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✓ Postal Regulatory Commission (Shoshanna Grove)  
Postal Review Coordinator, Seattle District (Doreen Karoly)  
WA Senators Murray & Cantwell; Congressman Doc Hastings  
USPS Law Dept. (Paralegal Adriene Davis)

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
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We, patrons and community members of Ardenvoir, were recently informed that the "final determination (10-9-2010)" to close our 98811 post office is under review. Entiat PO Master Jane King, as overseer, and Doreen Karoly state the "blue book" has been sent back to Ardenvoir. I see that the "filing of record" and the "PS Administrative Record" are due to PRC by October 28, 2011 pending formal appeal.

We wish you would really consider closings on an individual basis. It must be hard for you, who have the luxury perhaps like some western Washington urban areas with post offices within a five-mile radius of each other, to imagine our valley. Ardenvoir is 10 miles up a dead-end valley, and residents' homes continue 22 miles past that. We have a much higher snowfall upriver than our next closest post office, Entiat, 12 miles out of the one-road valley from Ardenvoir. There are box holders who are in their late 80s and one 90...seriously, is it better for their mail to be safe inside a building in the winter until it's convenient for them to pick it up, or expect them to dig out their roadside receptacles with an average snowfall of 36"? There is no cable in our valley & only a few miles of the valley have dsl.

The Legal Department requests they be informed when the appeal is "added to the administrative record in the CSDC system." What is the CSDC system??? How do the citizens know if this action is taken? The Legal Dept states that "failure to do this could lead to the Commission remanding the matter to the Postal Service." This looks like all that happens is that the issue just goes around and around in a vortex within the Postal Service bureaucracy which is ALREADY the problem. The money managers and the middle management are cutting services like our post office where *work actually happens to get the mail delivered...vs pushing paperwork.*

Please keep us informed.

Sincerely for the citizens of Ardenvoir,

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Cc: WA State Senator Parlette