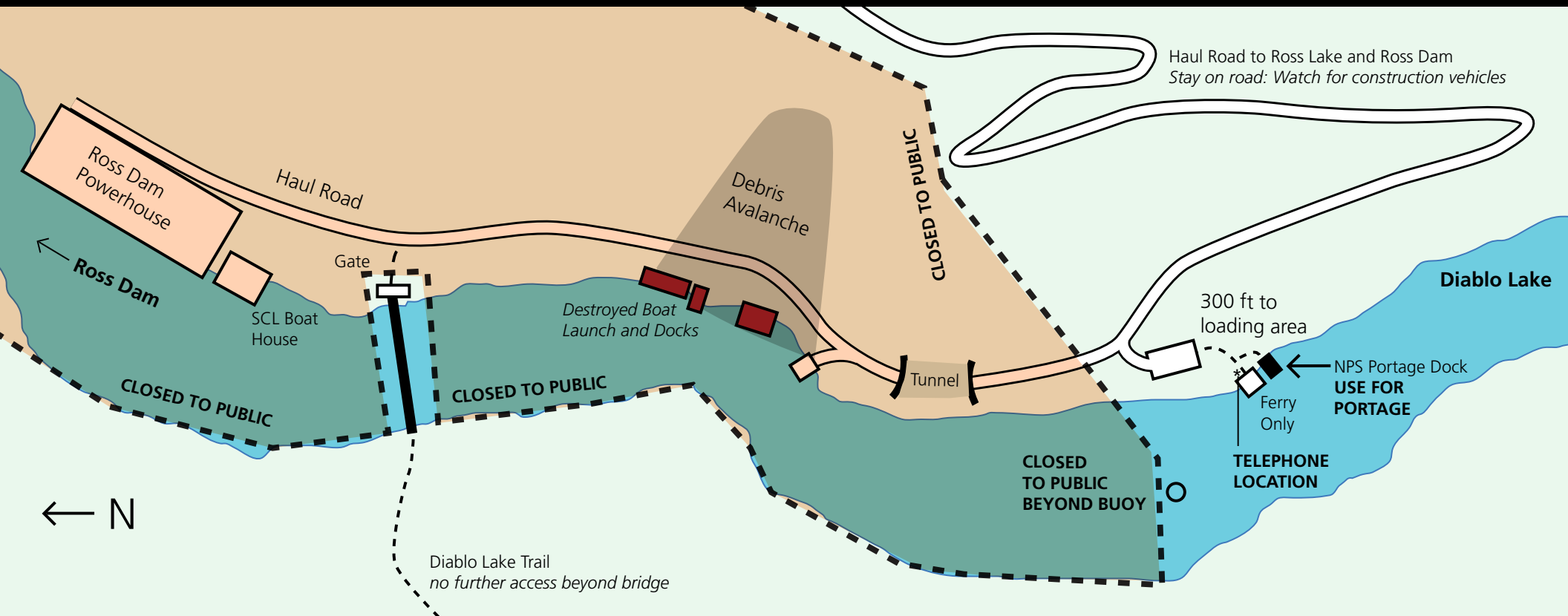


Ross Lake Haul Road Closure

Ross Lake National Recreation Area
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Debris Avalanche Blocks Lower Haul Road

In March 2010, a debris avalanche occurred at the head of Diablo Lake, rendering unusable a local access road that connects Diablo Lake with Ross Lake. Due to continued instability and rockfall in the debris slide area, as well as ongoing construction, the road's lower section is closed to boaters and paddlers. Hikers are currently unable to access Ross Lake via the Diablo Lake Trail -- use the Ross Dam Trail instead.

Portage Options between Diablo and Ross Lakes

Please use the new portage dock for all canoe and kayak portage activities (note: do not use the ferry dock). The portage is 1.2 miles over a gravel road, with an elevation gain of 525 feet, elevation loss of 100 feet.

Ross Lake Resort will continue to offer portage service for canoes and kayaks during business hours. Motor boats cannot be portaged. To call for portage service, locate the phone, which is near the steps to the larger ferry dock. You will need to move your boat and gear approximately 300 feet to the loading area. For portage questions or updates, call Ross Lake Resort at 206-386-4437. For all other questions, contact the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount at 360-854-7245.