

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File: 19-0666 Title 3363-3550 Dixie Canyon Avenue / Public Nuisance / Temporary Closure Council District: 4 Pending in Committee Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee Mover DAVID E. RYU Second BOB BLUMENFIELD Action: I urge you to approve a temporary closure of Dixie Canyon Avenue between 3550 Dixie Canyon Avenue to 3369 Beverly Ranch Road. From: Andrew Lasken, resident of Dixie Canyon I am writing as a resident of Dixie Canyon, urging your support to maintain closure and access restriction on "Dirt Dixie." I am one of many local residents who walk up and down this unpaved road regularly. On occasion, I will find that fresh tire tracks lead up this hazardous road, and that the barrier gate has been swung open. Following these tracks often leads me to a new dumping of materials, or a discarded prophylactic. In addition to its unsuitability for safe driving, this road is not meant to be an open thoroughfare between the Valley and Mullholland, and encouraging this perilous shortcut has significant implications for traffic on the surrounding substandard roads. The land surrounding Dirt Dixie also serves as important black walnut woodland which improves habitat connectivity between the Dixie Canyon Park and Fossil Ridge open spaces. Residents regularly observe bobcats, coyotes, and deer along Dirt Dixie. I have personally observed over 50 bird species and 26 species of lepidoptera within the neighborhood. By maintaining the restriction on vehicular access, we ensure that this habitat will have increased protection against disruption, vandalism, and erosion. Thank you for your consideration and support. Andrew Lasken Dixie Canyon Resident