

THE MOOSE CALL



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF MT. SPOKANE STATE PARK

SUMMER 1996

A BIT OF HISTORY, PLEASE

By: Cris Currie, Chairman Mt. Spokane Advisory Committee

Dry as it may be, it's good to know your history. In 1993, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (the Commission) attempted to fulfill a legislative mandate by proposing that certain areas of Mount Spokane State Park (the Park) be set aside as Natural Forest Areas. A series of public meetings were held during which hundreds of local Park users emphatically rejected the proposals. At the conclusion of these meetings, the Commission formed the Mount Spokane Planning Task Force Steering Committee to see if a consensus among divergent user groups could be reached regarding the future of the Park.

After a significant fact finding effort and much, often heated, discussion, a consensus was reached by the Steering Committee recommending: a moratorium on Park changes until further baseline data was collected, the creation of a long range plan for the entire park, establishment of a permanent local advisory committee, and a change in the state park land classification system to better reflect the purpose of Washington State Parks. Above all, the Steering Committee recommended effective "resource management and

Creation of a Master Plan was strongly encouraged

Master planning has been proposed before, but funding was never available. As a result of the overwhelming citizen response, the Commission established the Mount Spokane State Park Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) early in 1995 to help guide future planning.

This 15 member, consensus-based committee consists of representatives of local recreational user groups and at-large members of the Spokane community. Its main job is to advise the Commission in development of a Park master plan. To help raise money and to coordinate volunteers, the Advisory Committee created an independent, non-profit group called the Friends of Mount Spokane State Park (the Friends Group). Membership in the Friends Group is open to anyone, while members of the Advisory Committee are selected by the Director of the Parks Commission.

The best part is that the State Legislature has allocated \$100,000 towards a \$200,000 master planning effort as long as the Spokane community can raise the \$100,000 match.

Since the State can not afford to do this alone, this is obviously where You can become an integral part of

the **Rest of the Story!**

THANK YOU'S !

Many thanks go to all of these fine folks and organizations for being among the first to answer the call of the Moosel! They have become valuable members of the Friends of Mount Spokane State Park with either, Donations:

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And a BIG thanks to all who have donated their time and effort to date. Keep up the good work and continue to spread the word! We need energy, enthusiasm, comments, concerns, membership and last but not least MONEY!

VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS

This spring, members of the Back Country Horsemen Association, Inland Empire Nordic Club, and the Spokane Mountaineers participated in several trail maintenance work parties. Members repaired washed out areas, brushed trails and cleared a portion of the proposed Quartz Mountain loop.

On June 29th, four instructors from Volunteers for Outdoor Washington led a workshop on techniques for constructing and maintaining multi-purpose trails. Eighteen volunteers from The BCH and the Mountaineers learned about equipment safety, environmental impact, and aesthetic appeal, while making important improvements to the Park trail system.

During the workshop, a culvert was installed, brush was cleared, and a trail section was rerouted around a stream to lessen the trail's impact on the stream bed.

Thanks to the Back Country Horsemen Association and the Spokane Mountaineers for coordinating the effort.

VOLUNTEER HOTLINE

If you or your group is interested in volunteering on Park projects, please call either:

Ken Carmichael, Friends Volunteer Coordinator, at 466-2225, or the State Park Rangers at 456-4169.

There are many projects waiting for your help!

WANTED

The North Idaho Saddle Mule Club has volunteered to rebuild some of the amenities at the equestrian area. They need materials to do this. If you have new or used lumber, fence posts and/or rails to donate to the cause please call the Park Rangers at the Park office at 456-4169.



SCOUT NEWS

Three Eagle Scout candidates are working with park Staff to select an appropriate park project to work on. The goal upon completion is the Eagle Badge. This program is dependent on material donations. For a list of needed items please call the park office at 456-4169.

PARK PROGRESS

There's been much activity in the park lately. Park staff have been clearing blow-downs on the fire roads. The equestrian holding area next to the CCC cabin has been cleaned up and leveled and the DNR and State personnel are planning their strategy by selecting dead standing timber to use to rehab the cabin.

PARK EVENTS

- 6/01 Back Country Horsemen - trails
- 6/22 Hobnailers Hiking Club buffet
- 6/29 Volunteer of America - clinic
- 6/29-6/30 Mt. Bike Races
- 6/30 Amateur radio contest
- 7/11-7/12 State Youth Ecology
Crews trail maintenance wknd
- 7/13 DayBreak Relay Race to Top
- 9/07 Heart Institute Walk to Top
- 9/07 IENC trails maintenance day
- 10/06 IENC trails maintenance day

(Please submit your activity to the Newsletter Editor to be listed here.)

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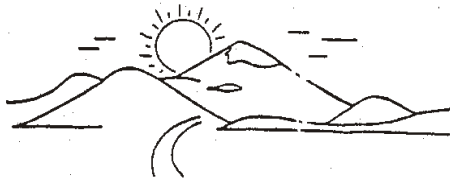
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The Advisory Committee and the Friends Board meet at 6:30 PM the second Thursday of each month at the North Branch of the Spokane County Library at 44 E Hawthorne Road. Everyone is welcome.

SO WHAT DO I GET FOR JOINING ?

The most important thing you get (in addition to this wonderfully informative newsletter) is a chance to send a strong message to Olympia that you think Mount Spokane State Park deserves Better!

It is a chance to join with other Park users in saying, "We want the State to improve the facilities in the Park for the benefit of ALL users, yet do it in a way that preserves and protects this incredibly valuable resource and it's natural inhabitants for generations to come." If our message is backed up with numbers and dollars, we stand an excellent chance of getting what this "jewel in our backyard" deserves.



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The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park
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PLEASE JOIN TODAY

The Mt. Spokane State Park Advisory Committee

These are the current members of the Advisory Committee and the interests each represents:

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