Road Naming Register Instructions

This form is to be used by property owners to inform Lake County of their preferences regarding the naming of a Private Road. The preferences submitted by interested parties will be considered by the County when deciding road names. **The Board of Lake County Commissioners will make the final decision regarding all road naming.**

Road Name

A private road may be considered for naming when there are three (3) or more residences accessing off of the driveway. When filling out this form, please limit the preferred road name choice to 12 characters excluding Road Type (i.e. road, lane, court, etc.) If you have a name consisting of two words, the space is counted as one of the available 12 characters. Do not include qualifying words or prefixes in road names (i.e. upper, lower, south, north, east, west, old, new, etc.).

In general, names of lanes should be based on (in order of preference):

1) Commonly used names for road, if appropriate
2) Geographic or natural features
3) Man-made features
4) Historical features
5) Names based on a theme appropriate to the area
6) Family or personal names (this is discouraged and least desirable).

Road name suggestions are frequently exact or partial duplicates of existing road names (i.e. Lake View or Mission View) or may be deemed unfavorable. We are asking you to provide multiple preferred choices of road name in the event your initial choice(s) are decided against. Partial duplication is acceptable in some cases with multiple words, however, names should not contain the same first word.

You can check existing road names on the Lake County website to make sure you are not duplicating road names within the county. It would be best to avoid selecting a name that appears on this list, or a name that sounds similar: https://www.lakemt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/599/Current-Road-Names-PDF

Road Type

Indicate your preference for road type after each road name. Terms that may be used are:

1) Road, Route, Highway, Trail, Drive - Roads at least two miles in length, which preferably intersect at both ends with other roads or which cross at least one road prior to dead-ending.
2) Lane, Way, Place, Court - Roads less than two miles in length, preferably dead-ending, but may cross a road prior to dead-ending.
3) Circle, Loop - Roads which return to their road of origin either in the same location due to a cul-de-sac dead-end, or in a nearby location due to a circular or semi-circular pattern.
4) Avenue, Street - Roads within established communities which have a block pattern of development

Signing of Road

With the naming of a private road, the placement of the road name sign is the residents' responsibility. It must be placed back from the road on private property. Please read Resolution 07-41 by the Lake County Commissioners (available at https://www.lakemt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/598/Commissioners-Resolution-07-41-PDF) concerning private road sign standards. We encourage you to use sign materials that will be reflective at night for better visibility. *Private road name signs must be blue with white letters*. This signifies that this road is a private road. Signs made of these types of materials are readily available in many locations that sell tools or building supplies. If a rural fire district services you, you may wish to contact them to request assistance erecting the signs.

Or for a fee, the Lake County Roads Department will order and install a road sign in accordance with county regulations.

ROAD NAME:
Limited to 12 characters including spaces (not including road type).

ROAD TYPE:
Road, Lane, Drive, etc. (see instructions)

1st Choice*												
2nd Choice*												
3rd Choice												
4th Choice												
5th Choice												
6th Choice												
7th Choice												
8th Choice												

* Please submit at least two choices

If desired, explain:

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Form Completed by:

Name: _____

Address/Parcel: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____)_____-_____

When this road naming form is completed, send to: Lake County GIS Department, 500 1st Street E, Polson, MT 59860, or email to GIS@lakemt.gov.

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DOPH:_____Sent [ ] MSAG [ ] Elec [ ] Dispatch [ ] Tax [ ]