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I have been driving on S. Timberlee Dr for over 11 years now. There have been numerous times when I didn't think I was going to make it up this small, and dangerous, narrow stretch of road and get stuck, blocking traffic in both directions. When it rains or after a snow melt the rushing water from Timberlee hills creates a treacherous mix of flowing quick sand 6 to 8 inches deep. The erosion from years of neglect have dropped the level as much as 4 feet in some areas. I call one area "The Black Hole". It is the worst part of the road! It's extremely narrow, And has a 30 degree pitch. On an icy or snowy day it seems to pull you in if you can't maintain forward momentum, then your stuck! I have pulled out neighbors, 4 wheelers and friends from this area. Rescue vehicles, police, or fire trucks wouldn't stand a chance of making it through this area on a bad weather day.

Something needs to be done with this small stretch of road before someone gets hurt or dies. Accidents happen, and there are family's with children and older residents, like myself, that are counting on Leelanau County to do the right thing and Fix This Road!!! Mark Benedict