Dennis Evans of Marysville fills a bucket with soil to be used on a trail he is working on in the Wild Sky Wilderness near Stevens Pass on July 7. Dennis and his wife, Sandy, have spent the past 20 years volunteering each summer to help build and maintain the popular 10-mile Iron Goat Trail in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

**IRON GOAT GUMPTION**

**Finding commitment on Stevens Pass hiking trail**

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**STEVENS PASS —** Dennis and Sandy Evans are so dedicated to the construction of the Iron Goat Trail near Stevens Pass that they have spent as much as 12 hours a day hiking and marvelling over the trail development. The Marysville couple, now in their late 60s, have spent the past 20 years volunteering their “Saturday” time each summer to help build and maintain the popular 10-mile trail on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

In January, Dennis Evans was named the Washington State’s top volunteer trail builder, an honor that recognizes a person who has spent at least two days a week for five months out of each year working on the Iron Goat Trail. In the winter, he coaches up on great applications to help fund the trail project, works on project planning and the paperwork. In the spring, Evans, along with his wife, Sandy, has spent the past 20 years volunteering each summer to help build and maintain the popular 10-mile Iron Goat Trail in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

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