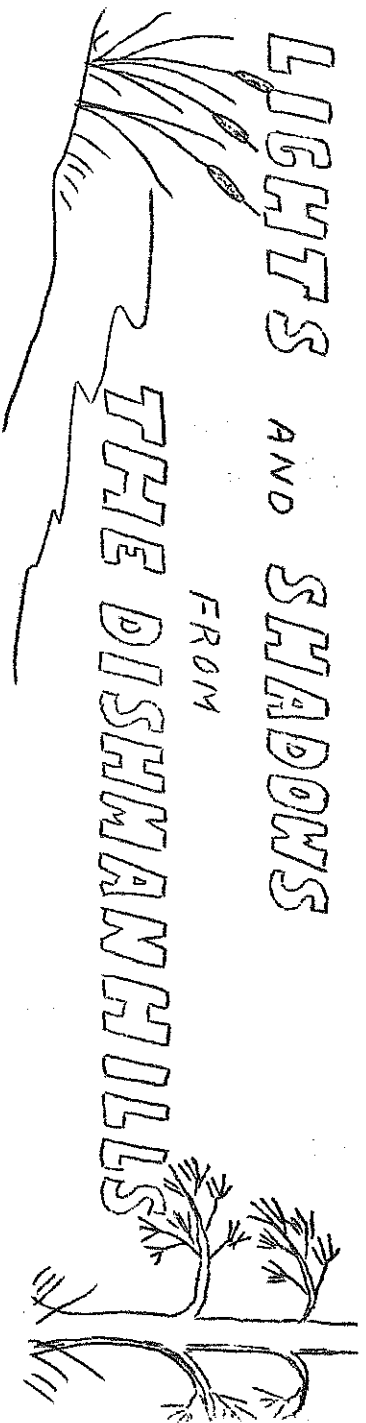


LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS



180 ACRES LOST - 140 CAN STILL BE SAVED

VISIT YOUR HILLS OFTEN THIS FALL

September and October are great for getting out of doors in the Spokane area. The weather is brisk but not really cold and skies are often blue--we hope! So put on your hiking shoes and come on in. Enter at Camp Caro on South Sargent Road just west of Dishman Theater, or at 8th Ave. by Edgecliff Park, or at 9th Ave. west of the railroad along Dishman-Mica Road. If your young people's group wants to camp overnight at Camp Caro, call Spokane County Parks & Recreation, 456-4730 for a reservation.

Asters, goldenrod and yampah are conspicuous along the trails and a few gentians are showing sky-blue. Cottonwoods, aspens and many a bush will soon be autumn gold and chokecherry and hawthorn will flaunt their reds. Most of the summer birds have left but you should find chickadees, nuthatches and juncos in abundance. You might even see a coyote.

BULLETIN WILL BE BIMONTHLY

This bulletin will be published six times a year starting this month. We hope to tell you more about the Dishman Hills so we are including in each issue an article, illustrated, we hope, on some feature of the Hills. Each will be of uniform size and shape so you can clip it and keep it in a looseleaf or other cover.

We are trying to get the printing of our address labels donated, we still have costs getting out the bulletin so are appealing to you to give a dollar a year toward covering this expense. Please use blank on other side. Thanks!

Sept. 1975

Since our last newspaper release about efforts to save 320 acres more for Dishman Hills Natural Area, we learned that the south 180 acres of it have been sold. It appears to be only a matter of time before we can look up to the pine dotted slope and see it smothered with houses. However, we are negotiating for the remaining 140 acres, which border on the Nature Conservancy's 80 acres to the north. This 140 acres will be needed more than ever now, both as additional wild space and as a buffer to the heavy use that certainly will follow the development of the land above it. We must also be on the alert to stop the proposed road across it.

Loss of this open space drives home forcibly the result of "too little and too late." Yes, we have saved about 300 acres in the Hills but unless we speed up that

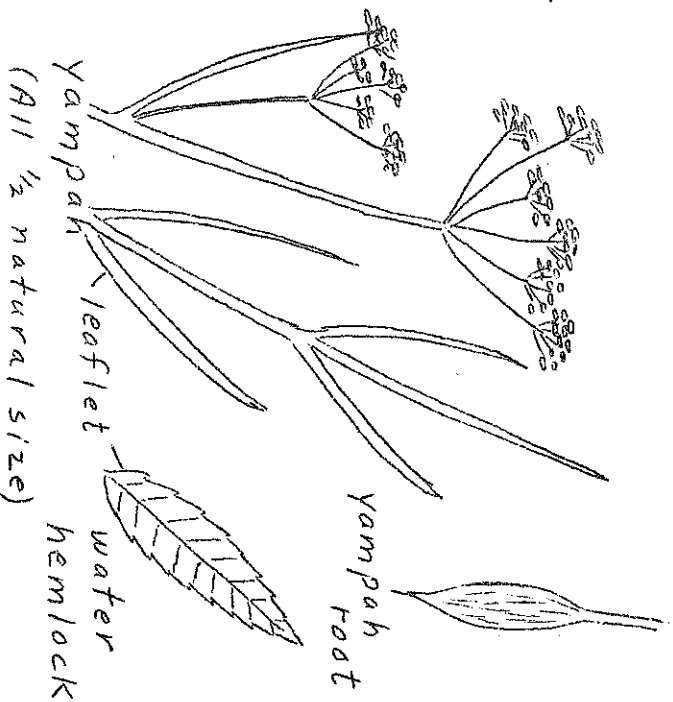
An anonymous donor will match the next \$1000 we raise for land before the end of 1975. Let's take advantage of it!

is all we ever will. If a lot of us don't think the Hills are worth as much to them as a few cases of canned or bottled drinks, a tank of gas, a carton or so of cigarettes or whatever, then our efforts at saving wild open space in the Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain area are all through. We'll all just have to forget it.

Our land fund has close to \$7000 in it--but only about \$2000 of that have come in this year. Our goal for 1975 is to raise at least \$5000. A thousand of this is already promised. Let's not let it slip away. Please send your donation NOW

Yampah (*Perideridia gairaueri*)
(Parsley Family)

The thick, sweet root was dug for food by the Indians. It flowers in August and September in the Dishman Hills and on the east slope of Tower (Browne) Mt. in rather dry open spots between bushes and conifers. The flat-topped clusters of tiny white flowers are readily recognized. It would hardly be possible to confuse it with the poisonous water hemlock (*Cicuta douglasii*) which has rather broad, toothed leaflets while Yampah has narrow, grasslike leaflets. Water hemlock grows in wet or marshy places and is not known to be present in the Dishman Hills-Tower Mt. area.



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Our purpose is to save some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy. We invite you to join personally in the effort by coming to our regular monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Caro, South 625 Sargent Rd. (turn south just west of Dishman Theater).

LET'S KEEP UP THE RECYCLING

We really can't afford a throw-away economy any more. Spokane Recycling on Main just west of Freya takes newspaper (\$5.00 a ton) and "colored ledger" (mimeo, ditto, stationery, composition paper from school, etc. at \$20.00). You can get rid of

corrugated there but they can't pay you. Don't forget aluminum, copper, brass, old batteries, recyclable bottles. See our last bulletin.

WHAT SHOULD LAND BE USED FOR?

Some land can be used in many ways. Flat, fertile land may be used for grazing or farming, or developed for playgrounds, houses, schools, business or manufacturing. Other land, by its nature, is best suited for wildlife and careful recreational use. Such, we believe, is the Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain area. Much of it is either very rough and rocky, or steep and difficult of access, or covered with deep snow most of the winter. We wonder what the reactions of future home buyers will be when they find how long the snow lies deep on the slope recently sold in the Hills, or how the County will like keeping the sloping, winding roads plowed and sanded for several months each winter. We wonder, too, if the developers will be able to dispose of the sewage, which may very well come out on the surface of the ground, as it already has on the west slope of the Dishman Hills where residences and trailer houses have been placed.

Please use the form below when sending in your contribution to save the Hills.

(Remember: Your gift is tax-deductible.)

Enclosed is my contribution to save the Hills.