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Another visitor was John Amonson of Wallace, ID whose interest is the Coeur d'Alene mining district and the Mullan Road. Have him tell you his hilarious tale about one of his ancestors and a cow! John has taken a video of some of the road and is willing to share it with us.

Cort Sims, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Coeur d'Alene, is with the Mullan Road Centennial Project as part of that state's centennial celebration. That project has produced a brochure called "A Traveler's Guide Through Idaho MULLAN MILITARY ROAD." It is first rate, and contains information about the Idaho segment of the road. Two of our photographs are featured in the brochure. We are always happy to share our materials. Have you found any new info? Let us know ... Kay.

We are enclosing a list of persons who have shown an interest in the Mullan Road, John Mullan and/or his workers. We want the newsletter to enable all of us to get together, in person or by mail, to share our common interest.

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Bye.