



Factors Preventing Accesses from Being Officially Opened *Include:*

- Areas where legal public access rights are being disputed or are as yet unknown
- Trails (including historic and traditionally used trails) that have not been legally established as publicly accessible
- Accesses that lead to especially hazardous conditions and are thus considered too risky for public disclosure at the present time
- Developments that have public access requirements but are actively undergoing construction and are not yet open to full public use
- Areas with extremely sensitive historic and cultural sites that could be damaged or looted if opened to public use before management protections are in place
- New accesses that have been required of developments and/or subdivisions but do not exist on the ground because they have not yet been constructed
- Developments that are not in compliance with their public access requirements and enforcement actions need to be initiated or are in process
- Old government roads that have been unlawfully blocked by private interests
- Public access easements that have been recorded with the property and appear on the maps but have not been officially “accepted” by a government entity
- Public access agreements that have unclear time frames and responsibilities
- “Roads in Limbo” that no government agency is willing to take responsibility for. (Not unusual for old roads and trails that are shown on the maps to need land survey before they can be officially opened to full public use. This is because frequently what is shown on the maps differs from what physically is being used on the ground.)
- Public lands that are leased to private parties and do not have any requirements for public access in the leases/permits
- As the above-mentioned barriers are removed, the inventory record needs to be updated. For this reason, the public access inventory of the island will never be “complete.”

“The fact that we live in a world that moves crisis by crisis does not make a growing interest in outdoor activities frivolous or ample provision of them unworthy of the nation’s concern.” (President John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963)