

ENTIAT HISTORICAL TIMELINE
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“Entiat” - An Indian word meaning Rapid Water(s)

July, 1811 – David Thompson of the Northwest Co. of Montreal is first white person to see the Entiat River on his journey down the Columbia to its mouth.

1853 – Captain McClellan of the Army passes by the mouth of the stream in his search for route across the Cascades.

1861 or 1862 – Jesuit Priest visits the people at the mouth of the river. (First written record)

1868 – George W. Parrish travels through area and stops by mouth of river.

1872 - December – Violent earthquake at location now known as Earthquake Point.

1887 – First white settler in Entiat Valley, Lewis Detwiler.

1891 – First public school in Entiat Valley.

1893 – George H. Gray purchases timber mill at mouth of Entiat River with his son Charlie.

1894 – Major flood.

1895 – First Entiat post office established.

1896 – J.G. Ely and his wife open the first little general store at the FIRST town of Entiat about a half-mile from the mouth.

1903 – Death of Chief of the Entiat Indians Shil-hoh-saskt (Silico Saska)

1908 – Entiat Power Plant opens for business.

1910 – Keystone Fruit Company begins.

1912 – Arden Harris joins his father in the lumber business.

1912 – Fire threatens FIRST town of Entiat. Gray’s sawmill burns.

1913 – E.P. Murphy starts publishing the Entiat Times.

1914 – Railroad service arrives in Entiat.

1915 – Second fire threatens FIRST town of Entiat. Only six businesses survive.

1916 – Entiat school opens doors at present location.

1921 – SECOND Entiat secure and all buildings in FIRST Entiat burned down in fire.

1921 – Entiat Ranger District located at the mouth of Steliko Canyon.

1923 – Numeral Mountain tradition begins.

1925 – Post Office established at Mud Creek in 1925 named after Arden. Lumber mill moved to Mud Creek and community becomes known as Ardenvoir.

1931 – Cooper’s store opens at present location.

1942 – All school districts in Valley consolidated into Entiat School District #127.

1944 – Entiat officially incorporated.

1948 – Major flood.

1961 – April, gates on Rocky Reach Dam closed filling the reservoir behind creating Lake Entiat.

1961 – THIRD Entiat begins.

1970 – Entiat to Orondo Ferry service discontinued.

1979 – Ardenvoir timber mill closes down.

1988 – Dinkelman Fire.

1990 – Dick Mesa Fire.

1994 – Tyee Fire

