

Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens, 1980-1981

Overview of the Collection

Photographer	Raymond, Steve
Title	Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens
Dates	1980-1981 (inclusive) 1980 1981
Quantity	0.5 linear feet
Collection Number	XOE_CPNWS0335raymond
Summary	A collection of 35mm slides taken by writer Steve Raymond, which document the aftermath of the volcanic eruption at Mount St. Helens, Washington, in 1980. The images were captured in May 1981 (one year following the eruption).
Repository	Western Washington University, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies Goltz-Murray Archives Building 808 25th St. Bellingham, WA 98225 Telephone: 360-650-7534 cpnws@wwu.edu
Access Restrictions	This collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
Digital Objects	121 total - see all

Historical Note

Washington resident Steve Raymond is a noted angler, fly-fishing author, and retired editor and manager of the *Seattle Times* newspaper. When Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, Raymond was on a fishing trip with his family at Dry Falls Lake. He documented his experiences in a subsequent *Sports Illustrated* article entitled "On the Scene: A Day of Fishing Became a Night of Fear When Darkness Fell at Noon". In May of 1981, Raymond and photographer Bill Eppridge were given special access to Mount St. Helens and the recovery zone to prepare a follow-up story entitled "Season of Hope", also for *Sports Illustrated*.

Content Description

The Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens document the one-year aftermath and impact of the 1980 volcanic eruption at Mount St. Helens, Washington. The collection includes one hundred twenty-one 35mm color slides taken by writer Steve Raymond, recording the eruption's devastating and transformative impact on the area's landscape and environment. Raymond's images include shots taken from the ground and air (via helicopter) of the North and South Forks of the Toutle River, as well as the Green River, Spirit Lake and Coldwater Lake, and the crater with its pyroclastic flow and lava

dome. The collection contains a copy of Raymond's 1980 article describing his experiences on the day of the Mount St. Helens eruption, and his follow-up piece (written one year later) for *Sports Illustrated*.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Heritage Resources, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 98225-9123.

Alternative Forms Available

The images from this collection of Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens have been digitized and can be accessed online as part of Western Libraries' Digital collections. See: <http://content.wwu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/raymondmslh>.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The Steve Raymond Slides of Mount St. Helens are organized according to the following series arrangement:

Series I. Slides, 1981

Series II. *Sports Illustrated* Articles, 1980-1981

Acquisition Information

The collection was transferred directly via deed of gift by the donor, Steve Raymond, in 2013.

Related Materials

The Ralph E. Wahl Fly-Fishing Papers and Photographs at the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies contain an audio recording and interview in which Steve Raymond describes his experience at Dry Falls Lake on the day of the May 18, 1980 eruption.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Slides, 1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Raymond001: Ruins of Weyerhaeuser logging camp on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981

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1	Raymond002: Ruins of Weyerhaeuser logging camp on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond003: Home buried in mudflow at Maple Flat on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond004: Home buried in mudflow at Maple Flat on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond005: Home buried in mudflow at Maple Flat on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond006: Home buried in mudflow at Maple Flat on North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond007: Remains of tree abraded by mudflow, North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond008: Close-up of same tree (above) showing how parts of it were shredded by abrasive mudflow.	May 1981
1	Raymond009: Ruins of Weyerhaeuser railroad bridge at mouth of Green River.	May 1981
1	Raymond010: Confluence of Green River (left) and North Fork Toutle,, showing mudflow.	May 1981
1	Raymond011: Confluence of Green River (right in this view) and North Fork Toutle,, showing mudflow.	May 1981
1	Raymond012: Road following North Fork Toutle into "Red Zone" (area then closed to public).	May 1981
1	Raymond013: Road following North Fork Toutle into "Red Zone" (area then closed to public).	May 1981
1	Raymond014: Army Corps of Engineers dam on North Fork Toutle, designed to stop mud and debris.	May 1981
1	Raymond015: Army Corps of Engineers dam on North Fork Toutle.	May 1981
1	Raymond016: Impoundment behind Army Corps of Engineers dam, looking upstream on North Fork Toutle.	May 1981

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1	Raymond017: Grizzly Creek, tributary of North Fork Toutle, showing mudflow and tree damage.	May 1981
1	Raymond018: Washed-out bridge over Grizzly Creek.	May 1981
1	Raymond019: North Fork Toutle inside Red Zone.	May 1981
1	Raymond020: South Fork Toutle showing dam and Washington Game Department fish trap.	May 1981
1	Raymond021: Game Department employee with steelhead taken in South Fork Toutle fish trap for spawning purposes.	May 1981
1	Raymond022: Game Department employees with steelhead taken in South Fork Toutle fish trap for spawning purposes. Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond023: Game Department employees with steelhead taken in South Fork Toutle fish trap for spawning purposes. Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond024: Game Department employees with steelhead taken in South Fork Toutle fish trap for spawning purposes. Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond025: Game Department employee mixes steelhead milt and eggs at South Fork Toutle fish trap.	May 1981
1	Raymond026: North Fork Toutle from the air.	May 1981
1	Raymond027: Army Corps of Engineers North Fork Toutle impoundment from the air.	May 1981
1	Raymond028: Army Corps of Engineers North Fork Toutle impoundment from the air	May 1981
1	Raymond029: View of the foot of the North Fork debris flow, with grass sprouting after reseeding. Dead standing timber, burned in the eruption, visible in background	May 1981
1	Raymond030: North Fork debris flow, looking toward the mountain	May 1981

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1	Raymond031: North Fork debris flow, looking toward the mountain	May 1981
1	Raymond032: North Fork debris flow, with timber blown down by eruption in background	May 1981
1	Raymond033: Valley of North Fork Toutle, looking toward the mountain	May 1981
1	Raymond034: North Fork debris flow	May 1981
1	Raymond035: Coldwater Lake, right, formed by the eruption when debris blocked Coldwater Creek. At left is a mudflow following the course of the creek	May 1981
1	Raymond036: Colored ponds on debris flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond037: Colored ponds on debris flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond038: Colored ponds with Coldwater Lake in background. Barren hillsides reflected in lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond039: Colored ponds with the mountain in the background.	May 1981
1	Raymond040: Mount St. Helens.	May 1981
1	Raymond041: Timber blown down atop ridge, looking toward the mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond042: Timber blown down atop ridge, looking toward the mountain. The road shown in the photograph was built to salvage some of the fallen timber	May 1981
1	Raymond043: Timber blown down atop ridge, looking toward the mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond044: Timber blown down atop ridge, looking toward the mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond045: At Spirit Lake. The steam pit shown behind the nose of the helicopter is at the approximate location of the lodge occupied by Harry Truman, who refused evacuation and died when the lodge was buried in the eruption.	May 1981

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1	Raymond046: View of the mountain from near the shore of Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond047: View of the mountain from near the shore of Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond048: Steve Raymond near the shore of Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond049: Mount St. Helens.	May 1981
1	Raymond050: Helicopter used for access to Spirit Lake. The lake is visible behind the helicopter.	May 1981
1	Raymond051: Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond052: Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond053: Steam pit at approximate site of Harry Truman's lodge.	May 1981
1	Raymond054: "Harry Truman Memorial" placed at the approximate site of Harry's lodge by his sister four days before this photograph was taken.	May 1981
1	Raymond055: Pyroclastic flow below lip of crater, looking back toward Spirit Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond056: Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, looking toward mountain from pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond057: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond058: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow, with steam rising in the foreground. Even a year after the 1980 eruption, portions of the flow were still too hot to walk on.	May 1981
1	Raymond059: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow, with steam rising in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond060: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow, with steam rising in foreground.	May 1981

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1	Raymond061: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow, with hardened lava in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond062: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond063: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond064: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond065: The lava dome in the crater, taken from a distance with telephoto lens.	May 1981
1	Raymond066: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow.	May 1981
1	Raymond067: The crater, seen from the pyroclastic flow, with airborne helicopter in foreground.	May 1981
1	Raymond068: Inside the crater looking out.	May 1981
1	Raymond069: Inside the crater looking out, with Spirit Lake in the background.	May 1981
1	Raymond070: Inside the crater looking out.	May 1981
1	Raymond071: Snow melting in the bottom of the crater.	May 1981
1	Raymond072: Snow melting in the bottom of the crater.	May 1981
1	Raymond073: The lava dome in the crater, with sunlight shining on the crater's west wall.	May 1981
1	Raymond074: The lava dome.	May 1981
1	Raymond075: The lava dome.	May 1981
1	Raymond076: The lava dome, showing a spire on top.	May 1981
1	Raymond077: The lava dome, showing a spire on top.	May 1981
1	Raymond078: Another view of the lava dome, without the spire showing.	May 1981

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1	Raymond079: Looking past the lava dome toward the crater's mouth.	May 1981
1	Raymond080: Looking back into the crater from its mouth.	May 1981
1	Raymond081: Channeled debris flow seen from the air.	May 1981
1	Raymond082: Channeled debris flow seen from the air.	May 1981
1	Raymond083: Spirit Lake from the air.	May 1981
1	Raymond084: Channeled debris flow with Spirit Lake in the background.	May 1981
1	Raymond085: Remains of timber destroyed in blast.	May 1981
1	Raymond086: Ridge northwest of mountain, showing blast effects.	May 1981
1	Raymond087: The same ridge (above) showing timber blown down by eruption.	May 1981
1	Raymond088: Castle Lake, formed by the eruption, about five miles northwest of the crater.	May 1981
1	Raymond089: Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, taking close-up shot of new vegetation growing near shore of Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond090: Helicopter on ground near shore of Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond091: Gas Bubbles emerging from underwater decaying organic matter at Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond092: Unusual gas-bubble patterns at Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond093: Unusual gas-bubble patterns from decaying organic matter at Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond094: Another view of Castle Lake.	May 1981
1	Raymond095: Bill Eppridge, Sports Illustrated photographer, at Castle Lake.	May 1981

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1	Raymond096: Hillside above Castle Lake.	May 1981
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1	Raymond099: Aerial view of South Fork of Toutle River, mountain in background.	May 1981
1	Raymond100: Aerial view of the South Fork of the Toutle River, mountain in background.	May 1981
1	Raymond101: Aerial view of South Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond102: Aerial view of the South Fork of the Toutle River.	May 1981
1	Raymond103: Machinery removing logs from immense jam at east end of Swift Reservoir.	May 1981
1	Raymond104: Logjam at east end of Swift Reservoir.	May 1981
1	Raymond105: Logjam at east end of Swift Reservoir, south of the mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond106: Summer homes and boat docks at east end of Swift Reservoir, after eruption.	May 1981
1	Raymond107: Aerial views of debris-choked stream, location unknown.	May 1981
1	Raymond108: Damaged area on eastern approach to mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond109: Blown-down timber on eastern flank of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond110: Snow-covered downed timber, east flank of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond111: Damaged area on east flank of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond112: Damaged area on east flank of mountain.	May 1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Raymond113: Damaged peak east of mountain, snow-covered ridge in background.	May 1981
1	Raymond114: Crest of blast-seared ridge, east of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond115: Close-up view of blast-seared ridge.	May 1981
1	Raymond116: Channeled debris flow east of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond117: Debris flow northeast of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond118: Debris flow northeast of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond119: Blast area north of crater.	May 1981
1	Raymond120: Debris flow with steam pits, north of mountain.	May 1981
1	Raymond121: Downed timber along North Fork of Toutle River.	May 1981

Series II: Sports Illustrated Articles, 1980-1981

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1/1	On the Scene: A Day of Fishing Became a Night of Fear When Darkness Fell at Noon, by: Steve Raymond	1980
1/1	Season of Hope: Mount St. Helens, by: Steve Raymond	1981

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