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Comments:

I have visited Prince of Wales Island by land and air and the surrounding islands by air and boat since 1975 for business, construction projects, camping, exploring, and hunting. I would guess around 100 visits and more than 50 of those for hunting. I believe that access is an issue that is on one hand being increased and on the other being decreased. Increasing access with paved roads is ok but the "berms" on forest service roads need to be filled in and smoothed over. Berms discriminate against the aged and infirm. They discriminate against the disabled. Able bodied and young people can access all areas of POW. They can easily defeat berms with numerous means. People who are older cannot access those areas any longer. If the USDA can dig them up they can put them back and let nature take its course. I would prefer some minimal maintenance - this could be important given the recent decision to harvest second growth timber. All those logging roads that have been cut off, grown over, or allowed to deteriorate will be needed to cut the second growth. All the roads should be open to alland over the next 30-40 years they will be used by everyone: the second growth timber cutters, the bird watchers, the hunters, fisher folks, campers, and those who love to explore the fourth largest island in the USA. Please allow access to grow and remove all the gates placed and maintained by the US Government (of the people by the people). Make it so as I get older I will still have access to some of my favorite places in the world.