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Hirschdale's historic roadway, Floriston Avenue. NEVADA COUNTY
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- 1 Fall in the early 1950's. The brown wood building with the green roof is the property purchased by the Minnis's in the mid 1970's. The light gray cabin and the garage on the other side of the roadway belong to the Legg's. Please note where the men are standing, in picture #2 it is John Minnis's parking area. During the summer of 2015 that area became the roadway, without anyone being asked or consenting. A fence now protruded across the historic roadway. The prominent rock/boulder in the foreground is on our property and a landmark in other pictures. The roadway is Floriston Avenue. You can see it going off into the trees. At some point the same road is known as Iceland Road.
- 2 Again Floriston Avenue, Hirschdale in the fall of 1975. For perspective I point out the same rock/boulder. The house on the right is ours. The cabin in the foreground on the left was and still is the Fehrt's. The middle cabin is the Minnis's. At the time of this photo Bill Auston owned the lot where the fourth vehicle, the dark truck is sitting. He eventually built his house, now the Andresen rental property. These first two pictures show where the road was for 63 year at the least.
- 3 About 2014, Floriston Ave. Our property in the in the foreground. Three items are note worthy in this photo. The gate in the background was placed there when Bill Auston owned the property adjacent to ours. It was a neighborhood project with the intent of slowing traffic as vehicles came off Iceland Road into our community. It was locked by Mr. Andresen for about 1 year until the Nevada County Sheriff's finally told him it had to be unlocked. On the left John Minnis's truck is in what use to be its usual parking spot. There was plenty of room for vehicles, emergency equipment, fire trucks, etc. to pass by. Across the road from John's truck is a white PVC pipe coming out of the ground. It was place there when Bill Austin owned the property to denote the edge of the road.
- 4 Summer 2015, Mr. Andresen building the fence across the historic roadway. Please notice that he placed a line of rock/boulders hugging the roadway. They are not there in photo #3. Also note that they are further out from the white PVC pipe that Bill Austin used to denote the edge of the roadway.
- 5 For many years we enjoyed the Basque shepherders bringing their sheep down Floriston Avenue through Hirschdae. Even the sheep knew where the historic roadway was. Please find a way to return and preserve our historic roadway.

Thank you for your time and attention to our historic roadway.

Jamie and Peter Rivara
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rock/boulder

Early in 1950's

#1



Fall 1975

#2

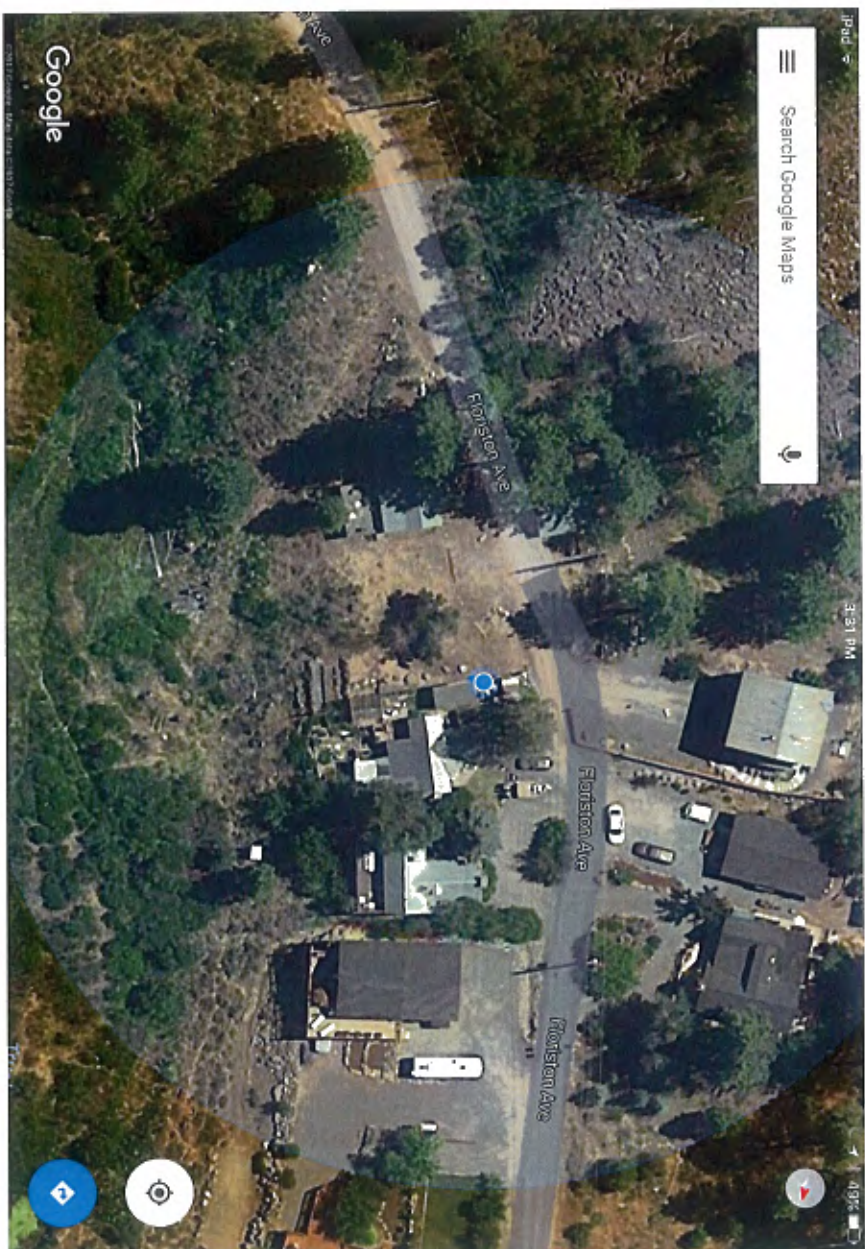
rock boulder here but not seen.







#5



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Supervisor Anderson, Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jamie Cole Rivara. I first visited Hirschdale 39 years ago. My husband and I own one of the properties that you will be talking about in your closed session. I wish there were time to tell you about all the things I love most about our small, historic, unique community nestled between the mountains and the Truckee River. That said today I need to tell you about our end of Floriston Ave, our neighbors that my husband has known for 42 years and I have know more than 37 years. We have watched young couples become families, the children of our community grow up, and now are fortunate to know the grandchildren of these wonderful families. For more than thirty years no one cared about the exact placement of our roadway. The road was where the road was and had always been. People were told they owned out to the road and that was the acceptable norm. The road wasn't and isn't paved but no one cared. It was all part of the charm of our community from a time in the past. We all bought our property knowing where the road was and had been and that it probably would never get paved. During winter the men all helped clear snow. The only real problem was an occasional car or truck passing through and traveling to fast. All of that changed in 2012. Since then there has been great tension over where the road is and where one family thinks it should be. Along with making an issue of the road, the same family started dictating to others where they could park, where their property lines were and even expected structures and vegetation to be moved or removed.

I am here to tell you how deeply we care for our neighbors. We have good neighbors that should not have to be going through what they are going through. Many old California communities, Truckee included, have equitably worked though the fact that old roadways are often not where maps show them to be. Our hope and wish is for our historic roadway to stay where it has always been. We hope that our part of the roadway can be used to preserve and protect the historic path of the road, that the property of our neighbors can remain where it has been for many, many years. I have given each of you a packet of pictures that we hope will help you to envision Floriston Ave in the past and present. Thank you so much for listening and for your dedication.

Jamie Cole Rivara
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