24' wide for Primary Roads and 7' by 20' for Secondary and Minimum Maintenance Roads. All cattleguards will have concrete or metal abutments and metals tops; tubing may be round or square. The minimum of a 20' cattle guard is required to facilitate a V-plow.

The cattle guard shall be heavy enough to carry legal loads and have no rods or straps on top of the rails running parallel to the road.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners shall approve application to construct cattle guards across a county road.

All present cattle guards on county roads may be grandfathered in and all maintaining, and cleaning shall be landowner's responsibility. To have a cattleguard(s) grandfathered in the County road system the cattleguard(s) must not be less than 7' by 16' or the plow will not go down that road.

Replacement of present cattle guards on county roads shall be landowner's responsibility. Replacement cattle guards shall be not less than 7' by 24' wide for Primary Roads and 7' by 20' for Secondary and Minimum Maintenance Roads. All cattleguards will have concrete or metal abutments and metals tops; tubing may be round or square. Landowner will be responsible for actual cost of materials.

The Highway Department will inspect cattle guards annually and notice to repair cattle guards will be given to the landowner in written form.

In an emergency situation, the Butte County Highway Department will replace a cattle guard, with landowner(s) being billed for the actual cost.

Any exceptions to the above policy shall be okayed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Proposed Butte County Cattle Guard Policy is for the benefit of the landowner. The policy eliminated additional fencing for the landowner when the cattle guard is installed.

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