BIG HORN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jeramie Middlestead **Undersheriff Nicholas Spadt**

February 04, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my strong support for Highway 91, the cut across road from Saint Xavier to Pryor, to be upgraded. This road is a vital part of life for the people who live in that area. It serves as the main and fastest roadway for people to get to and from the Pryor area including first responders.

Highway 91 is currently not maintained and is full of pot holes, bumps and unexpected dips making it a rough dangerous road to travel. During the winter time this road is unpassable do to the fact that it is not plowed and snow drifts, some measuring 50 feet across and 6-8 feet deep, often block the roadway. This makes response time to the Pryor area much higher then normal for first responders. It also makes the Highway very dangerous for travelers who are not familiar with the area and become stuck in these snow drifts, making rescue and recovery of these stranded travelers very challenging.

Thank you for considering this matter of critical importance and public safety. If you have any questions or require further input, please feel free to contact me at phone number 406-665-9780 or jmiddlestead@bighorncountymt.gov.

Sincerely,

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