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## Guide to the Pass Creek Motion Picture Film Collection, 1968-1993

### Title

Pass Creek Motion Picture Film Collection (FV P 273)

### Dates

1968-1993 (inclusive)

### Creator

Oregon State University. Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife.

### Summary

The Pass Creek Motion Picture Film Collection consists of the *Pass Creek* film, produced in 1968 to document the impact of clearcut logging on the small tributary streams of Oregon's North Umpqua River Basin, and records documenting the production and distribution of the film.

### Quantity

0.2 cubic foot, including 1 motion picture film and 1 videotape (2 boxes)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

The *Pass Creek* film was produced by Dick Snider and Hal Riney, advertising executives and avid fishermen, in conjunction with the North Umpqua Steamboaters. The film and all rights were transferred by the filmmakers to Oregon State University (specifically the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife) in 1968. James D. (Jim) Hall, Professor of Fisheries, was the primary contact for promotion and distribution of the film on behalf of the department. The film was widely distributed and viewed in Oregon and throughout the United States through the 1970s and was influential in changing logging practices in the Northwest.

Hal Patrick Riney (1932-2008) was an advertising executive in San Francisco. Dick Snider (1929-1977) was a filmmaker who collaborated with Riney on other productions.

## Content Description

The Pass Creek Motion Picture Film Collection consists of the *Pass Creek* film and records documenting the production and distribution of the film. The 10-minute color film (with soundtrack) documents the impact of clearcut logging on the small tributary streams of the Oregon's North Umpqua River Basin and includes underwater footage; scenes of logging equipment, roads, and practices; and views of streams and the North Umpqua River.

The film is narrated by Scott Beach.

The documentary materials in the collection consist of correspondence between Jim Hall of the OSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the film makers and the deed of gift for the film; a compilation of materials about the making of the film, apparently prepared by the film makers; and Jim Hall's file pertaining to the film. Hall's file consists primarily of correspondence pertaining to showings of the film, publicity and promotion, and copies purchased by other organizations.

The collection includes a 16 mm film duplicate and a VHS videotape duplicate made in 1993. The location of the original film elements is unknown. A duplication master and DVD use copy are available in the Archives. The full film is available online as a streaming media file: [View film](#).

## Preferred Citation

Pass Creek Motion Picture Film Collection (FV P 273), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

These materials were transferred to the Archives in 2008 by Jim Hall.

## Related Material

Additional information about the North Umpqua River Basin is available online in the [Umpqua Basin Explorer](#). Materials documenting fisheries in Oregon are available in the [Fisheries and Wildlife Department Records \(RG 190\)](#), Photographs (P 179), and Motion Picture Films and Videotapes (FV P 243). Other collections that document fish research and fishers held by the OSU Archives are the [Carl E. Bond Papers](#), [E.E. Wilson Papers](#), [Roland Dimick Papers](#), [Oregon Wildlife Federation Scrapbooks](#), and the [Agricultural Experiment Station Records \(RG 025\)](#).

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

## Topics

Logging--Environmental aspects--Oregon--Pass Creek (Douglas County)  
Steelhead (Fish)--Effect of logging on--Oregon--Pass Creek (Douglas County)

**Geographical Names**

Pass Creek (Douglas County, Or.)

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Motion pictures (visual works).

Videotapes.

**Other Creators**

Beach, Scott, 1931-

Hall, James D.

Riney, Hal.

Snider, Dick.

Steamboaters (Organization)