



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 30, 2005

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE **MP-5**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE  
A PORTION OF RIDGE ROUTE ROAD  
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST - FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution to Vacate Ridge Route Road, pursuant to Section 8324 of the Streets and Highways Code, after finding that:
  - a. The vacation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
  - b. The area proposed to be vacated is no longer needed for present or prospective public roadway use.
2. Upon approval, authorize Public Works to record the certified original Resolution in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Public Works, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, and the U.S. Forest Service, the underlying fee owner, requested this vacation to remove from the record the County's interest and public easement rights within the proposed vacation area.

It is in the County's interest to vacate the rights of way. The U.S. Forest Service has assumed the maintenance responsibilities for the road and has been active in developing a plan to preserve and maintain the road within the Angeles National Forest. Vacation of the roadway will not cut off access to adjacent properties or negatively impact the surrounding properties.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. Vacating this roadway will allow the U.S. Forest Service to maintain and preserve the historic character of the roadway. This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as the vacation reduces County maintenance cost and financial liability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Vacation of a portion of Ridge Route Road will not have any negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The vacation processing fee has been waived, as this is a County-initiated project. The waiver of the fee is authorized by your Board in a Resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321 (f) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The length of roadway to be vacated is approximately 16.7 miles and is shown on the map attached to the Resolution. The roadway to be vacated is completely within the boundary of the Angeles National Forest. The Ridge Route Road was accepted into the National Registry of Historic Places in 1997.

The State of California relinquished to the County its interest in the Ridge Route Road by Resolution adopted August 3, 1934. The Public Streets, Highways, and Service Easement Vacation Law allows your Board to relinquish the County's interest. Your action will also result in the properties being unencumbered of the public easement, thereby allowing the U.S. Forest Service to exercise its reversionary rights over the vacated area.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This proposed vacation is categorically exempt from CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Statutes and Guidelines and as specified in Classes 5 and 21 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department has determined that no fire protection facilities will be affected by the proposed vacation; however, they require that the roadway be maintained to provide adequate fire access in the area. The County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission has determined that the proposed vacation is not in conflict with the County-adopted General Plan.

### **CONCLUSION**

This action is in the County's best interest. Enclosed is a Resolution to Vacate, approved as to form by County Counsel, vacating a portion of Ridge Route Road. Please transmit a conformed copy of the Notice of Proposed Vacation to this office, which will post the Notice pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8323. Upon adoption of the Resolution to Vacate, please return one executed original, together with two conformed copies and a copy of the Board's minute order, for further processing. We will record the Resolution to Vacate and return the executed original Resolution to you when recorded. In the interim, please retain one executed original for your files.

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One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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P5\OLD RIDGE BRD

Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF  
A PORTION OF RIDGE ROUTE ROAD, ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST,  
IN THE 5TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, is declaring its intention to vacate a portion of Ridge Route Road between 3,360 feet south of Pine Canyon Road and 4,752 feet north of Templin Highway (Angeles National Forest, California) in the 5th Supervisorial District, as described in Exhibit A and as shown by the map in Exhibit B, both attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

The vacation proceeding is conducted pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8320.

A hearing on the proposed vacation will be held in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.,  
County Counsel

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
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EXHIBIT A

**RIDGE ROUTE ROAD**

A.M.B 3247-001, 005 & 010 (Portions)  
3249-008, 009, 012, 013  
& 016 (Portions)  
3250-013 & 018 (Portions)  
3253-009, 010 & 011  
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I.M. 309-077, 324-077, 339-057,  
354-057 & 369-057  
R.D. 556  
S.D. Fifth District  
Job No. M0576113

**Legal Description**  
**(Vacation)**

That portion of that part of Ridge Route Road, formerly known as State Highway Route 4, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, lying within Township 5 North, Range 17 West, Township 6 North, Range 17 West, Township 7 North, Range 17 West, Township 7 North, Range 18 West, Township 8 North, Range 17 West, and Township 8 North, Range 18 West, all S.B.M., described in Resolution recorded on October 2, 1934, in Book 12996, page 210, of Official Records, in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office.

EXCEPTING therefrom those portions lying northerly of a point 3,360 feet southerly measured along Ridge Route Road from its intersection with Pine Canyon Road, and southerly of a point 4,752 feet northerly measured along Ridge Route Road from its intersection with Templin Highway.

RESERVING all easements, encumbrances, rights, conditions, covenant and restrictions of record, in, on, over and across the above-described portion of Ridge Route Road herein being vacated.

The reservation herein being made is done in accordance with the provision of Section 8340 and 8341 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

Total length: 16.7 ± miles.



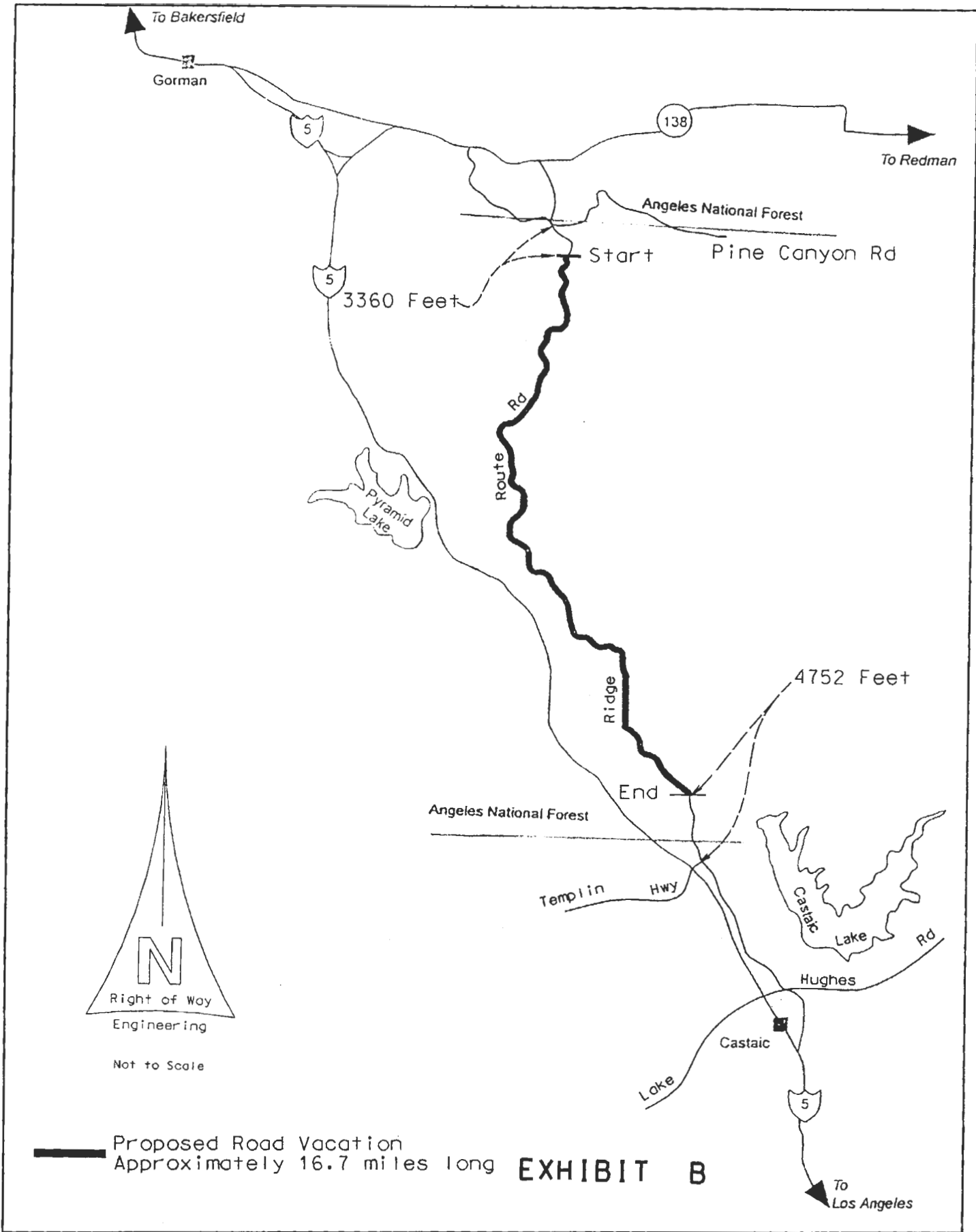
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\_\_\_\_\_ 6/30, 20 05 \_\_\_\_\_

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Surveyor

Mapping & Property Management Division



**EXHIBIT B**

Ridge Route Vicinity.  LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Drawn RH	Date 6-27-05
	Reviewed SG	Date 6-28-05
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**RESOLUTION TO VACATE  
A PORTION OF RIDGE ROUTE ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has hereby found and determined that a portion of Ridge Route Road between 3,360 feet south of Pine Canyon Road and 4,752 feet north of Templin Highway in the vicinity of Angeles National Forest in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, legally described in Exhibit A and shown by map in Exhibit B, both attached to said Resolution; pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8320; and

WHEREAS, notice of proposed vacation has been given by publication and by posting; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on said proposed vacation \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors has found and determined that the area to be vacated is no longer needed for present or prospective public roadway use.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the above-referenced rights of way are hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8320 of said Streets and Highways Code.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to record the original Resolution in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office, at which time the area vacated will no longer be a County highway.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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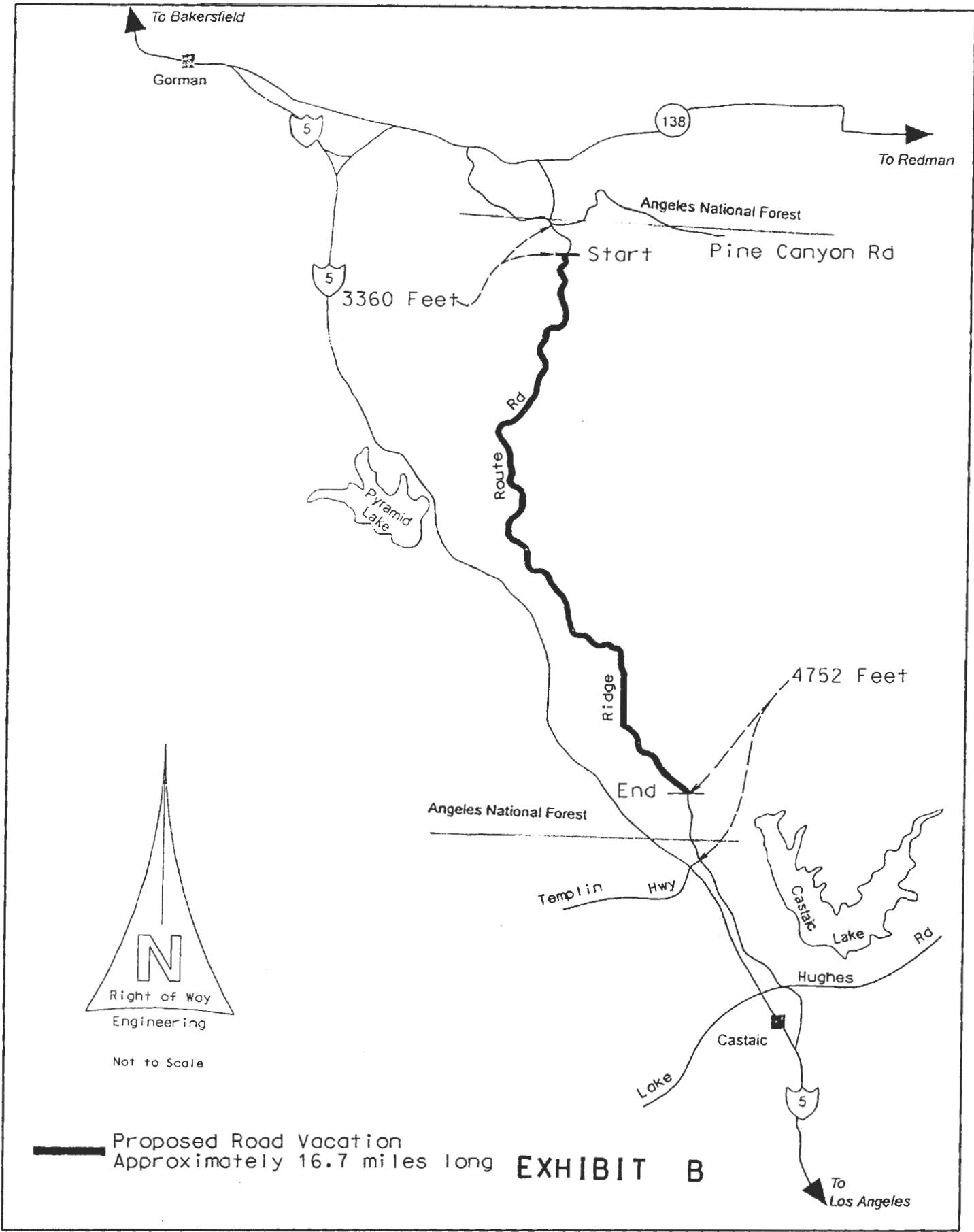
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