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The road was maintained by the resort owners and the POAs. But when the owners filed for bankruptcy in 2011, the road was essentially abandoned, leaving homeowners solely responsible for its upkeep. The POAs have had difficulty finding a contractor with adequate equipment and access to salt and anti-skid materials to maintain the road properly during winter.

Citing public safety and access to ASCI, Marsh Mountain property owners asked the previous board of commissioners in November 2013 to take over Overlook Pass. That did not happen, but a cost-sharing agreement was reached to keep the road open during the winter.

A petition for requesting that the county assume ownership of Overlook Pass was filed with another board of commissioners in 2003. That board denied the request, in part because of the road's steep grade, which does not fall into American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials guidelines.

The current commissioners met a few months ago with Marsh Mountain property owners, businesses, and realtors to come up with a way for the county to assume ownership of Overlook Pass.

Edwards said during a public meeting in August that a "more than fair deal" had been reached, in terms of compensation to the county. The commissioners indicated at that time that it was important for economic reasons for Overlook Pass to be grandfathered into the county roads inventory.

County administrator Kevin Null said at last week's meeting in Accident that the current owners of the Wisp had agreed to contribute $200,000 toward road maintenance. A public hearing on incorporating Overlook Pass into the county roads system will be held sometime later this month or early next month, Null said.