

lost that fight. Williams had been working "behind the scenes" for years to establish a Gorge National Park. Having worked with David Brower and the Sierra Club as National Parks Representative, Chuck persuaded the US Park Service to do the initial study for federal Gorge protection (Study Alternatives, Columbia River Gorge, April 1980), and when it was published, the public effort to save the Gorge was launched.

We initiated and led the fight to save the Gorge tributaries and succeeded in securing Wild and Scenic River designations for portions of the White Salmon and Klickitat Rivers.

We help found the Trout Lake and Snowden Community Councils, and served as elected board members for many years. Because of the efforts of these councils, the rural nature of these communities were retained.

We served on the Forest Service Task Force and secured the recommendation that the middle section of the White Salmon River ought to be brought into the Wild and Scenic system. We convinced the Task Force to disagree with Forest Service opposition to saving the Tillitson's forested property.

We helped found the Friends of the White Salmon River and stopped PUD hydroelectric dams proposed for the middle section of the White Salmon River.

We initiated the Condit Dam removal effort, and became interveners before FERC opposing the relicensing of this dam. The dam was removed in 2011.

We successfully led the fight against the Forest Service attempts to collapse the boundaries of the White Salmon and Klickitat Wild and Scenic Rivers.

We helped found the Columbia Gorge Audubon Society. We showed up uninvited at the founding meeting organized by timber corporations and the Forest Service. They wanted a caged bird that would sing their song. It didn't turn out that way. Our environmental and community advocacy has earned us the wrath of large corporations.

We stopped Wild and Scenic River clearcuts, once by blockading a problematic Department of Natural Resources approved cut, and several times by forcing the Forest Service to acquire forests like SDS's stand of old growth. We traveled to Washington DC and successfully lobbied for funding for the Tillitson property.

We are responsible for most of the land acquired by the Forest Service along the White Salmon River.

We stopped a 200 acre development on steep Oregon white oak parks overlooking the Klickitat River and successfully lobbied US Senator Slade Gordon to secure funding to bring this property into public ownership.