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Topic: Elk Lake Creek

Author: Robert Koscik

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Robert Koscik : 11/20/2006; 10:20:08 AM

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Headed down that way last weekend, good timing with a nice break in the rain. Lichens are thick down there, rushing water everywhere.

FS 63 is clear all the way down, but it is very early in the winter season. Went about 2 miles on the trail, other than a couple smaller down trees the route is clear and the tread is very nice. That's a historic FS trail, used to go to a guard station down about 8 miles on Elk Lake.

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Re: Elk Lake Creek**Karl Helser** : 11/22/2006; 5:32:11 AMReads: 124, Responses: 3 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

Guard Station at Elk Lake...? Never heard of one. Can you tell me more about it, or where you found the info. That's my playground and I'm very interested in that type of info... Did you know by next summer Elk Lake will have a new look... Detroit Ranger District will over-see the conversion to a pay campground at the lake. They promised me that they would not maintain the recently improved road into the lake. I'm a bit concerned with the traffic of inexperienced hikers entering the Bull of The Woods wilderness from that side. I, with the help of Trout Unlimited (Clackamas Chapter) sent in a proposal to keep gasoline watercraft out of Elk Lake. The proposal passed this fall. Electric Motors only...

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That's sad, I hate to hear of any development like that. In my experience tho, it doesn't seem to impact wilderness use much, people seem to want to congregate around the facilities, weirdly. I've hiked up Lost Lake in the summer; while the camp is packed, the trails were solitary. I'm glad to hear of the motor ban, that helps a lot. Olallie is still pure and peaceful because of that.

I just have an old map from 1935 that shows a GS there, that's the only info I have. They were scattered across the mountains in logical places, connected by trails and then abandoned once roads started punchin' in by the '50s.

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Rob Williams : 11/23/2006; 7:49:09 PM

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I would love to see some of those old maps. Any chance you could scan some of them in and share?

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Re: Elk Lake Creek

Robert Kosciak : 11/27/2006; 10:33:25 AM

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I would, but I have crappy resources. Most of my maps are copy-of-a-copy ad infinitum....

There was talk of Trail Advocates having decent quality scans of old Clackamas maps available, but am not sure how far along this project is. What say thee, Mr. D?

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