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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS from the Dishman Hills, January, 2002

WHAT A YEAR

The Association has much to be thankful for in 2001, a year that had a lot of disappointments for our nation. Generous donations, grants, and County land purchases resulted in the establishment of the new nature area on Tower Mountain, the Rocks of Sharon. The year 2001 is shaping up as the best donation year in the history of the Association. Other good things happened last year including the return of the Nature Conservancy to help protect the Dishman Hills, State support to fight weeds, and another year without serious fires.

RESOLUTIONS

As with many others, the Association would like to make a few New Year's resolutions to see what can be better this year than in the year past. So, at our annual meeting this month we listed some resolutions or goals. There are a few that are continuations of past efforts, some that are new possibilities, and several that might be classified as dreams. Hopefully somewhere in the list is something that can make 2002 a success; so here we go!

- ◆ Move forward with a trail connection between Dishman Hills and the new Rock of Sharon Nature Area on Tower Mountain to the south. Recent land purchases have brought the areas much closer, but more land purchases or trail easements will be needed.
- ◆ Schedule public hikes in the Dishman Hills during the year. These hikes would be advertised and run on themes such as biology, geology, history, etc. This would allow more people to discover the Dishman Hills and allow the Association to build membership and support.
- ◆ Start plans for a nature interpretive center at the Dishman Hills. Camp Caro is perfectly suited for a facility site. The Community is in need of a nature education facility and Dishman is centrally located with plenty of ecology to study.
- ◆ Start an Internet web site (see Lights and Shadows, 12/01).
- ◆ Start an endowment fund for the Dishman Hills that would provide funds for conservation and management in the future.
- ◆ Assemble restoration and development plans for the new Rocks of Sharon Nature Area. We got the land, and now is the time to start to decide what to do with it to preserve the natural setting and provide for public access.
- ◆ Better communication between the Association and other conservation groups (intergroup meetings), land owners (letter campaign), and the public (outreach to scouts, etc., and build displays for events).

Like many other resolution list, we will be lucky if one or two actually happen or start to happen, but maybe, just maybe somewhere

in there is something that will make 2002 a year to remember. If you have a resolution to add, feel free to write it down and send it to the address for DHNAA listed on this sheet. Happy New Year.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to saving nature areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Call Michael Hamilton, 747-8147, if you have any questions. We have a new meeting schedule. Rather than monthly meetings we will meet every other month with the next one the third Tuesday of March at Opportunity Elementary School, in the teacher's lounge, S. 1109 Wilbur, 7pm.

The following are our December donors that have consented to be listed: Laura Ackerman, James & Maralyn Bertis, Tom & Vivian Caufield, Myrna Cliff, David Cole, Signe Currier, Carol Ellis, Joan Fergin, Walter Fernau, June Foote, Larry Grossman, Kenneth Gudgel, Bart & Lindell Haggin, Karol Kaye, Mary Lentz, Helen Lininger, Marilyn & Dale Miller, Ian & Rosalie Napier, Gloria & Don Nicol, John O'Brien, Joy Peterson, Lorna Ream, Ruth & Donald Roberts, Dale & Marilyn Stedman, Helen Stowell, Betty Stratton, Barney & Jeanne Wilson, Larry & Mary Wright, and seven anonymous donors. Thanks for all the generosity.

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