

LIGHTS and SHADOWS

From the Dishman Hills December 2011



VERY BUSY!

Last year was a great success for us. We completed our transfer of Big Rock to County Conservation Lands. The transfer came with many strings attached and we had to scramble to meet deadlines. First, we had to provide parking for the South Trailhead by finding suitable land for a lot, broker this land deal, and come up with the funds for parking lot construction. We also had to improve Stevens Creek Rd to the lot. It all worked as planned!

With a boosted confidence from this year, we march into 2012 with another spectacular move to secure some very important conservation space between the Dishman Hills NRCA and the Tower Mtn. Conservation lands. To connect these areas is our Dream Trail Project. We have secured a land deal for 160 acre to close next April. Spokane Co., through the Conservation Futures Program, has partnered with us here to split the cost, and throw in the purchase of another 136 acres adjacent to the west. West of that there is another 160 acres of State land we intend to secure, totaling 450 acres new public conservation/recreation land!

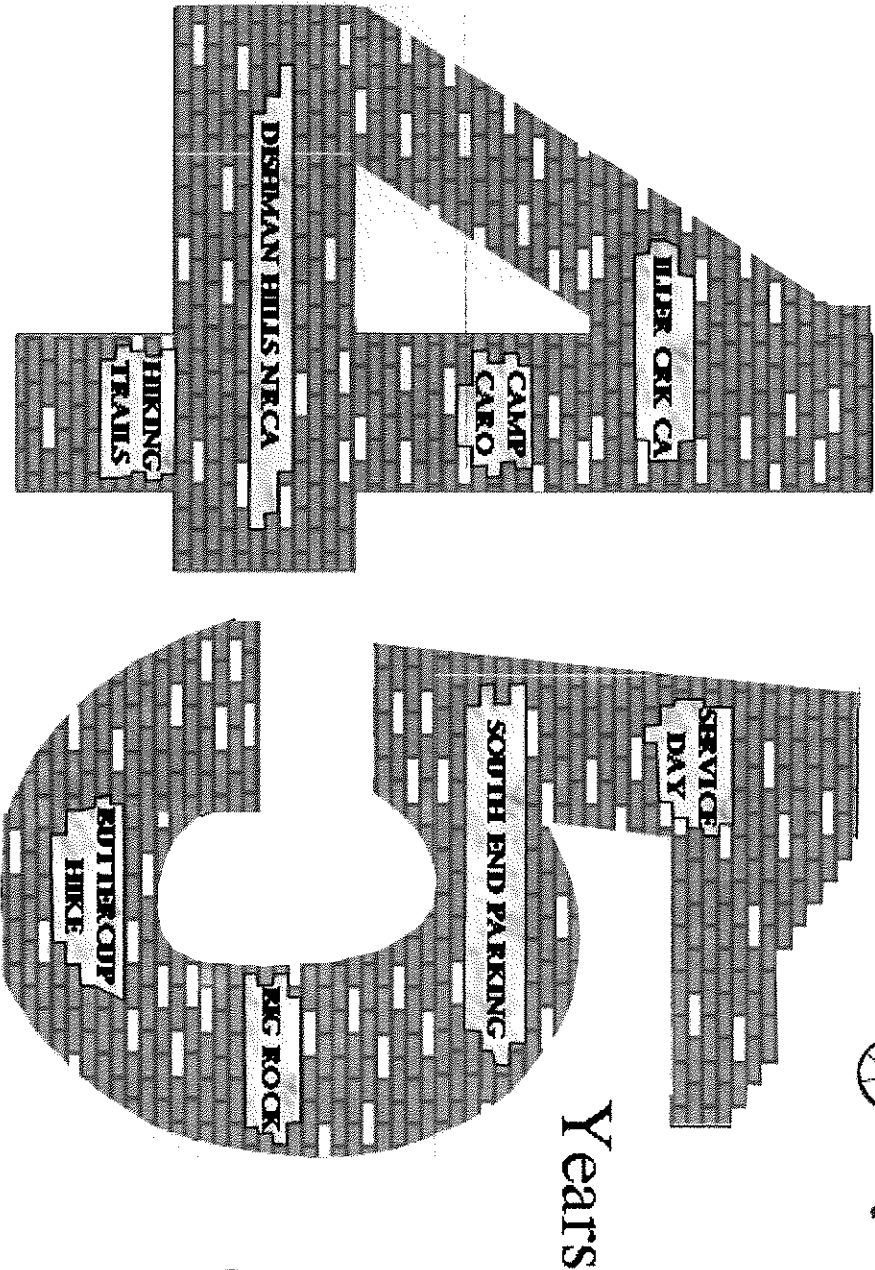
We are shifting all the resources from the Big Rock sell this year to this purchase opportunity. Our responsibility for the land deal at closing will be about \$260K. We are aiming at building up another \$80K to make ends meet. While this all seems like a lot of money, consider that every dollar that we commit will be matched by the County as their part in the 160 acre purchase, and doubled again as they purchase another 140 acres adjacent to the west. If the State joins in with another 160 acres of State Trust land adjacent to the west means that every dollar that you donate could provide six dollars of conservation land. This is a deal of **Historic Proportions** that will keep us very busy in 2012.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving nature areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Our board meets every month on the third Tuesday. Our next meeting will be our annual membership meeting on Jan. 17th, 7 pm. We meet at the Moran Prairie Spokane Co. Library, 6004 S. Regal St. Visitors are always welcomed.

Many thanks to our November donors: Beverly Benka, James-Bertis, Jill Beth, Nancy Cashon, Claire Carter, Glenrose Comm. Ass'n, Steve Goodner, Lindell Haggin, Karin Hall, Lois Hansen, Karen Heaps, Edwin Holms, Karol Kaye, Gloria Krebs, Cynthia Langlois, Patrick Lettenmaier, Pat Manners, Steve Peterson, Sharon Reynolds, Norma Rosenberger, and 2 anonymous donors

We have been working hard for:

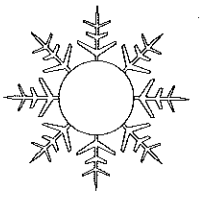


Years

Building something for the community and for all of us.

Now we need some more building material!





John Burro

*I go to Nature to be so
and healed, and to hav
senses put in tune once*



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL
OF NEW SUMMITS TO SCALE



Keep Going

