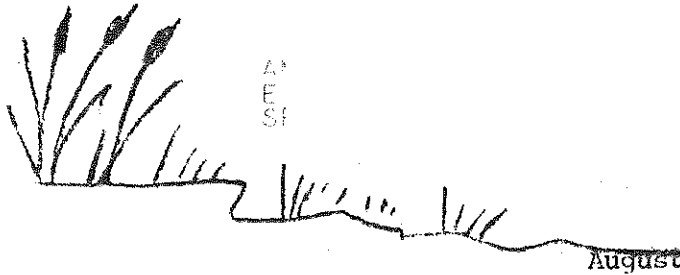


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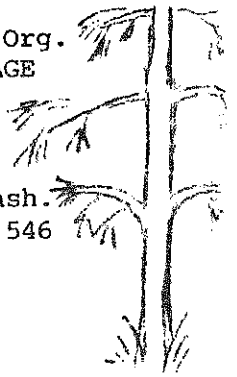
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DEPARTMENT'S UNIQUE HABITATS LIST

Dishman Hills Natural Area is listed in Washington Department of Game's inventory of unique habitats for Region One which includes ten eastern Washington counties, prepared by Jack Adkins, regional manager. Other areas in Spokane county named in the list are the West Fork of Little Spokane River, Newman and Liberty Lakes, Mt. Spokane and Hole-in-the Ground, an unusual canyon in the southwestern part of the county.

Under habitat preservation projects, Jack proposes for Dishman Hills Natural Area working to promote "proper classification of surrounding lands, assist with management where possible and work towards environmental education in habitat. High priority." He also recommends developing environmental education school programs and a habitat interpretive center at the Dishman Hills.

HOW DID YOUR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN GROW?

Our booklet about growing native plants proved quite popular. We'd be interested in hearing of successes (and failures) of any of you who tried it. In my own yard the shrubs, chokecherry, wild roses, ninebark, mountain spray, serviceberry, golden currant and snowberry all blossomed well as usual. Robins have gobbled up all the chokecherries and the snowberries are becoming showy now.

Among the small plants, the woolly sunflower stole the show for several weeks with a hundred or so flowers on the single plant. Although by midsummer it
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PARK DEPARTMENT HEARING SEPTEMBER 3 WILL
AFFECT FUTURE OF DISHMAN HILLS

Whether or not Dishman Hills Natural Area will become a little island in a sea of development may very well be decided this fall. Since state and federal matching funds for land purchase are in extremely limited supply (thanks in part to James Watt) it is up to the local community to come up with the money to increase the size of the natural area.

A. D. (Sam) Angove, superintendent of Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department, has scheduled a public hearing September 3 to measure public support for forming a Spokane Valley Park Service Area, to be composed of Central, East and West Valley School Districts, and putting a levy before the proposed district this fall for reopening swimming pools, restoring the recreation program, making needed park improvements and providing a land purchase fund. A one year levy of 75 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation would provide maintenance and operation funds for two years. An additional five cents would provide enough more to buy the 140 acres in the Hills adjacent to The Nature Conservancy's 80 acres. Acquiring this choice parcel has been our goal and that of the park department for many years but our land fund, about \$48,000, is not sufficient, since the land is appraised at \$154,000. A levy of 80 cents per \$1000 would cost the owner of a \$50,000 house \$40.

The hearing on the levy and service area September 3 will be at 7:30 p.m. at Sunrise Elementary School, 24th and Adams in the Valley. We urge you to be there and speak up. Let's fill the room!

We firmly believe this levy will be a sound investment in life quality for the
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Please use this form when sending contributions to save the Dishman Hills and the Tower Mountain corridor. Your dues and/or gifts are income tax deductible.

\$ _____ Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (\$5 per person) New? ___ Renewal? ___
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Monthly meetings are at Kiwanis Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday. You are cordially invited to attend.

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN (cont. from page 1)

was brown and dry, its bright display was well worth the space. By August, as in natural dry areas, few things were in flower. There is still yarrow along with a few unexpected plants. One that shows promise is Orange Hawkweed (Hieracium aurantiaca), which, while not spectacular, fills a needed niche with its burnt orange flower heads. What my planting needs is some goldenrod and wild asters. One thing is certain. My wild plants got along well without watering. That is one reason for starting the experiment (continued in next column)

PARK DISTRICT HEARING (cont. from page 1)

entire community. Recreational facilities are sorely needed and the Hills will be there for people to enjoy--if we protect them--as far into the future as anyone cares to look, not something to be consumed and discarded, but a perpetual living tribute to people who cared.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE HEARING SEPT. 3.

LAWSUIT APPEAL TO BE HEARD IN SEPTEMBER

Our lawsuit against the county commissioners for their approval of "The Meadows" development, which we consider incompatible spot zoning, next to the Dishman Hills, comes before the Court of Appeals in October. Meanwhile, the Boundary Review Board, prematurely, we think, approved extending water district boundaries to include the proposed development, in a hearing in which the developer was given rebuttal time but we were not. Is everyone equal before the law?

periment. Expect the price of water to keep going up along with the cost of the electricity needed to pump it. THR.

RECYCLING STILL PAYS

Prices for recyclables are still quite good, so save your aluminum, newspaper, corrugated cardboard and brown bags, returnable bottles, car batteries, copper, brass and iron. Ditto, mimeo, junk mail and other good quality (not slick) paper are bringing \$40 -- \$50 a ton.