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Outdoor notes: DTG closes more trails at Rocky Top

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 DTG construction activity is seen beyond a fence line closing public trails at Rocky Top outside Yakima, Wash., on Thursday, April 20, 2023.
 Emree Weaver, Yakima Herald-Republic file

DTG announced last week the public will no longer be welcome on its property, effectively closing virtually all trail access at Rocky Top.

The company sent a cease and desist notice to the Single Track Alliance of Yakima, which created and managed most of the Rocky Top trail system. In a statement shared with the Yakima Herald-Republic, DTG's chief legal officer, Kirsten Koester, told STAY public access could no longer be allowed without an explicit agreement and permits allowing proper land use.

Along with most of STAY's trails, the closure cuts off all legal trail access to the William O. Douglas trail from the Earl Anderson trailhead. The only trail that remains open is Wholly Moses, a short loop that begins near the parking lot and goes up near the edge of DTG's property.