

# DNR MANDATED ACCESS POINT TO THE NRCA FOR MADRONA COMMUNITY INC. AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

## OVERVIEW

Since the inception of the NRCA, aka. Natural Resource Conservation Area thirty plus years ago the DNR proposed that the only access for Madrona Community Inc. and the general public to the NRCA in Strawberry Bay has been at the eastern end of the bay...this access is signed by the DNR for this purpose and is inured in the finalized NRCA document...



I can personally attest that 30 plus years ago the original trail was actually a jeep road in relatively good condition that connected to the lower logging road that followed the shoreline to Reef Point. Unfortunately this access point and trail for the general public and MCI members has become **non-usable due to the lack of maintenance by the DNR over the decades.**

The following pictures were taken in October 2023..they illustrate the **purposeful lack of maintenance** by the purveyor (DNR) and yet they want to spend an immense amount of taxpayers money either taxed or donated to fund the conversion of a fresh water wetlands to a salt water marsh...when it appears that they can't even maintain what they already have...a responsibility to the people of Washington to allow access to the NRCA.



This trail is impassable for MCI residents and the general public...the DNR is fully in charge of trail maintenance and **campground maintenance per the NRCA management plan**...so why aren't they doing their job for MCI and the people of Washington.

When asked...the DNR will tell you that this trail is our (MCI) only access to the NRCA and also for the general public. They will probably say that they are working on funding for future maintenance that is their standard answer... so why are they even entertaining the possibility of the **conversion** of the Cook property...that project will require an immense amount of money and resources...in that conversion process they propose to allocate funds to possibly build a bridge with taxed or donated dollars again to allow MCI and the general public access to a trail that is unusable...the real question is why has the access become unusable and what is the DNR plan to remedy the situation...**spend the money you have...on what you have made a commitment to in the approved NRCA plan before you take on additional projects.**

Respectfully,  
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