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GOALS FOR DISHMAN HILLS REAFFIRMED

WHAT HAS ASH DONE TO WILDLIFE?

Our board of directors held two special meetings in May to discuss future action in the Hills and unanimously reaffirmed its determination to add the adjacent 140 acres to the preserve. A. D. (Sam) Angove met with us at the second meeting. A Nature Conservancy representative plans to meet with us in July to see if that organization can help us again. We may have a special meeting before the regular one June 25.

Park Department Working for Added Land in Dishman Hills

Early this month we received the following update from Spokane County Park and Recreation Department superintendent A. D. Angove:

"As you will remember, our number one priority regarding Dishman Hills is to add the 140 acre piece to the south of the present Nature Conservancy property. We, as well as the DHNAA, have worked very hard to reach an agreement with the property owners and have approached the problem in several different ways. We have had the property appraised three times, hired tax lawyers and spoken to the property owners' attorneys concerning alternatives. To this point we have had no luck, but let me assure everyone that we are still dedicated to this acquisition and will continue to press for its successful conclusion."

While the total effect of the Mt. St. Helens ash fallout will not be known for some time, if ever, a few observations and comments have reached us. Among birds, dead swallows were reported by Jim Rees, biologist at Turnbull Refuge at Cheney. Presumably they starved. Other reports indicate a decrease in their numbers. Observations along Iller Creek on the east side of Tower Mt. indicate no significant change in bird numbers. Hummingbirds in the Spokane area seem scarce but so were they last year.

In my own yard robins, starlings--forgive me--and song sparrows raised

THANKS FOR YOUR LAWSUIT SUPPORT

Many thanks to you loyal supporters, whose donations to our legal defense fund have enabled us to meet our attorney expenses in the lawsuit against the county commissioners thus far. We are informed by our attorney that the hearing process before Spokane Superior Court will continue into July. The

broods during the ashy days and quail and pheasants occasionally visited. Just what the effect was on insect populations is more difficult to say, since probably no (continued on page 2)

county has just completed the third edition of the transcript of previous hearings. Earlier ones were unsatisfactory.

Please use this form when sending contributions to save the Dishman Hills
Your dues and/or gifts are income tax deductible.

\$	_____	Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (\$5 per person) New? _____
_____	_____	Land Purchase Fund or Renewal? _____
_____	_____	Legal Defense Fund
_____	_____	Memorial gift to Land Fund in remembrance of _____
_____	_____	Bulletin expense fund (\$1 or more) _____

Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail to David E. Lentz, Treasurer, E. 10922 23rd. Ave., Spokane, WA 99206. Many thanks! To hold down expenses, no receipt will be sent unless requested.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM
THE DISHMAN HILLS
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Natural Area Association, Inc.

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

Monthly meetings are at Kiwanis Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. Board meeting is at 7 p.m. and general meeting is at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday. You are cordially invited to attend.

KEEP UP THE RECYCLING

PRICES FOR PAPER AND ALUMINUM for recycling have dropped a bit but are still quite good. Spokane Recycling Products, E. 3407 Main, phone 535-0284, accepts newspaper, corrugated cardboard, brown bags, colored ledger (ditto, mimeo, stationery and other white paper but not slick or waxed), aluminum cans, TV trays and foil. Keep each kind separate. CCI, E. 5113 Railroad St., phone 535-9788, is accepting newspaper. Both places suggest you call them first. Prices are fluctuating.

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- Coors, E. 6715 Mission 928-6340
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- N.W. Distributors, E. 202 Riverside 624-6598

ASH AND WILDLIFE (cont. from p. 1)

data exist as to normal numbers. (Maybe you thought there always were lots of them!) This points to the value of studies of plant and animal populations under more normal conditions, so that the effects of unusual events--ash, weather, air quality, fire, land development, etc.--can be measured. We would appreciate hearing of any observations you have made of effects of the ash.--Tom Rogers

SCHOOL CLASSES, OTHERS, USE HILLS

Thus far in 1980 the Dishman Hills-Tower Mt. area has been used for the YWCA hiking class; our Buttercup Hike; St. Mary's sixth grade class, Greg Foxley, teacher; first grade classes from Ness school, led by Mrs. Torppa; I. E. Federated Garden Clubs; Kevin Batchelder, working on his botany merit badge, and the wintering bird census for National Audubon Society. Two field trips by school classes and cub scouts were cancelled because of Mt. St. Helens. A slide show on the Hills was presented to Boy Scouts at Chester Elementary. Groups that would like a slide show please contact us. No charge.

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Don't forget to hike in the Hills. Things are pretty well back to normal there.