

Thanks for reaching out and sharing insight from your neighbors as well. I've chatted about this with some folks who reached out to me over the past few weeks.

There is not a proposed trailhead entrance/parking area currently being discussed. If DNR expanded the boundary and if DNR purchased the property (and just want to emphasize an expanded boundary does not guarantee a purchase, but rather provides option of sale to DNR) - the access parcel is constrained/limited in terms of parking opportunities. While the parcel may look big on a map, the access is very narrow at the end of cul-de-sac, next to a stream, and very close to private homes/backyards, etc. Another reason is due to previous planning efforts from the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area Management Plan (1998): https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/amp_na_rattlesnake_mgtplan1998.pdf. The Forster Woods Community provided public comment and input during the time voicing their concern regarding recreation access through their neighborhood. Since this time, DNR and other agencies have improved access to Rattlesnake Mountain at Rattlesnake Ledge (managed by Seattle Public Utilities/Cedar River Watershed) and Snoqualmie Park Point Trailhead (managed by DNR, US Forest Service and City of Snoqualmie Parks). These are more ideal locations to improve access with larger blocks of public ownership, and other factors.

DNR also coordinated a planning process, which involved public comment, citizen advisory committee, and suitability analysis, to look at where to plan and improve recreation in the Snoqualmie Corridor on DNR-managed lands (generally Exit 20-38, I-90) for the next 10-15 years: https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/amp_snoqualmie_corridor_rec_plan_20150319.pdf This serves as our blueprint of where we are seeking to apply for grants and other funding options to accomplish these strategies.

If DNR purchased this property, we would like to work with adjacent neighbors/community on appropriate signage and work together as neighbors.

Let me know if you have any follow-up questions, hopefully this helped address your concern. Thanks!

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