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AUDUBON SOCIETY, DISHMAN HILLS ASSOCIATION
LEAD COUNTY STUDY OF NATURAL AREAS

Spokane Audubon Society and our organization are spearheading a study of natural areas of the county. First proposed by Sam Angove, county Parks and Recreation superintendent, the project will identify areas, large or small, both within and outside of the city, with native plant and animal communities. These areas then will be screened for quality and possible recommendation for protection. Angove said that some Federal government funds will be available for inventoring the selected areas. Openings are expected for paid workers and also for volunteers. The study is expected to start this summer.

If you know of any areas you would like included in the study, please contact us (926-7949), the Audubon Society (466-6626) or the County Park Department (456-4730) as soon as possible.

NATURE CENTER MAY BECOME REALITY
FOR DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA

The dream of a nature center for the Dishman Hills may take on some real substance in the near future. County Parks Superintendent Sam Angove says plans are under consideration for an interpretative building at Camp Caro at the north end of the Hills. Displays and printed information about the plants, animals, geology and ecology of the natural area would be available to the public, and space for talks, films and small group meetings provided. It is possible that a historical museum for Spokane Valley relics would be included.

Another possibility is the conducting of regularly scheduled nature walks throughout the year, in addition to current (continued on page 2)

COUNCIL FOR LAND CARE WILL DISCUSS
LAND USE PLAN WITH COMMISSIONERS

The Council for Land Care and Planning is hard at work preparing its presentation to be made to Spokane County Board of Commissioners in early April if the proposed schedule is followed. Our organization is providing information which hopefully will change land use designations in the Dishman Hills-Browne Mt.-Tower Mt. area to much lower densities, since urban, suburban and semirural densities will threaten the existing natural area and prevent its expansion.

We have much reason to be optimistic about the new Board of County Commissioners. Recently it appointed Ron McVicker to the planning commission and George Britton to the position of county assessor. Both candidates were endorsed by the Council for Land Care and our organization. Both organizations are now endorsing John M. Thompson, director of the Learning Center at Spokane Falls Community College, for the planning commission. The commissioners' selection probably will have been made by the time this reaches you. The board appears to be listening well to citizen input so we are hopeful for Thompson and for changes in the land use plan.

BUTTERCUP HIKE INTO HILLS IS MARCH 22

The fifteenth annual Dishman Hills buttercup hike for all ages will start at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22. The hike will loop through the natural area and include ponds and ravines. Buttercups and grass widows should be abundant and tree toads croaking. Coffee, cocoa and cookies will be waiting at Kiwanis Camp Caro Lodge.

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? ___
\$ _____ Dishman Hills Land Purchase Fund
\$ _____ Dishman Hills 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 Assn. and mail to David E. Lentes, Treasurer, E. 10922 23rd Ave., Spokane, WA 99206. Many Thanks! To cut down on expense, no receipt or acknowledgment will be sent unless requested.

S. F. C. C. STUDENTS DESIGN LOGOS FOR DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA

As a community service nineteen students in Lee Knouse's graphic arts class at Spokane Falls Community College submitted designs for a permanent logo for Dishman Hills Natural Area. The design chosen by our association was submitted by Linda Graupner, a 1977 graduate of University High. The logo was further developed for distribution at U-Hi's print shop under the direction of Ted Clark, instructor.

Stickers will be given out to those interested in promoting the goals of our association. For further information call Bernice Ammons at 924-0077.

LIGHTS & SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS
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We are a non-profit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

Monthly meetings are at Kiwanis Camp Caro at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday. You are cordially invited to attend.

...S YOUR RECYCLING? KEEP IT UP!

BROCHURE ON GROWING NATIVE PLANTS AVAILABLE

Our story on cultivating native plants, reprinted in Rich Landers' Spokesman-Review column, brought a number of requests for more information. We now have a 14-page brochure listing some of the more attractive plants, their requirements and suggestions for growing them. We are not charging for the brochure but a donation of 75 cents will be appreciated to help cover costs.

My own little native plant community in my yard is doing well, with buttercups in flower and other plants greening up. This summer I plan to gather seeds in the wild and test methods of planting for best results. We'd like to hear of your own efforts along these lines.--TR.

NON-GAME GETS A BREAK IN WASHINGTON

Non-hunted wildlife is beginning to get official help in the state. The Department of Game program, financed by "vanity" license plates, recently appointed Jack Adkins, longtime game biologist and Spokane Valley resident, manager of District 1 which includes several other eastern counties. Tom Rogers, our vice-president and bulletin editor, is northeastern Washington's representative on the program's citizens' advisory council and is working closely with Jack. The program has three major emphases, inventorying the non-game species, protecting their habitat and informing the public. We expect the program will be of real help in protecting the Dishman Hills-Tower Mt.-Browne Mt. and other choice areas.

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rent use by school classes, garden clubs, scouts, campfire girls and other groups.