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DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA ASSN., E.10820 Maxwell, SPOKANE, WA

PROGRESS Many of you already know that on January 20 our association presented
and Spokane County's Board of Commissioners with a check for \$7600. To
THANKS this Mrs. Ina H. Johnston added hers for \$2500 and an anonymous donor
from Spokane contributed \$5000. This money will soon be used, along
with state and federal matching funds, to buy about 94 acres more for
the Dishman Hills Natural Area.

Of course the association's presentation was made possible by your
generous donations. Thanks again to all you believers who are making
possible one more step in saving the Dishman Hills. This new land,
added to the 80 acres owned by The Nature Conservancy and the 124 acres
of Ina H. Johnston Natural Area, will mean nearly 300 acres of wild
land protected.

THE We wish we could say that the job is done, but we can't. We can all
TRAIL be proud and happy of the progress we have made but we must press on
AHEAD toward other highly necessary areas in the Hills. Several hundred
acres much used by the public still must be secured to insure their
preservation. With Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department
we are looking for a way to add at least some of this in 1972.

One thing we have been forced to believe is that, in order to avoid the des-
perate, down-to the wire money-raising drives of the past, we must build up a fund
in advance. It puts us in a much better bargaining position and -- lets face it--
it takes time to raise money. It took nearly a year just to raise the \$7600. We
expect that the next acquisition will take more than this, for the remaining land
is mostly in larger blocks. Therefore, we are asking you Dishman Hills boosters to
continue your gifts, in lump sums or monthly payments. We deposit all but a small
amount for running expenses, in a savings account, thus adding to the fund. We are
issuing membership cards to any person donating \$5 or more and invite all of you to
come to our monthly meetings. Watch newspapers, radio and TV for time and place.

Please send your donation (Federal Income Tax deductible) to:

David E. Lentjes, Treasurer, North 816 Bates Road, Spokane, Wa. 99206

(Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association.)

OUR TNC Spokane memberships in The Nature Conservancy have about
MEMBERSHIP doubled and now total 64. We are encouraged but believe we can do
CLIMBING much better. Pulman has 123. The Conservancy stands ready to
help us. Please help by joining!

HILLS USED IN BOY SCOUT TROOP 473 camped overnight at Camp Caro in the WINTER Dishman Hills the weekend of January 8. Scouts worked on stalking, trailing, identification of trees and shrubs and finding signs of animals. Campfire cooking and sleeping in tents were accomplished in spite of the strong wind, which the hills and trees slowed down to something endurable. Buggy note: Scout Ken Perry found a tiny insect of the order Mecoptera (scorpion flies), a scarce group. The little creature has neither sting nor wings, however.

FIELD TRIPS FOUR BIOLOGY CLASSES from University High took field trips into INTO HILLS the Hills on January 20-21. Your newsletter editor was the fearless teacher-leader. Students noted the ways plants survive the winter, from lichens and mosses to trees and shrubs. They found evidence of coyote, cotton-tail rabbit and pine squirrel and Mike Lamb found a dead Sawwhet Owl--cause of death unknown. This is the first record for this uncommon little owl in the Hills. (If you would like lists of the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and higher (vascular) plants of the Hills, write or call us.

CAMP CARO TO RESERVE CAMP CARO, S. 625 Sargent Road, for young people's RESERVATIONS groups for overnight camping either inside or outside the lodge, call Spokane County Parks and Recreation Dept., 456-4730.

Mrs. Bernice Oglesbee, caretaker, will do her utmost to help your group have a fine campout.

NATURE The Inland Empire Chapter of The Nature Conservancy will meet CONSERVANCY Saturday morning, March 11 at Pullman. If you are interested and TO MEET need transportation down, call us.

THE ANNUAL BUTTERCUP HIKE into the Hills will be in March. Watch news media for date.

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