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Addendum to my internet comment of 02-28-2010

Dear Postal regulatory Commission,

Last evening I wrote a short message via your internet site (www.prc.gov; contact PRC) regarding the closure of the Post Office located at Crescent Lake, Oregon. The message was cryptically short due to the 1000 character restriction imposed by the limitations of the web site.

I would like, at this time, to expand on my correspondence.

My husband and I purchased our property in 2001. The original plan was for construction of a vacation cabin. Our plan evolved over time into building our retirement home. The change was due to the growth of Crescent Lake.

At the time of our land purchase, Crescent Lake had its own Post Office and ZIP code. After the 2005 fire, in which the Post Office was destroyed, and the temporary suspension of our Post Office created, I wrote in May 2007 to the US Postal Service, Headquarters, Consumer Response Group in Washington DC and to both of Oregon's State Senators. I wrote, as did others, regarding my concern over perceived lack of action on the part of the Postal Service to reopen the Crescent Lake Post Office. Little did I know that things were happening behind our backs which did not follow correct protocol. None of us knew of the posting in the Crescent, Oregon Post Office a year ago regarding the closure of our Post Office. Why would this be posted in an area in which we would not see it and therefore have no opportunity to protest it? If our mail is delivered daily from the Crescent Post Office to our boxes at the Odell Sportsman Center, why was the closure notice not also delivered? It could have been photocopied and placed in our boxes, or more economically it could have been placed our bulletin board! Suspicion leans towards 'do not notify those affected so that the outcome ultimately desired may be reached.' This reminds me of actions of children, who omit telling all, feeling they have done not wrong, have not told a lie, they have simply omitted certain facts.

Our concerns are valid. We need the return of the Post Office for a number of reasons.

1. The delivery of our mail and our packages is compromised. As others have stated, I was told that I would be able to use the name Crescent Lake in conjunction with the ZIP for Crescent for mail delivery. This has not proven

- correct. It is impossible for my bills to be addressed to Crescent Lake. Online and telephone orders do not know of the town Crescent Lake.
2. The Post office at Crescent is located a good 18 miles from Crescent Lake. This could be tolerated if not for the fact that a second Post Office located in Gilchrist, is 1.1 miles from the Crescent Post Office. It makes no sense at all to retain 2 Post Offices so close together and to eliminate the third which is a notable distance away. Crescent Lake is located on Highway 58. Crescent and Gilchrist are located on Highway 97. In order for residents of Crescent Lake to drive to Crescent they must travel over a secondary road, namely Crescent Cutoff Road. In the winter this can be quite treacherous as this area of Oregon receives heavy snowfall. Attached is a map showing the area affected. Was the destruction of the Post Office by fire in 2005 a convenient method to justify this one in a cutback in the number of Rural Post Offices? Was it easier for the Postal Service to simply not open it up again (even though it was rebuilt nine months later) rather than to address the problem of 2 Post Offices too close together and one Post Office isolated alone by itself?
 3. We see a safety issue. It has evolved that ZIP codes are used extensively, not just for the ease of sorting of mail. There have already been incidents in which safety has been compromised, i.e. during the Royce Mountain fire in 2008, and also one in which emergency personnel went to Crescent instead of Crescent Lake.
 4. Crescent Lake is growing. The ski resort area, Hoodoo, recently purchased a good number of properties in Crescent Lake.

There is no question in my mind that Crescent Lake should have its Post Office restored even with limited hours, and that Crescent Lake should have its individual ZIP code restored. There exists no justification for the closure of this Post Office.

I respectfully submit my concerns to the Commission.
Sincerely,



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See map:

- * The distance between Crescent and Gilchrist is less than 1.1 miles.
- * The distance between Crescent and Crescent Lake is 18 miles.
- * Travel between Crescent and Gilchrist is by way of US Highway 97.
- * Travel between Crescent and Crescent Lake is by Crescent Cutoff Road,

