

BLOGGERS AND SHADOMS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS

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DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA ASSN., INC., E. 10820 MAXWELL AVENUE, SPOKANE, WA. 99206

BUTTERCUP HIKE SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The annual Buttercup Hike into the Dishman Hills will start at Kiwanis Camp Caro at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 and will last from two to three hours, depending upon your wishes. Go south on Sargent Road (just west of Dishman Theater) past the ball field and picnic area to the end of the road, where the caretaker's cottage and the lodge are located. We will surely find buttercups and grass widows in abundance. Ponds are full and streams are flowing. If we are lucky we may see and hear varied thrushes and towhees in addition to the wintering chickadees and nuthatches.

NEED FOR CLOSE-WILD AREAS GREAT

The gasoline shortage and higher prices for what gas is available are showing in a new way that it is good sense to save land close to home for wilderness-type recreation such as is available in the Dishman Hills and the mountain beyond. Hence we are more determined than ever to press forward with our plans to keep adding to Dishman Hills Natural Area. Much land that is outstandingly suited for such use must, we believe, be added, to help supply the demand for hiking, camping, horseback riding and similar outdoor activities. So we are urging that you continue to support our efforts to secure these wild, beautiful slopes and ridges. In addition, we are in need of funds for fire prevention. Eight fires, most of them arson-caused, burned several acres in the Hills last summer. Several concerned horse people in the valley have organized the Horseback Fire Patrol under the leadership of John Benzie. They started the job last summer and as a result only one fire sprang up after they were patrolling the area and it was quickly reported and controlled. Our association is helping the patrol financially to get needed radio equipment and to meet horse expense. So please fill out the blank on this page and send us whatever you can to protect what we already have and to add to it. We all need these hills now and our children and theirs will need them even more in the future! We urge you anso to join---if you haven't already done so---The Nature Conservancy, the nationwide organization which made possible the buying of the first eighty acres in the Hills.

Most of the land in the Dishman Hills is available for use by horse riders. The Nature Conservancy is willing to consider opening its eighty-acre Nature Preserve in the center of the hills to passage through by horse riders, provided that safeguards can be worked out to protect the area. In the past some damage has resulted from riders who entered the area when trails were water-soaked, who rode off the trails or tied horses to trees. We invite riders to make suggestions for regulating riding. We welcome them to our regular meetings the fourth Monday of each month at Camp Caro. For that matter we welcome any of you! We could use help. The Horse Patrol is helping us get this bulletin addressed. Many thanks!

We thank University High Ecology Club for voting to give \$50 to the Dishman Hills land acquisition fund. The club raised the money by collecting paper, newspapers and cardboard for recycling.

Prices for these recyclables are at an all-time high now at Spokane Recycling, located on E. Main just west of Freya. They are paying \$45 a ton for good grade white paper (typing, ditto, composition, stationery and printed matter on white paper (no waxed or slick paper accepted)), and \$15 for newspaper, corrugated cardboard and miscellaneous kinds--keep 'em clean, no grease or dirt, that is. Each kind should be boxed or bundled separately. The station is open weekdays and Saturday mornings. And don't forget that nearly all kinds of beer and soft drinks bottles are recyclable, as are all aluminum cans, other aluminum materials (clean foil, TV dinner trays, scraps of roofing, etc.), car batteries and copper such as wiring. For selling beer bottles: Joey August, Olympia Distributors, B.& B Distributors. For metal: Alaska Steel, Pacific Fur and Hide. Call ;

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