

Meadow openings above Yacht Club Road, 1912



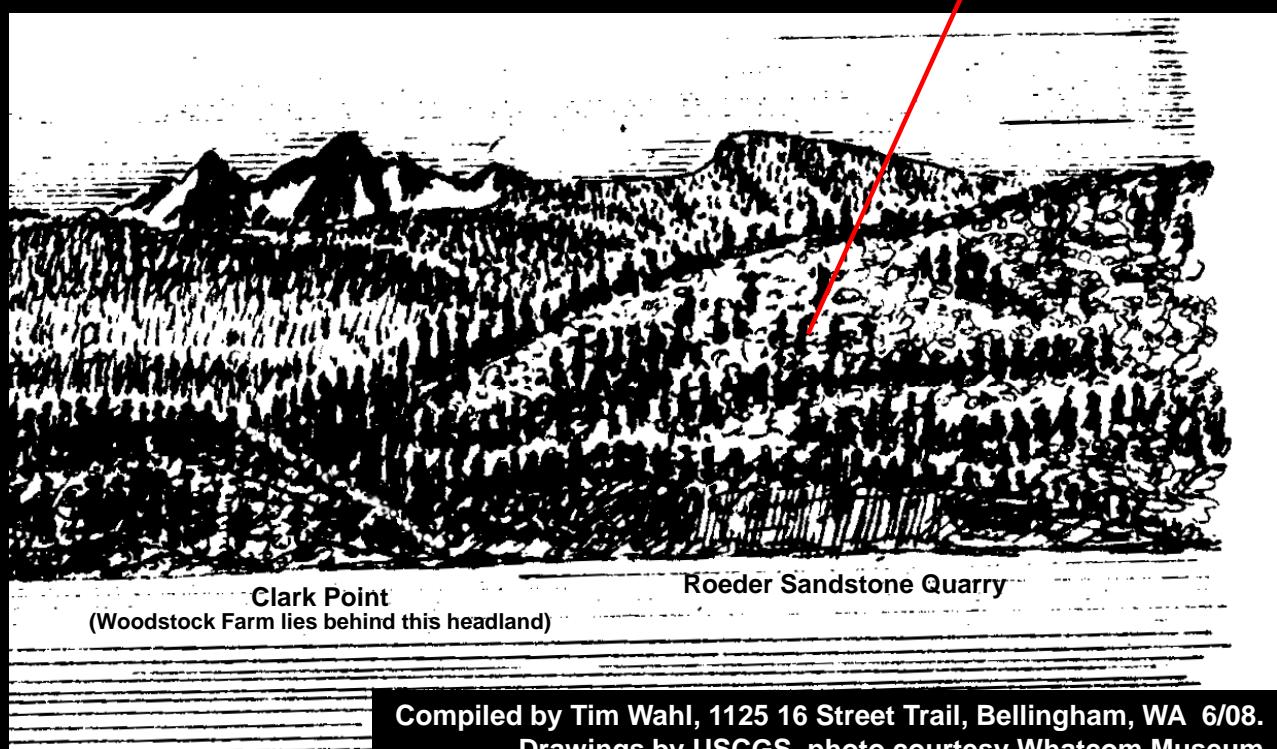
# The Chuckanut Burn 1887 & 1912

*“Sandstone ledges crop out all over the Chuckanut hills. Near the north end of the ridge there is little soil and only a small growth of scrub fir and underbrush.”*

Capt. J.J. Gilbert, US  
Coast & Geodetic  
Survey, 1887

## North end of the Chuckanut burn, 1887

Repeated fires on the west face of Chuckanut have contributed to a distinct pattern of vegetation. Larger woody species that reveal this history today include shore pine, soopolalie (buffalo berry), hairy manzanita, Garry oak and red-stem ceanothus. USGS sketch of 1887.



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