

Fire created the open hillsides of Silver Star



In 1902, a slash fire near Stevenson spread quickly. With a strong east wind, it burned about 30 miles to the town of Yacolt. Thirty eight people died.



From 1902 to 1929, 16 smaller fires over the area caused the soil to erode, which has slowed regrowth.



In an effort to reforest the area, the Civilian Conservation Corps planted trees in the 1930's.



Government agencies increased efforts to prevent fires, including building a lookout on Silver Star.



Terracing was tried to provide better growing conditions.