

Statement in Support of Keller Statement to Oakland Township Board

My name is Nicholas Newton. My wife and I have been owners on East Yellow River Road since 2018. I regret being unable to attend this meeting in person, but offer this written letter in support of Jon Keller's statement as a fellow property owner in the East Yellow River Road Association.

We too have noticed the increase in damage to our road and trespasses on private property, and am very concerned about the prospect of this continuing to go unchecked. Blatant disregard for posted signs and others' property, flagrant violations of common sense during drought, unauthorized use of our boat launch, excessive speed in no-wake areas of the river, and repeated instances of reckless vehicular behavior resulting in property damage should not go unchecked. We all want to be good neighbors with each other.

We have no ax to grind with Dufours – a very close friend of ours has a campsite at the original location, and we have found all interactions with those in that area to be friendly and respectful. However, I can attest that I have seen repeated and increased frequency of a different behavior since the expansion has occurred. This needs to stop and it needs to stop now. The recent fire should be the last warning we need.

Unfortunately, if repeated overtures are ignored, then additional measures need to be considered. Again, we all want to be good neighbors but that requires commitment on both sides. We aren't seeing it and thus are requesting action by the Board. We implore to your fiduciary duty to take action that will preserve our private property and bring order back to our community. Please help us.

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