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Comments: One more thing-

RE: Road decommissioning/rehabilitation/conversion of "road to trail":

Converting a ROAD to a TRAIL doesn't necessarily make it a TRAIL.

I've seen photos and walked on more than one or two of these projects, and most of them are either (A) foot killers or (B) look like the work was done by a lunatic.

I would urge you to endeavor to achieve a condition wherein the end result is a bit more user-friendly, isn't so damn HARD on the feet, and doesn't end up requiring the hiker to continually zig-zag along like a pinball in an arcade machine.

The only example I can think of that was actually pleasant was the ROAD down on Long Island (Willapa Bay National Wildlife Refuge), which was simply abandoned, but never daylighted. After about 15-20 years worth of leaves had fallen on it and decomposed, it was actually quite pleasant to walk on - and they did that without ripping it all to hell and without building an obstacle course.

Thanks again for your time and consideration.