



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MAY, 1988

CAMP CARO PLANS TO BE PRESENTED MAY 16

A set of alternative plans has been prepared by a landscape architecture firm for the six acre Camp Caro site in the Dishman Hills. The public is invited to comment on the plans to help determine the site's future use. A meeting for this purpose is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in University High School cafeteria, E. 10212 Ninth Avenue. Let's have a good turnout. If you cannot attend, you may give your comments to Sally Reynolds, Parks Planner, Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department.

April donations of money and recyclables totalled \$1045.51 which will go toward meeting our next land payment in June. Our thanks to the following who donated during April and have given permission to be listed here: Amsel B. Barton, Arborettes Garden Club, Kathryn Bernard, Stu Blackwell, Nadine Boni, Vera Carpenter, Lyndall L. Cook, Dee Davis, Paula Ammons Fiset, John Gardner, Russ Harmon, Betty Hughes, Lynn M. John, Bonnie J. Kreshel, Shiran K. Lee, Manito Garden Club, Marilyn A. Miller, Pauline Moore, William B. Nourse, John B. O'Brien III, Sylvia Olsen, Madeline Phelps, Linda L. Petersen, Irene N. Peyton, Phi Sigma Alpha Sigma Chapter, Violet Phinney, Bonnie Randles, Recreational Equipment Inc, Tom Rogers Jr., Tom Rogers Sr., Dennis L. Sanders, V.F. Strange, Mrs. F.L. Terhaar and Larry Thiemann.

If you have donated in April and are not named here, please let us know.

Our association recently received a State of Washington Environmental Excellence Award for its work in saving a natural area in the Dishman Hills. Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce nominated us and Fred Shiosaka presented the award to president Larry Thiemann. All you people who have supported the Dishman Hills project have earned this award, since the project would have been impossible without you. Again, our thanks!

A recent trip in eastern Oregon emphasized the fact that undisturbed natural areas in that state, as in Washington, are hard to find, especially in the lowlands near to cities and towns. Most of the land has been turned over to cultivated crops, developments, highways and livestock raising. Almost invariably the latter has resulted in overgrazing, leaving little but sagebrush and rabbit brush, the grasses and flowers gone. Such an experience makes one more than ever appreciate our Dishman Hills.

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from. Our monthly meetings during the summer are at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Rd., Dishman, the third Monday at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited.

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DISHMAN HILLS MANAGEMENT HEARING NEEDS YOU MAY 19

As announced in our April bulletin, the public hearing on acquisition and management plans for the Dishman Hills Natural Resources Conservation Area will be held May 19 at 7 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, South 3606 Schafer Road in the Spokane Valley. Over 100 concerned people attended the April information meeting and expressed their ideas, which have been considered by the Department of Natural Resources in drawing up management plans. This is another opportunity for you to give your input. We need a good turnout of Dishman Hills Natural Area supporters to help insure that the area will be given the protection that it needs. We will be looking for you there! Please note: Our association will not meet this month due to the conflicting date with the above meeting.

A recent afternoon hike into the Dishman Hills found the greenery looking very good, the heavy precipitation of April having done much to make up for the dry winter and early spring. Although the early flowers are gone, others are taking their place. Balsamroots are still bright though beginning to droop a bit. Biscuitroots, their flower clusters like little yellow umbrellas, brighten open places. Moist pathside spots display the blues of camas and violets. Sure to catch the eye are clumps of pink phlox. Wild strawberry flowers are plentiful and the little stars of fringe cups still shine. Still in evidence are misty gatherings of the tiny bluelips. A few butterflies were about: mountain swallowtails, little spring blues, brown elfins and hairstreaks, and a few mourning cloaks that overwintered. By Caro Cliff little bees were carrying pollen into their burrows to feed their young when they hatch. A junco was shake-drying its feathers after bathing in Goldback Spring and a pair of California quail moved reluctantly from the path into the brush at Cottonwood Hollow. A concerned pair of robins acted as if nesting in the Enchanted Ravine. Most of the summer birds have not yet returned.

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