

The City Manager has received several questions regarding the proposed abandonment of an original segment of Roberts Lake Road. This segment currently remains the property of the City.

While hikers use Roberts Lake Road to access Roberts Lake Trail, the public portion of the street never extended to the old trailhead. Instead, most of Roberts Lake Road was an old logging road on private property with an easement allowing timber company access.

Any abandonment of the public segment would require compliance with the statutory process for abandoning a roadway. Additionally, a rezoning ordinance enacted in 2024 for the Roberts East development contained conditions related to the public use of the segment. Both complying with the statutory abandonment process and amending the rezoning ordinance would require advertisement(s), public hearings, and two subsequent votes of the City Council. The City Council has not taken any formal action.

On August 26, 2025, the City Manager advised the Mayor and City Council not to discuss this matter because an interested party was contemplating legal action. Therefore, the City Manager recommended following the standard practice of directing all communications about the matter to the City Attorney. This advice was rescinded on September 20, 2025.

Roberts Lake Trail remains completely open and accessible. The full trail is accessible from Groover Street near the outdoor courts. The half trail is accessible via Roberts Pass and the old logging road portion of Roberts Lake Road; hikers who access the half trail should use extreme caution in the construction area along Roberts Lake Road.

Any course forward, short of ending the consideration, will take several months to resolve given the complexity of the processes to be completed.