



# COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 29, 2014  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**THRU:** Karen Riggs, P.E., County Engineer  
**FROM:** Terry Couchenour, Right-of-way/GIS  
**SUBJECT:** **Gleeson Road, County Highway Establishment**

**Recommendation:** This department recommends that the accompanying resolution be adopted to establish the remaining segments of Gleeson Road, from Tombstone to Highway 191, as a declared County Highway.

**Background (Brief):** Gleeson Road connects the City of Tombstone to the communities of Gleeson and Elfrida, and is one of only two central routes between Highway 80 and Highway 191. Due to the use of this vital corridor for agriculture and residential purposes, the Board of Supervisors directed that the road be upgraded from a native surface to a chip-sealed surface. Over several years the road has been improved via a combination of contracted and in-house efforts.

While Gleeson Road was declared a County Highway in 1905, the declaration was rescinded by Resolution 03-82 so that the road could be signed as a Primitive Road. Due to the improved condition of the road, it no longer serves as a Primitive Road. In 2009 and 2011 several resolutions were adopted to reestablish portions as a County Highway. With the completion of the road improvement staff recommends that that the remaining segment be reestablished as a Declared County Highway.

In a separate but related issue, staff will present for Board consideration a recommendation to approve a 15 ton weight restriction for Gleeson Road. This will allow local transportation of needed goods to residents along Gleeson but restrict through traffic of oversized and heavy loads that this roadway is not designed for.

**Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:** N/A

**Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:** Upon adoption of the resolution, no further Board action is required to establish the County Highway.

**Impact of Not Approving:** A portion of Gleeson Road will not be established as a Declared County Highway and remain designated as a Primitive Road. The Primitive Road designation is in conflict with the improved condition of Gleeson Road.