Developer seeks to close part of Doug Hollow Road

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WALHALLA — The developer of a new restaurant on Lake Keowee filed a motion to legally have a portion of Doug Hollow Road closed.

Lake Keowee Investors Inc. principal Richard Cottingham said Monday that the legal action is part of what Oconee County requires for a road to be closed.

The notice of intent to close part of Doug Hollow Road was filed at the Oconee County courthouse last week. As part of the legal process, the intent to close the road was advertised in the local newspaper Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1.

Oconee County, Duke Energy and Edalene Kelley, a resident on Kelley Ridge Road, are named as respondents. Duke Energy and Kelley are owners of property near the section of the road to be closed. Oconee is the owner of the right-of-way for Doug Hollow Road.

According to the filing, the respondents consent to the road closing.

The portion of Doug Hollow Road to be closed runs from Kelley Ridge Road to a dead end approaching Lake Keowee.

In May, Lake Keowee Investors reached a settlement with Kelley and others that had opposed the road closing because it blocked access to the lake.

Cottingham said Monday that construction of the Lighthouse Restaurant is proceeding ahead of schedule and it could open for business a month earlier than anticipated in April.

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