

Hello Josh,

Here is my letter regarding asking for a waiver against public access. My property has sensitive resources, protected shorelines, with multiple areas of wetlands and runs along the California Creek where Salmon are an Endangered Species. The public access issue is a real and threatening danger to my land for potential forest fires, due to the public building fires, camping, homelessness, the current drug and opiate crisis, squatters trying to hide and live on my property, mental illness, the public that smokes anything, theft, potential assault to me, thieves breaking into my buildings to support their drug addictions, unemployment issues, homelessness, and co-morbidities of mental illnesses. I am not a Park Ranger. I cannot micro-manage the public. How will I know they have left the property? How will I know whether they trampled down my shoreline areas or tried to go down to the California Creek and fish? What if they try to hunt shoot or kill wild animals, birds or deer that are present? How would I ever stop any of that or even know it was happening? What about my privacy? How do you control litter, illegal dumping and defecating on the land? I am at the property once a month and my gates are locked all the time. There is no parking on the Birch-Bay Lynden Road nor on any of the easements coming in. I have had to go to court two times and hire an Attorney to fight for my own use of the easements. If my neighbors were to see any strangers, the public or anyone coming in other than me, a few workers, family and friends they would lock me out again. I just was able to get them to let me come in and use my easements in Oct 2021 after a year of my neighbors locking me out. My neighbors would never go for the public coming and going. I am against public access for a real and threatened danger to the preservation and conservation of this APO Short Plat. I am asking for a waiver to public access please.

Sincerely,

Penny Friedman