

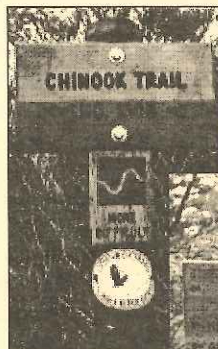
Silver Star...A Look to the Future

The Silver Star Study Group was formed in 1975 to promote the preservation of Silver Star Mountain. There were many milestones along the way.

Each step was a hard won action. The public responded with strong support of the concept of preserving the area. Today it is designated for dispersed recreation. All proposed trail systems will be completed with the exception of the proposed Silver Creek Trail connecting Silver Star Mountain with the Washougal River and the Stebbins Creek Trail. This will be a joint effort of the United States Forest Service and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. When this and Bells Mountain connector are constructed they will connect the Pacific Crest Trail with the proposed Chelatchie Prairie Trail.

This year will see the completion of Ed's Trail, the upgrading of the Bluff Mountain Trail and the obliteration of the 4109 Road through the Silver Star area. Funding was approved for the "road to trail" conversion and Bluff Mountain Trail early in 1995. There will be new trail heads on the 4109 and the 41 roads.

An active stewardship program and individuals are needed to assist with public education, trail maintenance and monitoring of public use. This is a very special place and its proximity to the metropolitan area of Vancouver-Portland assures a wide usage. With this usage comes the need to help the public enjoy the area, but not love it to death. Any one interested in helping can contact the USFS, Gifford Pinchot in Vancouver, the Wind River District in Carson or the Chinook Trail Association to offer assistance.



Don Cannard and Paul Clare set trail signs on Tarbell and Chinook Trail. Signs were routed by Bill Fish of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club.

(Photos by Don Cannard)

