

POWDER RIVER COUNTY

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Powder River County Cattle Guard Policy

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STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Powder River County is responsible for the public safety on Powder River County maintained roads. The following policies are hereby established by Powder River County:

1. All applicants interested in a cattle guard on PRC roads must complete the cattle guard request form, forms will be approved or denied by PRC Commissioners with recommendations from the County Road Supervisor.
2. All cattle guards installed on PRC Roads will be a minimum of 24 ft unless road surface will not allow.
3. The County will own and maintain cattle guards. Private Landowners may not maintain or service cattle guards on PRC Roads. Any person or entity that performs any work on cattle guards other than PRCRD is liable for any damage, injury, or accident caused from cleaning, maintenance, or improper installation of cattle guards. Contact PRC Road Supervisor for any maintenance requests. Winter cattle guard maintenance requests will be taken on a case-by-case basis.
4. Old cattle guards that are privately owned will be grandfathered in and at the time of replacement private owners will receive their cattle guard back if proof of purchase can be made and a new PRC owned cattle guard will be used as a replacement. Any other cattle guards will be sold at public auction.
5. Upon approval of the request form, PRC will install the cattle guard within 30 days of the fence being installed weather permitting.
6. Landowners must hold fence back at the county right of way to allow for installation of cattle guard & must install a minimum 16" bypass gate on or adjacent to county right of way.
7. A \$3000.00 installation fee will be charged and must be paid prior to installation.
8. \$1500.00 installation fee will be charge for moving a cattle guard and will be transitioned to a 24' cattleguard.
9. Availability of cattle guards are contingent upon budgetary constraints.

**APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION
OF CATTLE GUARD ON COUNTY ROAD
POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MT**

Request submitted by: _____

County road requested: _____

Location of cattle guard: _____

Reason for request: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to pay all fees associated with the installation of this requested cattle guard. I understand that the installation of the cattle guard will happen on Powder River County's schedule, which is contingent upon availability of materials and the county road department.

Signature of Applicant

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Chairman

Date _____

Board Member

Approved _____ Deny _____

Board Member

Road Supervisor