



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

APRIL 1990

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The Advisory Committee for Dishman Hills Natural Resources Conservation Area (better known as Dishman Hills Natural Area) is expected to meet late this month or in early May to discuss how to better protect the area. The committee consists of representatives of the four owners of land in the Natural Area: our association, The Nature Conservancy, Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Natural Resources. Since the primary purpose of establishing the area is to protect it, to be discussed is what activities are to be allowed in keeping with this commitment. Fencing of entrances to exclude motor vehicles (except to the parking area at Camp Caro) has already been agreed upon. The area is already a no shooting area.

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

President: Larry Thieman Secretary: Helen Lininger
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Our monthly meetings starting in May will be at the new lodge at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman, at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. You are cordially invited. For additional information call 926-7949.

TAKE PART IN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY APRIL 22.

HIKE WITH US IN HILLS

For practical reasons we decided to celebrate Earth Day by conducting a public hike into Dishman Hills Natural Area rather than putting up a display at the Agricultural Trade Center at Riverfront Park. We encourage you, however, to see the displays there, which will be open for viewing from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday April 22. To make it possible to see the displays there and also take part in our activity, we are starting our hike at 2:30 p.m. beginning at Camp Caro, South Sargent Road, Dishman and lasting until about 5 p.m. Come and see what your wonderful support of the Dishman Hills project has accomplished since 1966, and also what still needs to be done to protect it and make important additions.

We hope that people will make Earth Day an everyday occurrence. Let's reduce our demand upon the earth's dwindling resources and the amount of waste with which we pollute the air, the water, the ground. We suggest we drive our cars less and more moderately, carpool or take the bus whenever possible, quit using throwaways when other options are available, use water (probably our most critical resource) wisely and do likewise with energy. Continue to increase recycling. A great need exists to do more to increase the recycling of plastics in our area. The techniques are available. Facilities to do this in the Spokane area would be most helpful and would create local jobs. We hope Spokane will seize this opportunity.

The Hills on Earth Day will undoubtedly be bright with flowers. Balsamroots ("wild sunflowers") will be in their full glory. Glacier lilies and yellowbells should still be in flower and wild phlox and shooting stars will also be conspicuous. Besides the usual year round birds, towhees will be searching for nesting places and ruby-crowned kinglets, those delightful little mites with a song all out of proportion to their size, are expected to delight the ear. Our recent Buttercup Hike and Spokane Audubon's hike a week later found a pair of mallards on West Pond. Spring butterflies are on the wing.

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