

LEGENTS AND SHADOWS

THE DISHMAN HILLS

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WILD THINGS FACE WINTER IN HILLS

CONTRIBUTORS TO HILLS SINCE OCTOBER 1

The Land Fund has just received a memorial gift from Belle Bonnell in memory of Mattie Burke. Twelve new or renewal memberships have come in since October 1. Those who sent an additional amount for the land fund and/or news bulletin are indicated by an asterisk. Estate of John A. Mowery by Sylvia V. Mowery *, Mr. Mrs. Ray R. Mills *, Beatrice H. Dure *, Mrs. S. Romans *, Mrs. Melta Fruit, Mr. Mrs. Gordon Wilkes *, William B. Course *, Mr. & Mrs. John W. Miller, Catherine Laury *, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Haglin *, Richard J. Ping * and Mrs. Lynda Oster. Land fund and/or bulletin donations were received from Bernadine McIlincy, Roy Heggen, Helen Blackwell, Roland Empire PSA, Mrs. Norma Pohl, Home Garden Club, Rev. Terence Tully, Royal Neighbors of America and Dellen Wood products. Over forty people saved recyclables for the land fund. Our thanks to all of you!

ADDITIONAL LAND POSSIBLE IN COMING YEAR

Sam Angove, director of Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department, has indicated he is definitely interested in giving more land to the Dishman Hills natural area during 1977.

The matching fund route will be explored, with our organization probably supplying the local equipment needed.

Jim Fazio and Bob Jones, Nature Conservancy members from Pullman, Moscow, recently visited the Dishman Hills and were fully enthusiastic about the area. The Conservancy has indicated it stands ready to help if need be to acquire additional land in the Hills this coming year. It is hoped as if we are again able to move forward with our little wilderness.

The first snow of the winter will probably have sifted down by the time this reaches you. So enjoy it you don't have to be a skier. It can awaken the child that still slumbers within us, if we will only let it. The whiteness of unbroken snow in the morning, covering the dust and muffling the noise of everyday life, can give our spirits a lift.

For wild things winter makes life difficult, sometimes impossible. Visiting the Hills you likely will come upon the wandering tracks of a cottontail rabbit looking for his breakfast of tender bark. Watch out, bunny, for here are dog-like tracks, but neater, narrower, in nearly a straight line; a coyote is also hungry. When the snow is deep he may often go foodless, as mice scurry safely through their white tunnels.

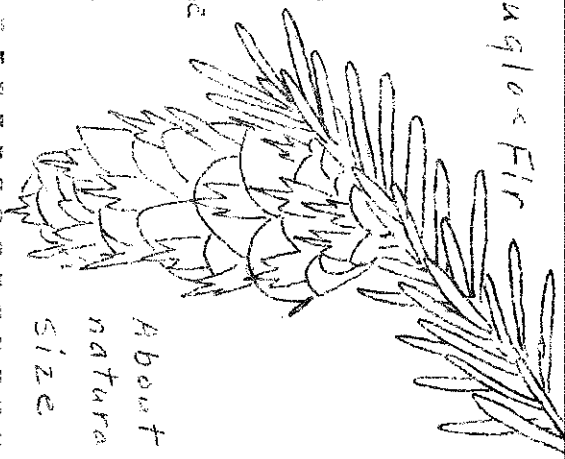
In this ravine we may find a pile of cone scales from a Douglas fir. It's a pine squirrel's dinner table. He likely is watching you from a branch above. Perhaps you will come upon the long-stride tracks of a white-tailed deer. The quail may have a difficult time if snow is deep but they quickly accept grain tossed out to them by sympathetic human neighbors. Ruffed Grouse are quite at home with winter as they eat dried fruits and buds of conifers and dive into a snowbank for the night.

Overhead the feathered inhabitants do better. Searching for insects among the branches are chickadees, nuthatches and golden-crowned kinglets. Working the tree trunks are occasional brown creepers. High up in the tops are red crossbills and pine siskins digging seeds from cones of fir and pine.

RECYCLING MOVES AHEAD

The Dishman Hills Land Fund has gained over \$500 this year from recyclables. Will you help? Please turn the

Perhaps the most popular tree in the United States this time of year is the Douglas fir, much used as a Christmas tree. It was named for David Douglas, Scotch botanist who explored for plants in the Pacific Northwest in the early 1800s. A sure way to identify it is to examine a cone. Between the scales project three-pointed bracts, the middle one the longest. The shiny brown, pointed buds are also distinctive. On older trees the thick, deeply grooved bark protects the tree quite well from ground fires. The tree needs a little more moisture than ponderosa pine, but less sunshine, so in the Spokane area often grows in ravines protected from sun and hot winds.



Douglas Fir
About
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Our organization is dedicated to the saving of some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy. We invite you to join personally in the effort by coming to our monthly meetings the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road (turn south just west of Dishman Theater).

HERE'S HOW ON RECYCLING

Paper: Newspaper is \$15 a ton. Keep separate from brown paper or cardboard. Take to Spokane Recycling Products, E. Main just west of Freya, tell them it is for the Dishman Hills and they credit it to us. Please leave your name. Or call us at 926-7949 and we'll arrange a pickup if there is enough to make it pay. Some of our Dishman Hills friends are doing a great job getting neighbors to save paper and other recyclables so we can get a load without excessive driving. White paper is \$25 a ton. Ditto, mimeo, notebook paper, letters, envelopes--tear out "windows" non-stick junk mail that looks of good quality. Colored ink is OK but no slick or pulpy or waxed paper. Pack in boxes and dispose of as with newspaper.

Aluminum: 15¢ a pound (\$300 a ton). All-aluminum pop and beer cans, those with no bottom seam. Throwaway pans such as TV dinner and baking dishes and reasonably

RECYCLING, CONTINUED

Mon. thru Fri. Coors must be taken to Coeur d'Alene, not worth a special trip but if you're going anyway, take them to 415 N.W. Blvd., Sat. and Mon., 10 to 4.

Metals: All metals, e.g., old car batteries, copper, brass, lead, iron & steel (no tin cans), take to Alaska Junk, E. 3410 Desmet, 8-4:30 weekdays, 8-12 Sat. or to Pacific Hide and Fur, N. 1114 Ralph, 8-5 weekdays, 8-12 Sat., or American Recycling Corp., E. 6203 Mission, 8-4 weekdays, 8-11:30 Sat. The latter also takes old cars, pays \$7 a ton if you get them there and remove mats, seats, gas tank and wheels. Otherwise they will haul them away for you, paying nothing.

Please use the form below when sending in your contribution to saving the Hills. (Your gift is income tax deductible.)

Enclosed is my contribution to saving
WILD land in the Dishman Hills area:

\$ _____ Dishman Hills Assoc. dues (\$5)

\$ _____ Dishman Hills land fund

\$ _____ Memorial gift to land fund

in remembrance of _____

\$ _____ Bulletin expense (\$1 or more)

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Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail