Our readers' views

Trail system is in excellent condition

I'm sure we all agree that people love the outdoors. The Dec. 6 editorial, “Protecting Pinchot,” with comments like “those books should spend more time on trails,” is counterproductive and only fosters resentment. Those who choose to visit the outdoors by motorcycle or ATV are not the issue. I would like to see a more balanced approach to trail maintenance and safety.

Linda Wolfe
Vancouver

Community college options are vital

I agree with Tom Koeninger's Dec. 10 column, "Community colleges face peril." He points out that "of those who receive bachelor's degrees, 41 percent start at community colleges." This also states that the areas likely to be cut are the ones that are most essential, such as ESL, worker retraining and developmental education.

Larry Gouge
Vancouver

Respect wildlife while visiting habitat

I agree with the Dec. 9 editorial, "Protecting Pinchot," regarding protecting the Gifford Pinchot forest from more off-road vehicle trails. To take it a step further, besides the damage to the forest and the trails, there is the matter of wildlife. For example, elk are expected to stay on the trails, but if they are not, they may start on a path that could lead them away from the safety of the forest. These rules do not fit with off-road vehicle participants. I believe we need to respect the wildlife when we visit our natural spaces.

Greg Flies
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