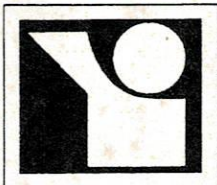


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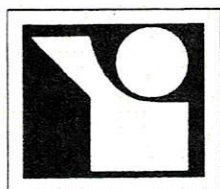
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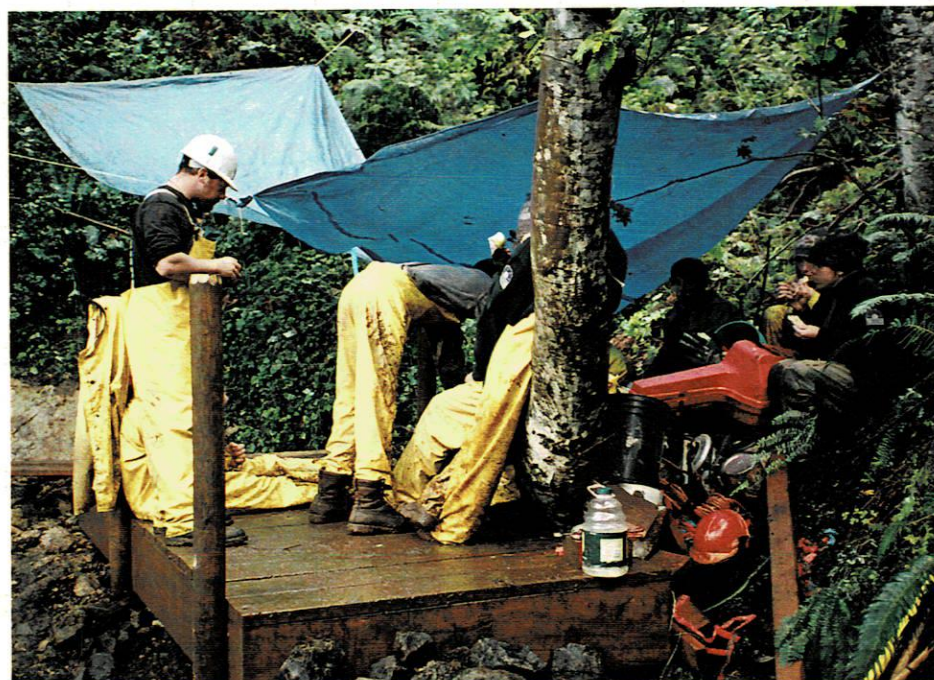


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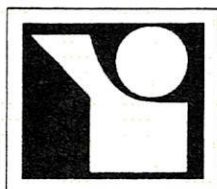
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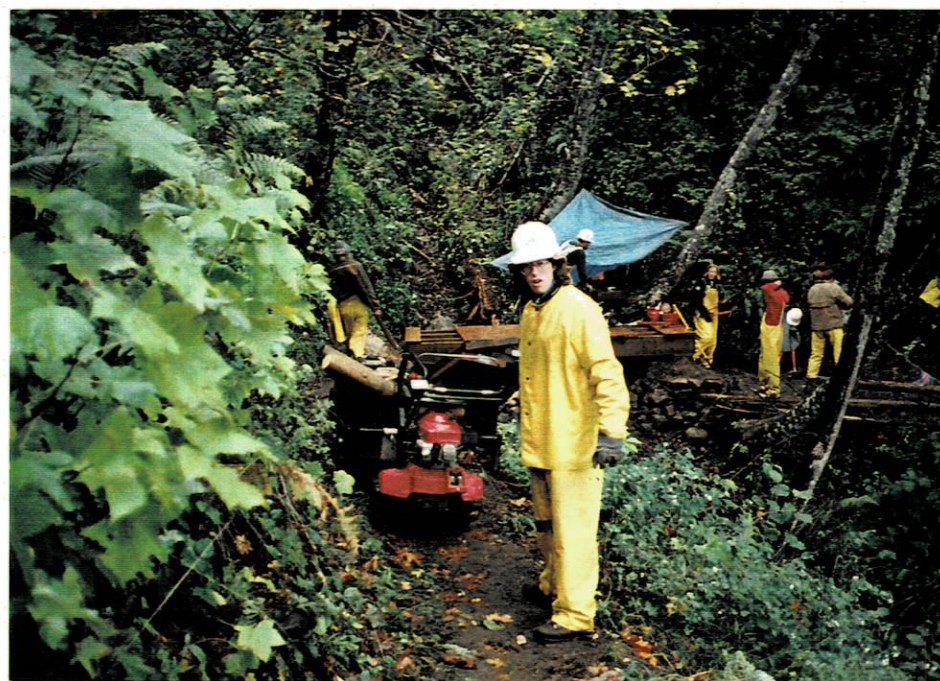


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TRAIL NEWS

Trail news is good news today. Two trails in our area have received a shot on the tread er I mean in the arm! First in Clark County the IAC, a state agency set up to distribute certain state funds to local communities, has awarded Clark County over a million dollars to construct three miles plus of urban type trail connecting Moulton Falls and Lucia Falls Parks. In addition the dollars will be used to purchase materials for just under 500 feet of elevated walkways and bridges on a seven mile hiker, equestrian and mountain bike trail over Bells Mountain. This trail will connect the previously mentioned parks with Cold Creek Campground and Picnic area and the Tarbell Trail. This will make a continuous trail trip of nearly 20 miles to the top of Silver Star Mountain. Chinook Trail Association is a partner with Parks on this project. CTA is to provide \$150,000 worth of local work to construct the seven mile trail as a part of a local match. Local matches are almost always required as a condition of a grant of this type. BE READY TO VOLUNTEER. CTA will need lots of help.

The other news concerns recently completed work on the Hardy Creek Trail. Hardy Creek Trail is one of the trails which leads to the top of Hamilton Mountain. Don Cannard worked with two groups constructing four bridges over intermittent streams. Six Summer Youth Employment young people and their leader spent two days on a campout work party in August with Don to complete one bridge and clear brush from the trail. Two weeks ago Don spent the week with a Service Corps crew of twelve young people camped out at the Beacon Rock group campsite. And was it wet!! The crew completed three bridges, ten, twelve and fourteen foot long respectfully. Railings will be added to the longer ones later. One is located off the trail and looks a little strange as there is no trail to it at this time. It is a part of an 800foot trail reroute which will be occurring later. It provides a trail building machine access to the reroute. Hopefully the reroute will be ready next summer.

Steve Johnson Beacon Rock State Park Manager reports that over 40,000 people use the trails in the park.. CTA acts as a steward for the Hamilton Mountain Trail as it will act as a feeder trail to the proposed Chinook Trail. Several portions of the trail have been upgraded by CTA over the past eight years. Reroutes have occurred in order to lessen a grade to make a trail safer for the user. Broken and sprained ankles are the major problems which happen when folks come down the trail tired or are inexperienced in using trails.

The Hardy Creek Trail can be found by taking the trail out of the picnic area located north of Beacon Rock itself. When you cross Hardy Creek in about 2 miles take the trail to the left above and east of the falls and crossing. This is a lovely trail which does climb at a modest rate. With the leaves coming off the alders and the wet weather arriving other waterfalls can be seen upon looking down to the creek. Birding is best in the spring but even in late fall towhees, chickadees, crossbills, finches, waxwings, crows, ravens and the occasional raptor can be spotted over down. Call Don Cannard, 69404033 if you wish more information or wish to know how to go to the top of Hamilton Mountain the easy way. Well easier anyway than up the frontway.