

Chinook Trek #33

October 2000

National Trails Day

By Roger Anderson

Thirty-four volunteers made another successful National Trails Day event at the Department of Natural Resources' Cold Creek Campground on June 3, 2000. They backsloped portions of the outbank to reduce erosion and did ditch and culvert maintenance and some brushing.

We finally constructed a small bridge! It was something we had hoped to begin three years ago, but permits were a problem. A cable and pulley system was put in place over Cedar Creek and all materials were sent across, thus keeping out of the water and not endangering the fish.

We were able to place footings, beams and a few top planks before time ran out, and the bridge was finished on another work party.

In the afternoon the CTA had our traditional

barbecue at the picnic shelter where we all had our fill of burgers, hot dogs and other goodies. Many thanks to Bob Scullin for organizing the barbecue. Everyone seemed to have fun and we look forward to next year's National Trails Day.

**National
Trails Day**



SWIFT Grant Pending *By Don Cannard*

Chinook Trail Association has applied for funds from SWIFT to assist in purchasing some equipment to split boulders. The two pieces of equipment are a "Boulder Buster" and a rock drill. These two carry a big price tag in excess of \$10,000, but make light work out of removing those huge boulders which block the paths of many trail projects. If funded this carries a 50-50 match obligation for CTA.

12th Annual Meeting

Sun., Nov. 5, 2000, 12 Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Plan now to attend CTA's Annual Luncheon Meeting at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver. We will meet in the Bruce E. Hagensen Community Room on the second floor.

The luncheon buffet (\$15 per person) begins at noon and will be followed by an interesting and fun program.

Guest speaker will be Glenn Lamb, executive director of the Columbia Land Trust. His topic is "Bringing More Power to Our Work." This is timely

since CTA is reaching a stage when members should think about transitioning from an all-volunteer organization to a self-sustaining one. As a member and former board member of CTA, Glenn is familiar with our group and its mission.

In addition, there will be displays, music and an auction!

Please contact Fred Rogers at 360-546-2927 or Maria Muscarella at 360-546-3152 if you have questions.

CTA Welcomes New Americorps Placement

By Maria Muscarella

CTA is pleased to welcome Robert Treadgill as our new Americorps placement. Robert, who hails from Alabama, will manage CTA's office, located in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and will act as community coordinator for CTA.

Much of Robert's energy in the coming year will focus on developing a volunteer recruitment strategic plan that will enable CTA to attract and retain an

ongoing base of volunteers to carry on its mission to build a 300-mile rim-top trail encompassing the entire length of the Columbia River Gorge.

Robert brings great enthusiasm and experience to his position. He recently graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, where he was on the Dean's List and received the college's Outstanding Service Award. Volunteering is not new to Robert. He was coordinator/president for his campus' Habitat for Humanity chapter and was a mission volunteer to help build an outpatient wing for a hospital in Kikuyu, Kenya.

Welcome on board, Robert.

CTA Represented at Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

By Roger Anderson

When the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs met in Redding, California, August 25-26, I had the privilege of representing Chinook Trail Association. For a day and a half, we heard panel discussions on various hot outdoor topics, including:

- saving desert tortoises from habitat destruction by an expanding Army training grounds;
- use of fire in reducing catastrophic fires in the forests;
- an update of the Sequoia National Monument controversy.

The annual meeting was at Simpson College, where the 34 attendees were housed in dorms and ate in the cafeteria — pretty good for college fare.

The third day we spent on FWOC business including election of officers, voting on 28 resolutions submitted by the member clubs, and budget considerations. Former Sierra Club president Mike McCloskey was elected president of FWOC, replacing Brock Evans. I was CTA's voting delegate and was

re-elected to serve as FWOC vice president for Southwest Washington for a second year. Each Western state has a few regional vice presidents.

As a point of clarification, delegates vote on the resolutions and FWOC forwards those supported by the membership to our national committee in Washington, D.C. The national committee lobbies Congress and the President to support and act on these resolutions.

Next year's meeting will tentatively be in Vancouver, B.C., to be hosted by the Sierra Club chapter from Victoria.

If you are a member of an outdoor club other than CTA and are interested in more information or having your club become a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, call me at 254-2371. A brochure is available upon request.

National Recreation Trails Funding Act

By Don Cannard

Chinook Trail Association's trail renovation grant application for the year 2000 has been rated in the top eight best projects of 40 submitted by agencies and organizations from throughout the State of Washington by an impartial Interagency for Outdoor Recreation evaluation team.

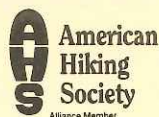
This is good news as the total grant request was for \$31,000 to renovate the trails of Hamilton Mountain, Hardy Creek, steps and bridge crossing of Hardy Creek. Figuring prominently in the grant features was the prevention of siltation of Hardy Creek, a chum salmon spawning stream.

Assignment of funding was to be announced in September and every indication is the Hamilton Mountain project would be funded. If funded, work can begin in 2001. This carries with it an obligation from CTA of \$6,500 and Washington State Parks of \$11,000 in cash and volunteer work. The IAC-administered funds for this project will come from federal National Recreation Trails Program dollars.

American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation Successful

By Don Cannard

Not everyone would consider a week of trail building a vacation. But American Hiking Society members did when they came from Illinois, New Jersey, Texas, Iowa, Georgia and Oregon to reconstruct the Little Beacon Rock Trail.



Chinook Trail Association sponsored the week-long volunteer summer vacation trail work party in July. Besides the Little Beacon Rock Trail, the team of nearly a dozen AHS and CTA members worked on constructing a new trail linking the Hamilton Mountain Trail with Hardy Creek. The group stayed in the group camp at Beacon Rock State Park.

All work and no play is no fun, so the group hiked to the tops of Hamilton Mountain, Beacon Rock and Multnomah Falls and spent an evening at the Skamania Lodge soaking up the atmosphere.

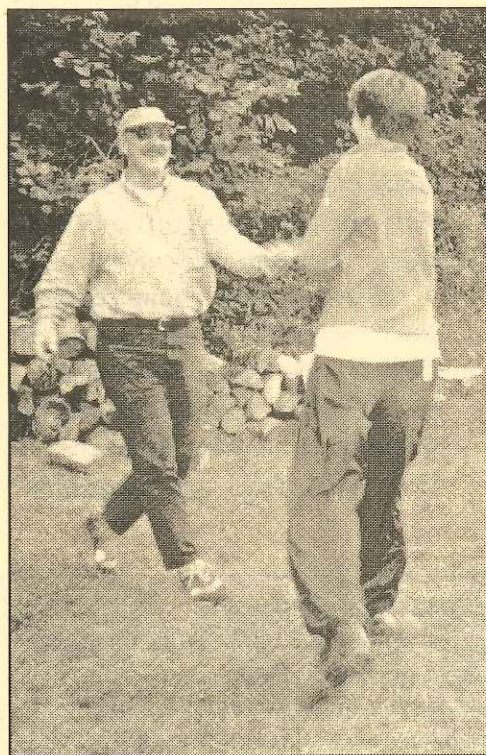
CTA provided the food, menu planning, cooking gear, tools and supervision. State Parks provided the group camp. Participants were given T-shirts, mugs and trail patches.

Maria Muscarella and Paul Gregory provided an introductory barbecue on Sunday as well as a place to freshen up Saturday before the group caught flights home from PDX. Special thanks to Ted Klump, Paul Clare, Don Cannard and Bob Scullin for helping out on the project. Thanks also to Roger Anderson who took a week's vacation to be with the group.

The vacationers performed nearly \$5,000 worth of trail work. Not a bad return for the \$350 expended by Chinook Trail Association.



The crew.



The week was more than just work.

Vacationers Express Appreciation

We all appreciate the opportunity to visit this magnificent area and contribute to the Chinook Trail system. Having us in the Beacon Rock State Park group site was a stroke of genius — what a marvelous facility!

Don's vision for this organization and his commitment to achieving its goals are commendable. The congeniality of all the other CTA members whom we met added immensely to our enjoyment, and the trail expertise (and sense of humor) of our mentor, Roger, was superbly educational and entertaining.

We anticipated making an even greater contribution by working on both Beacon Rock State Park and Bells Mountain trails, but unfortunately, uncontrollable circumstances prevented us from assisting on your newest project. We all felt justifiably proud as we hiked back over the new tread for the Hamilton Mountain reroute which we had carved out of raw forest, and we profusely thank you for that experience. We wish we lived closer so we could join this marvelous fraternity of trail lovers.

Jim Blalock, Betty Law, Charlie Vogt, Nell Rodgers,
Bertha Reth Tribuno, Bob Tribuno, Chuck Morlock,
Ralph and Debbie Ploeger

Mazamas Extend an Invitation to Their Bali and Indonesian Island Outing

The Mazama Mountaineers of Oregon invite you to come with them on an outing to the Indonesian Islands of Bali and Celebes/Sulawesi July 9-22, 2001. If you have a real spirit of adventure and wish to discover an ancient and colorful culture still relatively untouched by the encroaching modern world, then you'll love exploring the Back Roads of Bali and the Nature Reserves and National Parks of Northern Sulawesi. We will hike in the forests and jungles in search of strange exotic animals and tropical birds with their vivid plumage.

Near Manado we will seek out tropical beaches on which to enjoy swimming and snorkeling among awesome sea gardens and infinite varieties of colorful fish. Jacques Cousteau declared this area of pristine coral reefs "The finest diving site in the world."

The cost of \$3,575 includes all air and ground travel, all meals and lodging, all guides, and all admissions on the itinerary. Call Harold or Helen Hanson for details (503) 254-9465 or write 10237 N.E. Morris Street, Portland, Oregon 97220.

Discovery-Ellen Davis Trail and I-5 Crossing

By Don Cannard

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation has been the successful recipient of an IAC Trails and Greenway grant. The grant will pay to complete a number of connections on Discovery Trail, the to-be-completed I-5 pedestrian and bike overpass connections and the linkage with the Ellen Davis Trail. This goes a long way in completing the vision of linking up Chinook Trail with Vancouver Lake.

Chinook Trail co-founder Don Cannard chaired a group of citizens in 1988 and worked with Vancouver Parks and Recreation and Washington Department of Transportation to plan an ADA appropriate trail crossing of I-5. The crossing is under construction at this time and is scheduled for completion in 2002.

Summer Youth Employees Work the Trails

By Don Cannard

A team of youth and leaders spent eight weeks this summer tackling trails, trees and blackberries. They were part of Educational Service District 112's Summer Youth Employment training program under the direction of Denise Grey.

The young people worked on the Ellen Davis Trail, tree maintenance projects and Beacon Rock State Park trails. They battled blackberries and watered recently planted trees along the Ellen Davis Trail. They distributed barkdust to

Roger Anderson Steps Down as Trails Chairperson

Roger Anderson announced his resignation as chair of the Trails Committee in June citing the need to have a life outside of CTA. Roger has served with energy and enthusiasm for 4+ years, not only as Trails Chair, but also on the board of directors. Roger was also instrumental in getting Ed's Trail on the ground, helping with the flagging, surveying, and construction.

Thank you, Roger, for all your efforts on behalf of the Chinook Trail Association.

those 150-plus trees and on the J.D. Ross-BPA Complex property. They also participated in several career exploration activities.

On Thursday, August 24, the group met at Smokey's for a pizza party and received certificates of appreciation and trail patches.

Thanks to these young people and their leaders for all the help. By the way, J.D. Ross allowed us to extend a water line to assist with watering the trees on the Ellen Davis Trail. What a good neighbor!

Our Needs...

We currently have need of the following:

- *Someone to be chairperson of the Trails Committee*
- *Someone to be newsletter editor*
- *Someone to ramrod National Trails Day 2001*

If any of these positions interest you, please call 360-695-7149. Thank you.

Quest Almost Over the Top!

At last tally, contributions to the Quest 2000 Fund Drive had reached \$4,530, \$470 short of our goal. Our Americorps volunteer Robert Treadwell is on duty now and will be with us for a year. Enclosed in this newsletter is a Quest envelope. If you have not yet contributed, please use the enclosed envelope for your gift for funding this important work. Thank you.

Four New Life Memberships (\$500 gift) were established as a result of our Quest 2000 fund drive. Those individuals or couples are:

Vern Swaim
Linda Hickey
Bill & Catharine Byrd
Don & Sue Cannard

Other contributors are:

\$250 - \$500
Mitch Bower
Nancy Russell

\$100 - \$250
Greg & Susan Ball
John Coyle
Larry Devroy & Hing Lee
Dick & Helen Grams
Richard Hamby
Jack & Kate Leadbetter Mills
Grace Robertson
Paul & Ann Robinson
Jim Slagle Recreation Trails
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Doug Meddaugh
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☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Student/Senior \$15 ☐ Institution \$75 ☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Life \$500

Name _____ Tel. # _____

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Bells Mountain

by Roger Anderson

The Bells Mountain trail project continues to be stalled and bogged down in paperwork and permit applications. CTA is being told by the county that they expect the permits to arrive soon, but we have been strung along for three years now with no end in sight.

Mission Statement

The Chinook Trail Association (CTA):

- Advocates development of a Columbia River bi-state loop trail;
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource;
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Gorge;
- Provides information and education to develop public support.

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The latest boondoggle is that the Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the SEPA application and they now want a biological assessment of the project. As of this writing, the B.A. has been completed and is awaiting review by the Corps. With the projected backlog of permit applications; the Corps may take up to 18 months before getting to our project, but we won't know until they actually make a ruling.

The worst case scenario is that CTA may have to reroute the trail in some areas. Hopefully the Corps will be satisfied with the trail as is.

In January, Stimson Timber Co. rejected a proposal to move the trail

out of the Cedar Creek riparian area to a location farther into their property, so we surveyed another route which Department of Natural Resources eventually sent to Stimson on July 6, 2000. As of September 10th, there has been no response.

The new 4(d) rules of the Endangered Species Act became effective on September 9, which may further complicate and restrict our trail and bridge project, but we need to further review this.

Unfortunately, there is not much good news about the Bells Mountain Trail this time around, but time has a way of sorting things out. In the mean time, we will continue to press the county and DNR for a resolution to the problems we face.



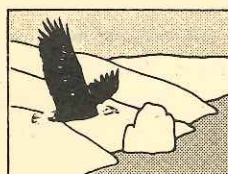
Important CTA Events 2000

- October 14th Hamilton Mountain Work Party ★
October 28th Hamilton Mountain Work Party ★
November 5th Annual Meeting

★ Meet at Woolen Mills, Washougal at 8:00 a.m.
For more information on trail work parties, call Ted at 695-7149.

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