



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JUNE 1990

A MOUNTAIN NEEDING PROTECTION

Now that we have reached a milestone in the acquiring of the 140 acre addition, we need to keep on, trying to add important but vulnerable land next to it. Furthermore, we are fully convinced that Krell Mountain (Tower Mountain) adjacent on the south is fully deserving of preservation. Every trip up there is a wonderful experience for it is a beautiful little mountain forest with animals and plants not found in the Dishman Hills. Why worry about it? The lower approach to it on the east side (Iller Creek) is in disgraceful condition, with trash dumping, and farther up the green valley, devastation by logging a few years ago (piles of logging slash and erosion gullies up to four feet deep, the result of diversion of streams down the logging roads, and grooves cut by motorcycles and four-wheel drives. Empty shotgun shell casings and rifle shells strewn along the path indicate a danger to wildlife as well as hikers. Creeping housing development is threatening as well. All this doesn't need to be, if we as a group show that we can do it again, acquire and protect a marvelous treasure of a place.

PROTECTING AN ECOSYSTEM--AND JOBS

Much is in the news these days about the spotted owl. This rare bird is pictured as the villain that will put thousands of people out of work. But is this really the heart of the matter? We need to ask more hard questions. Our forests are mandated by law to be logged no faster than they can replenish themselves (sustained yield). Is this being done? If not, loggers will be out of jobs, owls or no owls. It takes some 60-80 years or more to grow a tree big enough to be economically logged. While it is said that tree planting is going on now, will these trees be mature enough in time to save the logging industry? It would appear that the Forest Service should have the answer. does it?

140 ACRES ADDED TO PRESERVE

We've done it! By the fifteenth of this month the 140 acre addition to Dishman Hills Natural Area will have been completely paid for, thanks to you people who have so generously donated. The five year project, which looked a bit scary with a \$154,000 plus 9.5 percent interest price tag, turned out to be very feasible, with the great public support it received. We invite you to a Celebration Hike into the Hills Saturday, June 23, starting at Camp Caro at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch to eat back at the camp after the hike. We hope the weather will have the rain out of its system by then! If not, put on your rain gear and we'll eat in the new lodge afterwards.

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

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Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis
Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley.

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.

WEED REMOVAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Natural Area is in need of people to help pull noxious weeds while enjoying the woods and flowery slopes. The villains to be defeated are Dalmatian toadflax (wild snapdragon) and spotted knapweed, both imports from Europe that have invaded some areas, especially where native vegetation has been disturbed. We will be meeting Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m. at Camp Caro. Bring a sack lunch. We certainly can't complete the job in one day so it will take other sessions later this year, and followups in the future. Weeds multiply like rabbits, only faster!

CONTRIBUTORS LISTED FOR MAY

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