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Box 1

Appalachian Mt. Club

American Recreation Co. Ltd.

American Trail Network

Cruiser Mt - bicycles - embarkment permit
FSD RSO Conference 1986

Harvey Manning

IAC - Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program
Keep Cool Trail

Box 2

Watauga County nonmotorized advisory
Milwaukee Road Corridor

Middle Fork Onondaga Bridge

Misc. - newsletters and other letters

Mt. Loop Highway

Mt. Mgmt Conference Program

~~Mt.~~ ^{Mt.} Conservation Comm.

~~Mt.~~ Conservation Tepec Program

Mt. Trail Corridor Comm. - party size-wilderness

NPS highlights

NTC / American Trails Notebook

Nordic Ski Recreation Resources

Box 2 cont'd

NOVA Committee (sorted for dupes 7/2)

NOVA notes (sorted for dupes 7/2)

NOVA SAB 973

Nonmotorized advisory (wood share program)

Outdoor Ethics

(Statewide Comprehensive)

FAC Outdoor Recreation Plan draft

ORV Buth Steiner comments Hearing at Mts.

State Parks Parks to Trails

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Trails to Trails

King County Sound to Mt. Trail

Trails - general

→ SCORP (over) Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
Trails 2000

Vandalism

Volunteers in the Backcountry
Wash Recreation Trails Guide

(Washington) State Trails Plan
Wash State Parks and Recreation Comm.

Washington Trails Comm
Washington Wilderness

Box 4

Menatchee N.E. - Mount Rainier Field Trips 1986
Menatchee Wilderness Week
Wildlife & Recreation Coalition

Goose Prairie

mt. Peak Protectors

Staggs Ridge

Box 5

Trail User Information System (TUIS)

Trail Information System (TRIS)

Taped interview with Ruth Ittner recorded by the Mountaineers History Committee (1994); Suzanne Shannon, interviewer. Five audio-cassettes with summaries of the tapes.

NAME : Ruth Ittner
DATE OF INTERVIEW : November 20, 1994
LOCATION : Seattle, Washington
INTERVIEWER : Suzanne Shannon

TAPE NO : 1A

How and when Ruth became involved with The Mountaineers.

Early participation in The Mountaineers activities.

Memorable climbing and other activity highlights.

TAPE NO : 1B

Continuation of : Memorable climbing and other activity highlights.

The Mountaineers Summer Outings.

TAPE NO : 2A

Continuation of : The Mountaineers Summer Outings.

TAPE NO : 2B

Continuation of : The Mountaineers Summer Outings.

Ruth earned the Six Major Peak Pin. Ruth climbed Mt. Baker, Mt. Olympus, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, Glacier Peak.

How the culture of outdoor recreation has changed during the time Ruth has been active (clothing, equipment, food, water).

TAPE NO : 3A

Continuation of: How the culture of outdoor recreation has changed during the time Ruth has been active (clothing, equipment, food, water).

NAME : Ruth Ittner
DATE OF INTERVIEW : December 14, 1994
LOCATION : Seattle, Washington
INTERVIEWER : Suzanne Shannon

TAPE NO : 3A

Ruth had a career in public service for thirty years, primarily as a Research Consultant at the University of Washington's Institute of Governmental Research, which is now the Institute for Public Policy and Management. Ruth discusses how this career influenced her fields of interest in trail development and other outdoor recreation projects to which she has been dedicated and committed. She relates how her roles at the University of Washington and those at The Mountaineers constantly became intertwined. She was able to pursue projects that were in accord with the purposes of the University of Washington's Institute and the objectives of The Mountaineers.

Ruth was appointed the chairperson of the Trail Planning and Development Committee in June 1969. She also formulated an ad hoc committee which concerned itself with the development of a statewide trail system and of setting the standards for trail development.

The Mountaineers became involved with the Department of Natural Resources in the relocation of the Mt. Si Trail.

The North Cascade Conservation Council was doing a survey on trails and roads in the North Cascades. The Mountaineers were asked to report and give information about this.

Ruth attended the first National Trails Symposium in Washington D.C. in June 1971.

Ruth became involved with the development of the Burke-Gillman Trail as she served as a coordinator between the Burke-Gillman Trail Committee and the Conservation and Outdoor Divisions.

The Trail Planning and Development Committee met with the Tiger Mountain Committee and the Department of National Resources. The Tiger Mountain Trail System was developed.

Ruth attended the National Forest Meeting on Road and Travel Plans which was held in Seattle in 1972.

Ruth gave a presentation at the Nationwide Recreation Forum in Portland in 1972.

In 1972 Ruth attended a meeting on Defacto Wilderness Areas and Roadless Wilderness Areas. After this meeting she got The Mountaineers involved in reviewing and contributing information about these areas.

After attending the first National Trails Symposium in 1971, Ruth formulated an ad hoc committee on trails to discuss some of the major problems with trails in the Puget Sound area.

TAPE NO : 3B

Continuation of : Ruth formulated an ad hoc committee on trails to discuss some of the major problems with trails in the Puget Sound. Among the problems discussed were the problems related to winter recreation. The group developed the concept of Sno -Park and pursued the initial procedures for working toward obtaining legislation for Sno -Park and later became involved in its implementation.

The Trails Planning and Development committee (later known as the Trails Advisory Committee) became involved in reviewing trail management plans, preservation of trail habitat, conservation policies that affect trails, encouraging trail users to take active steps in becoming responsible trail users.

Ruth wrote a pamphlet for The Mountaineers regarding the value of exercise for maintaining a good physical condition for participation in outdoor recreation.

Ruth was the chairperson for The Mountaineers Committee on Guidebooks. Ruth discusses the unprecedented increase of outdoor recreation in the 1960's and 1970;s and the recommendations of the Committee on Guidebooks.

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Trail Management Plan

Ruth took the course "How To Resolve Community and Environmental Disputes Through Negotiation" at the University of Washington in 1970.

Ruth discusses her experiences at the Institute of Governmental Research at the University of Washington which related to citizen participation in public policy. She received a grant to develop and be in charge of a conference. The conference was called "Citizen Participation - Search for Criteria" - 1976. One of the outcomes of the conference was the formulation of a criteria for the governmental agencies to use in determining when and how much citizen participation would produce the best policy decisions.

At a symposium on the East Coast Ruth presented a paper called "Analysis of Volunteers in the Back Country". It categorized the different ways volunteers affect the back country in the state of Washington. It depicted the framework for the way things were done in the West regarding this issue.

In 1975 a recreation staff officer sent Ruth a copy of the data of the Glacier Peak Wilderness regarding wilderness permits that were issued. They felt she and The Mountaineers could make good use of them in terms of helping Glacier Peaks get better user dispersal in the wilderness.

The Trail Inventory Project -

The Mountaineers expanded the trail inventory for the four national forests with their twenty-six ranger districts. The inventory contained information about the 780 trails in the formal Forest Service trail systems and the unknown number of user established and abandoned trails.

In 1976-77 the ad hoc Trails Committee developed a trail inventory slide show to explain the trail inventory.

A Forest Service Conference was held in the East. Twenty people were invited to look at trail financing from a national point of view. Ruth was invited to attend. She was the keynote speaker. She presented the trail inventory project and the slide show and explained how trails were being categorized.

Ruth also attended a National Forest Service Conference in Denver. The conference was looking at trail inventory for the entire United States. Ruth presented the trail inventory slide show at the conference.

NAME: Ruth Ittner
DATE OF INTERVIEW: January 16, 1995
LOCATION : Seattle, Washington
INTERVIEWER : Suzanne Shannon

TAPE NO : 4A

Developing a Computerized Trail Information System - TRIS

TAPE NO : 4B

Continuation of : Developing a Computerized Trail Information
System - TRIS

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington

Recreational Impact on Wild Lands Conference - 1978

TAPE NO : 5A

The Iron Goat Trail

TAPE NO : 5B

Continuation of : The Iron Goat Trail