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CEDAR CREEK FALLS OVERLOOK AND TRAIL

All new walking sticks made by various board members are available for purchase.

The 1,000 foot Cedar Creek Falls project is progressing very well. This trail for physically challenged individuals is located on Washington Department of Natural Resources Trust Lands in eastern Clark County. Permits by WDNR and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife were issued this spring. Survey work was completed in 1992 and construction delayed pending unsuccessful IAC applications for funding. Work commenced this year in February with Chinook Trail Association work parties doing chain saw work, brush removal and log clearing. This completed CTA hired trails contractor Darryl Hoyt to rough in the trail by removing stumps, large stones and excavating buried logs. Much buried debris was uncovered which needed removal. The CTA in partnership with ESD 112 on two different programs has been working with two groups of young people on this trail. Re-entry students earning their way back into school for having violated weapon codes and Summer Youth Employment young people have worked since March. They have rerouted about 500 feet of horse trail, set five culverts, assisted in the construction of an elevated section over one of the two wet areas, done finished dressing of about 500 feet of trail, rocked culvert drainage basins, laid in treated wooden curbs over the culverts and haul crushed rock. The SYEP will continue work til mid August.

The funds from the CHINOOK QUEST 95 have been used to purchase the services of Daryl and needed materials. Future work parties will lay down crushed rock, set wooden curbs and construct the viewing platform. Chinook Trail is looking forward to a spring 1996 dedication of this facility for hikers, pedal bikes and wheelchairs. This will eventually be a connector with Moulton Falls Park. For additional information or to volunteer some time for this project call Don Cannard, Project Chair at 360-694-4033.

This portion is now completed. This will be known as Ed's Trail. On NTD over segment. The hiker only segment of

HAMILTON MOUNTAIN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Some hefty work has been done on the Hamilton Mountain-Hardy Creek Trail complex. Trails contractor Daryl Hoyt dug needed ditches and removed rotted timbers so nine culverts could be installed on the Hardy Creek segment. This should eliminate some muddy and slippery crossings plus provide badly needed runoff control. Daryl also did some tread work where there was narrowing. One short rerout was done to eliminate some unneeded stair steps. The end result should be less erosion and happier hikers. Summer Youth Employment crew under the direction of Kristine Frazier and Crew Chief John Krites dressed up the trail, set the culverts and rocked the outfall and collection basins. The trail looks good and should be more comfortable after hiking to the top. Thanks SYEP crew.

Last spring CTA work crews removed two slide areas on the trail. Hopefully this will hold for some time. Crews also did major brushing on the top section of Hamilton Mountain. Thimble berry on the back side and poison oak on the front side of upper Hamilton continues to be a concern.

modification called for twenty years ago by the Silver Star Study Group. The Squaw Butte Connector now carries the name "the Chinook Trail." Many good things just take time. Congratulations to the United States Forest Service for being diligent on the issues surrounding Silver Star.