El Dorado Road Committee:

I suppose that the road analysis must necessarily include financial costs, restrictions on traffic and long term strategies for maintenance. All of that reminds me too much of my past business life (ugghh). The considerations Sue and I make always lean more toward the qualitative side of lake life. We ask: What price serenity?

The original plans for El Dorado placed a very high value on the natural aspect of lake life. The goal of that plan was to protect the homeowner experiences in that natural environment. It seems that every rule was aimed at that goal. However, over the years the reality of accommodating more diverse viewpoints became the norm and not the exception.

Is this road decision another in that chain of circumstances? The idea of county roads might be valid, even practical, to the accountant's eye. But county roads are also one more chink in the armor protecting the true value of our lake experience.

At least we think so.

Sue and Don Ward