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Everett Mountaineers, P.O. Box 1848, Everett, WA 98206

JULY'S MEETING TOPIC

ARTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mary Evans, originally from Anchorage, Alaska, will present the July program. She will talk and show slides of the Artic National Wildlife Refuge. This is home of one of North America's largest migrating caribou herds.

Mary is the Energy/ANWR Subcommittee Chair of the Mountaineers Conservation Committee. She will also discuss current Congressional proposals for drilling in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge.

FOLKDANCING

There will be no Folkdancing July through September, due to renovations of Floral Hall by the Everett Parks Department. Dances and classes will start up again in October. Contact Laurie Akers, Folkdance Chair, at 659-6559 if you have questions.

Interested in carpooling to other area folkdances outside of Everett? Contact Laurie Akers at 659-6559 for details.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Submission deadline for the Sept. Bulletin is July 20. Please send these to the P.O. Box, Attn. Jeanne Nindel Edwards, Bulletin Coordinator. Submissions for the June Newsletter are due July 3rd, 1991. Send these to the P.O. Box or give them to Wayne or Jeanne at the business meeting.

FOREST WINDS

This year is the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the National Forest system encompassing today a total of 191 million acres in 154 national forests, and 19 national grasslands and 71 experimental forests.

The far sighted people responsible for the establishment of Forest Reserves back in 1891, would probably never have guessed the controversy that would be surrounding today's forest resources, especially along the west coast from California through Alaska.

Meeting were held at the Ranger District in Darrington concerning the Wild and Scenic River System and the management of the river and surrounding lands. Good discussions and solutions to some questions came out of the these meetings.

Eighty percent of our fisheries habitat improvements came through intact after the big floods.

The three world class wilderness areas located within the district include some of the most beautiful and rugged country in the world. How best to manage the use of these areas so as to meet the intent of the wilderness act, continues to be a challenge, especially with these areas being so close to millions of people living along the I-5 corridor and Canada.

Driving for pleasure continues to be the greatest single recreation use of the National Forest and this district has enjoyed an excellent road maintenance program over the years, but it's become more difficult to continue this quality on all roads in these days of shrinking budget. With the uncertainty of the timber program, we need to look for other funding sources for road maintenance. Presently the major share of dollars comes from timber sales.

Vandalism and littering have been on the increase in our area these past years costing all of us money and time that could have been spent on positive items. One of the more senseless acts of vandalism was done this year by "someone" driving their truck through the Sauk-Suiattle cemetery causing damage to many of the graves and grave markers.

The more involved we all become in the work of the Ranger District and communities, the greater will be our sense of ownership to these areas and the higher the quality will be of the end products on the ground and to our standard of living.

Selected excerpts from letter by Fred Harnisch, District Ranger, published in May 23, 1991 issue of FOREST WINDS.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Update on Miller Peninsula and S.O.S. Park

On April 29 Thurston County Superior Court Judge Richard Strophy ruled that intended State park land could be traded to private developers, namely Peninsula Partners. The primary partner is Mitsubishi. If this ruling is allowed to stand it would set a precedent in Washington State and would declare "open season" on other intended park lands.

Save Our State Park (SSOP) and Protect the Peninsulas Future (PPF) sued State Parks, Department of Natural Resources and Mitsubishi and partners following a December 7, 1990 Parks Commissioner decision to cede 645 acres (45%) of intended State Park land on the Miller Peninsula in Callam County for a planned recreation resort. In exchange, Mitsubishi would give Parks 120 acres and up to \$1 million.

Plaintiffs also claimed citizens due process was violated because the public was kept uninformed and misinformed by the State as to their negotiations with Mitsubishi and because solicited public written testimony by State parks was not read by the Parks Commissioners before voting to swap the land.

State Parks and DNR argued Washington State Legislature was vague when it said these agencies "shall negotiate a sale" and "certain" acres was vague as to the exact boundaries. Plaintiffs argued Washington State Legislature was clear in intent and as to which acreage should be set aside for park land.

Plaintiffs then discovered and presented to the Judge documents showing clear legislative intent. These documents included a Real Estate Transfer Agreement signed July 5, 1989 by Jan Tvetan, Parks Director and Brian Boyle, DNR Commissioner, and appropriations to buy the common school trust land, nearly one-half the park (700 of the designated 1,444 acres).

Faced with these documents the defendants argued the economic advantage to DNR (hence the State) if Mitsubishi could have the land because a) Mitsubishi would be buying additional DNR acreage for the resort and b) by having a resort on the land the surrounding land values would increase and DNR would obtain more for the lands.

Judge Strophy ruled legislative directive was clear. But taken in the entire context, where the Legislature initially gave Parks and DNR power to delineate which lands were park quality, the agencies should be able to retain the discretion to disclaim the park lands in spite of directives. He also stated the issue was about the environment versus economics!

SSOP and PPF are preparing to appeal the case to the Washington State Supreme Court. They need contributions to support the appeal. Checks should be written to SAVE OUR STATE PARK and sent to them at PO Box 1540, Sequim, WA. 98382.

Audubon chapters voted at its statewide March conference in Ellensburg to oppose loss of the designated park land to a private developer.

Darlene Schanfald, Chair
SOSPark

**Letters Crucially Needed To Your
State Representative And Senator**

And To:

Brian Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Olympia, WA 98504

"Don't approve the land swap. Protect the public interest."

Rye Watanabe
c/o Mitsubishi
6-3 Marunouchi 2-Chome
Chyoda-KU Tokyo-KU
T100-86 Tokyo, Japan

"Park land is not for private use"

Governor Booth Gardner
Olympia, WA 98504

"You invited Mitsubishi. Cancel the deal. Stop Squandering our resources."

Ken Eikenberry
Attorney General of Washington
Highways Licenses Building
PB 71
Olympia, WA 98504

"Don't defend 'parknappers'. Defend your electorates instead."

EAST SIDE FORESTS ALERT! EAST SIDE FORESTS IN PERIL- YOUR HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The forests of eastern Washington cover an arc of mountainous topography that curves around the eastern extremity of an arid shrub steppe plateau. They are important because of their great diversity of forest associations and as transitional forests between the Cascades and the Rocky Mountains. These are dry land forests—fragile, slow growing due to harsh conditions and difficult to regenerate. Unlike the west side forests which have a north/south orientation and more closely related ecosystems, the forests on the east side are generally in an east/west orientation and experience extremes in ecosystems and diversity of plant life. The diversity of east side forests almost defies mapping.

Douglas fir, grand fir, western hemlock, western red cedar and subalpine fir are well represented in these forests, but the great Ponderosa Pine was the dominant species in the east side forests of the old west. Heavy logging during the early part of this century took its toll on the Ponderosa, but the real culprit in its demise has been over-zealous fire suppression resulting in heavy brush accumulation which inhibited regeneration of the pine and favored white fir. The Forest Service, for commercial reasons, did not manage against this shift in species distribution. As with the wet coastal forests, industry wants the

"old growth" in the form of Ponderosa Pine on the east side forests. Timber interests in the northwest are attempting to characterize the ancient forests issue as a west side, Spotted Owl issue. But this is not about one endangered species—it is about an ecosystem endangered in its final refuge in the Northwest and the Northern Rockies.

As functioning ecosystems, east side forests are as precious a part of the northwest's natural legacy as their better-known Westside counterparts. If the biodiversity of our region is important to us, we cannot allow the pending legislation to be restricted to the westside forests. Past marginal protections for westside forests has actually increased the destruction of east side forests.

Fire has been an important force in the development of east side forests. Frequent fire, burning at variable intensities created a mosaic on the landscape which varies in structure and composition. This fire history has restricted distribution of climax forests to the flat lands, canyons and lower slopes in contrast to the massive contiguous groves once found on the west side. It is not a matter of saving large tracts of old growth out of large areas of old growth; it is a matter of saving mature forests areas which are scattered with often great distances between. These differences will certainly require special language to protect east side forests in any forest protection legislation.

What can you do? Write your own Congressional delegate and urge them to include the east side forests in any legislative package (either of protection, or keeping them out of cut levels based on spotted owl or ancient forests preserves). In addition, write to Mr. Foley, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Smith and tell them you are concerned about east side forests. Mr. Foley will be the congressman who decides and early indications are that he favors exclusion of east side forests. If you can only write one letter, sent it to him and let him know that a west side solution is not a solution.

Speaker Thomas S. Foley
1201 LHOB
Washington D.C. 20515

Congressman Sid Morrison
1434 LHOB
Washington D.C. 20515

Congressman Bob Smith
118 CHOB
Washington D.C. 20515

INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM BRINGS SEATTLE-AREA CLASSES TO MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

The North Cascades Institute in cooperation with the National Park Service is currently conducting Mountain School with sixteen schools, including three Seattle-area schools. Mountain school is an outdoor environmental education school aimed at grades 4-8. Students learn about mountain ecosystems, geology, cultural history and resource management.

Care of the environment and our National Parks and national forests is an underlying theme of Mountain School. Children are encouraged to transfer the lessons learned from nature to their own lives back home.

MOUNT BAKER WEEKEND

Advance Notice: August 3-4, 1991

The lodge at Mount Baker has been reserved August 3-4 1991. Make your plans now to attend this very popular activity. Cost will be \$5.00/ person. More details and signup instructions in next month's newsletter, or contact Vera Bonner at 334-6871 for advance information.

SWALLOWS NEST SPRING CLINICS

(Everett Store only)

Tuesday June, 18th "Backpacking Vancouver Island's West Coast Trail. From Mountaineers Speaker Bureau

Tuesday, June 26th, "Bicycle Touring the East Coast and Local Kayaking".

All shows begin at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. (Show schedule subject to change.) For more information call the Swallow's Nest in Everett at 339-2417.

LOOKOUT AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

MT. PILCHUCK OPENED

Mt. Pilchuck was officially opened for the season the first week of June. Four Mountaineers, Kurt Munich, Lori Suttmeier, Louis Cogliss and Ron Smith officially opened the lookout and assessed the damages of last winter.

Volunteers are still needed for paint work on Mt Pilchuck, August 17 and 18, 1991. Sign up with leader Linda Nyman 789-0987.

THREE FINGERS LOOKOUT

August 10-11, and August 17-18 are scheduled maintenance weekends on Three Fingers Lookout. Help is needed to haul up the last of the shutter equipment. Call Jerry Thompson if you can help on this worthwhile project.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Lookout and Trail Maintenance meeting will be a potluck at Ron Smith's home on July 29, 1991. Contact Jerry Thompson for more details at 653-7390.

HIKING

July 13-14th, **Wedgemont Lake Backpack** (Garibaldi Provincial Park, SW B.C.) (S) 8 mile RT, 4000' gain. Alternate backpack in Garibaldi if snow level is low, are Elfin Lakes/Diamond Head or others. Lovely views of lakes, glaciers, costal range, wildflowers and forests. Joint trip with Photo group. Leader: Linda Moore, 347-7650 (h) 103 Hikes in SW B.C.:

CLIMBING

July 6-7th, **Mt. Daniel**, Lynch Glacier, (G) (USGS Mt. Daniel) Limit 6. Leader: Kevin Broderick 283-5209.

July 20-21, **Icy -Ruth Traverse** (G) (USGS Shuskan) Limit 6, Leader Kevin Broderick 283-5209

July 27-28, **Mt Rainier**, Emmons - Winthrop Glacier, (G), USGS Mt Rainier. Basic Climb, Limit 6 Contact: Matt Robertson 672-8808.

August 23-25, **Mt. Olympus**, Blue Glacier (G), USGS Olympus. Basic Climb, Limit 6. Contact: Matt Robertson 672-8808

SCRAMBLES

July 23, Tuesday Eveing, **Mt Pilchuck**. Contact Andy Boos 258-6199.

July 24, Wednesday, **Mt Persis** (R2), 4 miles, 2400' gain. Leader Jerry Wade, 653-9517 or 258-6199.

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CALL FOR OFFICERS

The Everett Mountaineers are seeking candidates for elected office for 1991-1992. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact a member of the nominating committee for more information.

Candidates are sought for the offices of:

Branch Chair
Vice-Branch Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Nominations will be through the nominating committee and by nominations from the floor at both the August and September meetings. Elections will take place by ballot at the September General Meeting

Nominating Committee members are:

Diane Duffy
Committee Chair 259-1667
Dolores Wagner 568-0106

ACTIVITY CHANGES

June 22nd Scramble with Corlan Carlson has been updated. The trip to **Mt Townsend** is 10 miles RT and 3800" elevation gain, not 5 miles and 2600' gain.

The midweek hike for July 17, has been changed to July 10. Destination is still **Mt. Dickerman**. Contact Dolores Wagner for sign up.

BRANCH OFFICERS

Branch Chair	
Larry Longley	252-1669
Vice Chair	
Dorothy Beeman	668-8475
Secretary	
Linda Nyman	789-0987
Treasurer	
Dianne Duffy	259-1667
Trustee	
Don Heck	347-6849

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Alpine Scramblers	
Neil Johnson	659-9034
Climbing	
Gail McClary	337-7712
Communications	
Wayne Cunningham	258-8946
Conservation	
Corlan Carlson	525-4559
Explorer Scout Post	
Doug Donaldson	347-4182
Folkdance	
Laurie Akers	659-6559
Hiking	
John Witters	353-4672
Lookout / Trail Maintenance	
Jerry Thompson	653-7390
Membership	
Dana Miller	745-5846
Skiing	
Ted Case	365-8042
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BUSINESS MEETING

July 3rd, 1991

The next business meeting will be Wednesday, July 3rd, 1991, at the Everett Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller at 7:30 P.M. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.