

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 17

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors Non-Meeting, December 20, 1984

PRESENT: Volksmarchers and at least one other guest

ABSENT: Everybody else, including the library staff

The library was closed on account of snow. HM had the staff post a notice on door, and he called everybody he could think of that hadn't already called him, but forgot some, and some of them proved daring. Sorry.

Some items we were going to talk about:

Squak

Don Simmons reports he has moved massive boulders to block jeep roads from Issaquah side and the tower road. This should close off the 4x4s. Next, motorcycles.

Lake Sammamish

Issaquah is reforming ranks to go after the park again. Ralph Mackey, a former State Parks commissioner and a political wheel, and our own Wally Toner have vowed to help the city in Olympia. This means the battle is transferred to the Legislature.

Volksmarch

Tentatively set for April, on Tiger. - But they came to the meeting and we weren't there. Betty Culbert has apologized for me, will keep in touch.

Potluck

Plan to come to the March Potluck, you-all. See Alpiner for details.

Publications, Books

By happy chance, Tom Lucas got us the IRS status without which we'd not have received the \$2500 grant from Bullitt Foundation.

Squak-Cougar Guide: Bill, Dave, etc. must supply Squak trail info, based on the new trailhead to be built in 1985. Ralph must go over the Cougar text. This done, I'll put together draft in late January. Susan will serve as general boss, but we'll need help on maps, typing, art.

Newcastle History: Ralph will get this underway immediately.

Lands Trust

John Affolter also came to our meeting to tell us about this; will try again in January.

Towers

*Ralph have*  
Peggy has represented the Trails Club at meetings, and with letters, and I believe Buz has represented Cougar Mountain Residents Association, but Joanne and Monte Lennox are the ones who've hired a lawyer (Leeds, but are switching to Bricklin) and devoted their lives to this. Two parallel actions underway:

Four EISs in process; see my IATC letter, appended. There are, in addition, several other outfits waiting in line to put towers on the border of our park.

King County is in early ~~XXXXXX~~ stages of drafting a Tower Ordinance, Vashon Island and Cougar the two foremost hot spots. We've got another major battle on our hands, and the leadership must come from Cougar Mountain Residents

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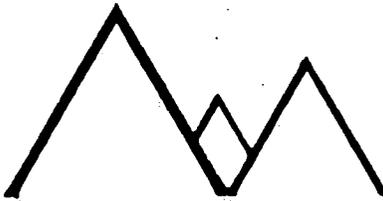
Association, representing residential interest, working with Vashon Islanders and others, and IATC, representing the public interest in undecorated summits.

Tiger Mountain

We are heading into another summer with no law on the mountain. I believe we are in the final ~~phase~~ stages of exhausting our administrative remedies. We must play them out before we proceed to the next arena, but I hope Tom can begin taking a look at our alternatives if we finally must go to the law -- in partnership with Tiger's Eye?

NOW THAT CONNIE HAS  
TOLD US CORRECT DAY  
AND DATE OF JAN.  
MEETING, PLEASE CALL  
EVERYONE YOU CAN THINK  
OF !

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December 15, 1984

Dear friends, cooperators, supporters -- who have in these past several years brought to reality the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park:

As you know, us solitude-loving, generally-misanthropic wildlanders try to stay away from people (in large bunches, anyhow), and out of trouble. For example, a wilderness mountaineer thinks he'll just keep moving deeper into wilderness, ahead of the logging frontier, and then from the middle of the North Cascades sees clearcuts, hears helicopters, and goes berserk,

--And folks move to what they suppose will be permanent woods, and the city comes after them, and they turn around to fight subdividers and wetland-wreckers, and get a great big wildland park in the middle of Puget Sound City.

--And then they realize that the over-communications industry has decided it needs another dozen stations to fill the air with rock, golden oldies, mood music, and commercials, and is going to put them right on top of your park.

--And on top of peoples' houses.

There is, of course, no such thing as an activist-waiting-around. Every activist is already full-up with demands on time. So it's no surprise that all your groups felt unable to help Joanne and Monte Lennox when they took the initiative on Cougar Mountain.

The Lennoxes, of course, represent the residents' interest. Twenty-odd years ago they bought an old homestead on the summit of Radio Peak and for years tried to ignore the growing farm of towers nearby. --So did the rest of us on the mountain, and those of us involved in seeking the Cougar Wildland Park.

But just now and suddenly, by what looks a lot like a conspiracy, Cougar is inundated. The Lennoxes, forced to make themselves knowledgeable, find that no citizen group is well up on this problem. There are scattered individuals -- the Lennoxes have had long-distance calls from as far away as Australia! ~~xxxxxx~~ That's how lonesome these few are around the world!

King County, under Randy Revelle, is alert to the problem, but has no laws, no staff expertise, and self-admittedly is running around in circles.

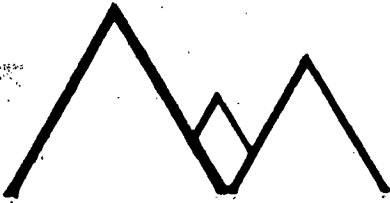
Wholly aside from the Cougar Mountain Park, this Cougar Mountain towering is an issue for all our groups to address. It's an esthetic issue,

and it's a health issue. --It's too late for you to meet the December 20 deadline for comments on the scoping. But please get ready for the next call for help. --For openers, you ought to have your appropriate committess invite the Lennoxes for a briefing. -- Call them at 746-6170

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re: files nos. 84-48-C KRAB Inc. for KONG TV  
84-29-C and 84-30-V, Puget Power  
85-7-C and 85-8-V, Seattle Bdcting.  
building permit #C84-6153, KRAB

Sirs:

We wish to comment on the scopes of the EIS's dated November 30, 1984.

The Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, by 1983 ordinance made a matter of official King County policy, the first purchases of land made in 1984, substantial completion of acquisitions planned for 1985, will be King County's largest park, occupying virtually the entire summit area of the mountain and adjoining basins and valleys and slopes. Though the park is not formally open, it essentially exists now, de facto and in the eyes of government, and already is used, through owner's permissions, for thousands of hiker-days per year, utilizing a system of trails built by citizen volunteers and numbering more than 75 miles.

The park is located within a 20-minute automobile drive of close to 1,000,000 people, and is accessible via access trails from the METRO 210 bus line. It is within walking distance of what will be, within the next two decades, the homes of perhaps 30,000 people, or more.

In short, the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park will be, as the PRO PARKS citizens committee called it, the "crown jewel" of the county's park system, with a density of human use on the order of Seattle's Woodland Park and Discovery Park.

Note the use of the word "wildland" in the official park name. <sup>Except at the edges</sup> There will be no public roads within the boundaries, no human structures, no machinery or electricity or other appurtenances of civilization. By providing a sense of detachment, of remoteness, the park will give a true wildland feeling, though so near the homes of so many.

The proponents of the park, both citizens and government officials, have been most jealous to preserve the wildland character. The boundaries are drawn to keep human habitations over the ridgelines from the park basins, to guard the viewshed from mood-breaking intrusions, whether of electric lights or automobiles or radios or lawnmowers.

To date we have not addressed the matter of the towers atop "Radio Peak," on the park's boundary. They are, to be sure, an intrusion, yet only several towers are highly visible from many points within the park and as guyed towers of relatively modest height have not "overpowered" the forests of Radio Peak,

nor the skyline of the headwaters basins of Coal Creek.

However, the new proposals bring the "towering" to a whole new order of magnitude. The KRAB increase in tower height from 200 to 300 would be, in the eye of the beholder, much more than a 50 percent increase, but effectively a quadrupling or more in visible height. Puget Power's replacement of two 100-foot towers with one of 300 feet would be a gigantic leap into the sky. The Seattle Broadcasting 475-foot tower would, in effect, "increase" the elevation of Cougar Mountain nearly a third -- 475 feet atop a summit some 1400 feet above sealevel. The other KRAB request is for a 215-foot tower, bad enough in itself, but each of the receiving-only dish antennae on the tower side would be larger in our park horizon than a full moon magnified by a factor of ten (at a guess). The two dozen 7-foot-square panels, totaling 163 square feet, would be much like mounting a very large billboard on the park boundary. Where now we have a few red lights visible at night, there would be a veritable Christmas tree row on one edge of our "wildland."

In summary, your scoping for the EISS has one sentence on "Aesthetics." It says "The EIS should address potential aesthetic impacts..." Your scoping should be much more comprehensive and detailed:

1. Address the character and wildland quality of the Cougar Mountain park, its unique place in the King County park system, both in size, natural peace and quiet, and extreme ease of accessibility. Consider what value ought to be placed upon such a park -- not simply the dollar value of the land (which would of course be decreased by the new towers) but the intangibles that can only be measured by the human spirit.
2. Consider the effect the intrusion would have on the above. To do this, take photographs from the following locations inside the park: Atop "Anti-Aircraft Peak"; atop "Clay Pit Peak;" atop "Wilderness Peak"; from "Anti-Aircraft Ridge"; from the upper end, lower end, and middle of Klondike Swamp; from Coyote Swamp; from ~~XXXXXX~~ the Nike site (lower Cougar Mountain parklet); from the Claypit Road at two points and from the Claypit; from Cougar Pass. Having done this, then have artist's renditions made, showing the effect on in-park sightlines of the new towers.
3. Interview hikers familiar with be-towered summits, such as Squak Mountain, West Tiger 1, West Tiger 2, East Tiger, Rattlesnake Mountain. Ask, for example, how their impressions of these summits compare with the tower-lacing summits of West Tiger 3 and Middle Tiger.
4. The above has to do with the visual. Determine the existing amount of noise generated by the summit of Radio Peak, and contrast this with the amount that would come from emergency generators, cooling/heating systems, the increased traffic of service trucks.
5. Address the matter of how these esthetic impacts might be mitigated, such as by tree screens, changes in tower design, removal of towers to other sides.
6. Consider the buffer zones between the park and the towers, and whether they are sufficient protection of the park's character.

7. When interviewing hikers and other recreationists, ask them how they feel when in the presence of large-scale electrical and electronic constructions/. The matter in question here is not the actual physical effects of, say, microwaves on the human body, but how the human mind -- and thus the body -- reacts. Do they feel "creepy?" Do the buzzes and whines and hums and crackles tense their nerves? Do they wonder if their watches are becoming magnetized, their pacemakers thrown out of whack? Do they sense their hair standing up on their head? Many people definitely feel uneasy in the presence of power transmission lines, dynamos, transmission facilities, and whether this is some reaction of the body's "extra" senses, or simply a fear of the unknown, there is a definite decrease in the ability to relax, enjoy nature, eat a quiet lunch.

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From perceived (even if irrationally, no less real in the perception) to "real" risks is but a step.

It is very difficult for the Trails Club to make any judgement about the effects of radiation on the human body. However, we have in our lives learned two things:

(1) The hazards of modern technology rarely are pinned down exactly <sup>until</sup> ~~for~~ many years after they are loosed upon us. Meanwhile, the cast of one Hollywood movie is decimated by lung cancer because the film was shot on ground pronounced "safe." Villages in Utah have seen their children die prematurely because they drank milk. One food additive after another is withdrawn -- after it has doomed thousands of people.

<sup>Whenever</sup> (2) ~~At any given moment,~~ <sup>identified</sup> that any such hazard is first exposed, there is no end of scientists on hand to pronounce that no hazard exists. While they go about rendering their expert testimony, earning their expert fees, people are condemned to disease and death.

Here, we have the situation of a controversial amount of ~~radiation~~ radiation being loosed upon what will be, over the next decades, the largest concentration of wildland recreationists in King County -- more people will annually be visiting this park than Paradise Valley on Mount Rainier, or the Hoh Rain Forest in Olympic National Park.

The tests specified in the scoping are certainly beyond <sup>our</sup> ~~our~~ technical expertise, and in view of King County's perennial difficulties in obtaining needed staffing levels, I wonder who in King County government is able to monitor the tests -- which presumably will be made by experts hired by the applicants?

Certainly, provision should be made for the tests to be monitored by qualified citizen observers who can make sure they are not doctored to suit the desires of the employers. Without such provision, the tests have no standing in a public review, they merely are more self-serving testimony,

We know enough about radiation to know it behaves sometimes in mysterious ways. Driving about Cougar Mountain's roads with my FM radio playing, tuned to a transmitter on Queen Anne Hill, my listening is almost continuously interrupted by "blasts" from local transmitters -- and I mean blasts that nearly overpower my radio, and certainly do my ears.

In the measurements of radiation, you propose to limit examination of the park trail system to one existing trail that touches an existing fence of a tower installation. However, this is not the whole trail system reached by the radiation. There is another trail on the slopes of Radio Peak, along the border of Klondike Swamp, another on the opposite side of Klondike Swamp, and another on Anti-Aircraft Ridge, and another on Anti-Aircraft Peak. All these should be monitored -- on the watch not only for general levels, but "hot spots" such as those that miles away nearly blow up my automobile radio.

It is our impression, insofar as we understand it, that the scoping is very much to the liking of the experts of the applicants. It is expected that the "worst cases" will be formulated by the applicants, that the calculations be done by them, that "what is known about biological effects" be left to the applicants. To be sure, this presumably is the strict reading of the law governing the EIS, but you ought to understand that any narrow rendering of the EIS will not be acceptable to the public at large. The Trail ~~Swamp~~ Club, having originated the proposal for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, having seen it adopted by King County government and supported by every environmental organization in the region -- The Mountaineers, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, Friends of the Earth, Washington Environmental Council, and others -- surely will not stand still while the park is made a potential killing ground for King County citizens.

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Finally:

Though I, for one, have known Cougar Mountain for 35 years, and lived on it 33, never until this situation arose have I realized what-all was happening on "Radio Peak." For reasons suggested above, I do not regularly walk in and among the tower sites. I was astounded to read in the papers that 20 towers are there now! They have been coming, and coming, quietly, no public review, no way for most of us to know what was happening -- or to have a chance to comment on whether it should be allowed to happen.

This last round of applications has convinced us of two things:

- (1) There must be an absolute freeze on all new towers on Cougar Mountain.
- (2) A thoroughgoing review must be made as to whether any towers should be on Cougar Mountain, and if so, under what terms, with what power, with what mitigation.

--What if the tests show that the existing towers, in sum, are a hazard to the health of residents and park users? Obviously, then, mitigation measures would be required, if not by administrative ruling, surely in the courts.

The scoping, therefore, must address not only the four EISs in hand, but the entire existing "farm." It is one thing to have such a farm atop West Tiger 1, in an uninhabited area, or Gold Mountain, but it just may be that such intense radiational use of a summit that is, on one side, increasingly densely inhabited, and on the other side, is the "crown jewel" of King County's park system, must be sharply reduced -- not increased now, or in future.

The fact that applicants own or have rights to property on Cougar Mountain is not germane. They are in business to make money, and may profit by use of Cougar Mountain, but at the cost of degrading surrounding property values. They may justly be asked to relocate as a cost of doing business. New and old towers should be asked to explain why these sites are not suitable:

1. Bald Hill-Lord Hill, rising high above the glacial plateau at the confluence of the Snoqualmie and Skykmmish Rivers, a short distance east of Everett.
2. The first uplift of the Cascades in the vicinity of High Rock, just above Monroe.
3. Mount Sultan, south of Sultan.
4. ~~Sq~~ West Tiger 1, already a densely-occupied "farm."
5. West Peak Rattlesnake Mountain, ditto.
6. "Mount Selig," in downtown Seattle.
7. Gold Mountain on the Kitsap Peninsula.
8. Existing TV towers on Queen Anne Hill and Capitol Hill.
9. The north end of Seattle, where the tower of KISW-FM was located when I worked for that station, *and still is?*
10. Other high buildings in downtown Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bellevue.

The scoping should address the nature of the programming or communication for which the facility is designed, the public convenience or necessity that calls for such communication, whether or not it is not already available to the public via alternative signals, or existing signals at other sites.

The atmosphere is deemed by federal law to belong to the people, and is allowed to the use of individuals only if they can show their use is of benefit to the people. How many existing facilities on Cougar Mountain meet this test? How do the proposed new facilities rate?

From my personal experience, I have seen this "towering" of high points taking place everywhere I travel. Yet I do not find the "towerers" anywhere

required to justify their existence, and the impact they have on the lives of others. Largely this has been because the tower sites generally have been in remote areas.

Cougar Mountain is inhabited -- and will be more densely.

The Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park only just obtained now is in peril of being esthetically damaged, very seriously, and made, very possibly hazardous to the health of walkers, and even if not, surely disturbing to their mental tranquility.

Let the EISs be scoped to include the impact of towers and radiation on mental tranquility -- on its proven medical importance -- on its proven status as among the most important benefits of a wildland experience.

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To conclude:

Running all these four EISs together in one process has the effect of massing the lawyers and experts and managers of four business enterprises against -- a handful of citizens who ~~have other ways~~ <sup>earn their livings</sup> ~~than this~~, and ~~admittedly~~ are unable to pay the fees of the big experts and ~~the~~ lawyers needed to meet the applicants on equal terms.

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We therefore say this entire operation has something of a bad smell about it -- not in terms of the government officials, but in terms of the applicants coincidentally all coming in at once.

The scoping ought to require the applicants to give full histories of the backgrounds of their applications:

1. Where the applicants came from (California, Everett, wherever -- why they feel they have the right to exploit Cougar Mountain).
2. Where else they tried to locate before choosing Cougar Mountain.
3. Where their capital comes from, the profit they expect from their operations, and whether they would be willing to compensate King County Parks and local residents for loss of property values.
4. How it happens they all arrived on the scene simultaneously.

The attempt to ram the decision through (says KONG, "Welll be on the air in a few weeks.") is the signal that the applicants know they are playing on borrowed time.

Once the public wakes up to what's happening, there will be a scandal. These applicants want to be "grandfathered in," before the stink imposes a flat-out halt, enabling their lawyers, when moves are made to expel the towers, to claim a "taking" of property rights.

In order for the public to have any confidence in the EISS, and not to simply dismiss them out of hand as having no objective validity, being bought and paid for, the applicants must be required to make available the sums necessary for King County or citizen volunteers to engage their own experts to monitor the applicants' experts.

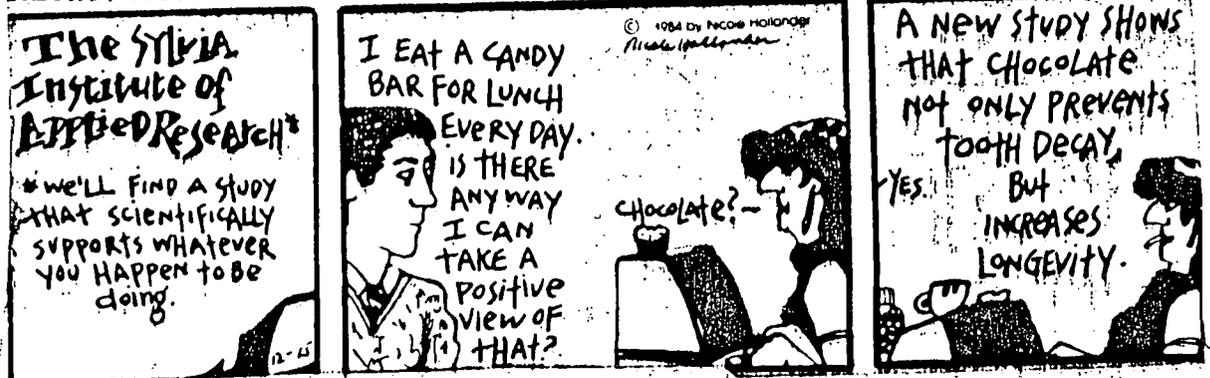
Unless this is done, the technical data submitted by the applicants will be discounted by the likes of the Trails Club and its allies without an examination.

Unless the enormous intangible values of King County's largest ~~wildland~~ park -- a wildland park -- are taken into full account, the EISS, even if technically impeccable, will be valueless.

Sincerely,

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Harvey Manning  
President

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President's diary -- 1

November 11: Ruth Kees reports a public hearing is coming up on "Tiger Eye" proposal to ban shooting on Tiger Mountain. (Subsequently KC Council passes ban unanimously, supported by a Tom Mechler letter, but only for outside the State Forest.)

The bad old developer bashed up 10 acres of wetlands along Itsabitty Creek and Ruth got after him; KC put up STOP WORK notice; Game Department issued citation and say it will require him to fix the creek.

Nov 13: visit with Martin Seybold, KC person in charge of natural resources, including Open Space plan. The notion is to identify all open spaces, those that need to be saved, acquired, such as TMT north trailhead, Bill. EVERYBODY THINK ON THIS: jot down spots that have no protection and should have.

Nov 14: varied thrushes have returned for the winter.

Rod Chandler's office continues to be pumped on notion of a federal study of Issaquah Alps; progress being made.

Broke through the alder jungle on lower Radio Peak Trail (Bill's Trail).

Hotline won't talk to Barb; in for repairs.

Nov 15: To Everett for meeting of State Parks Commission. AJ and his team, including Jame Woodward, made the pitch for skyport in state park. Then our parade: both the Copernolls, for Lake Samm community; a woman from Everett, supporting wetlands; a man from Mukilteo, ditto; a State Game fellow who impressively datalogged the wildlife in the park; Marty Murphy, whose slide show was a big winner -- including photos of the heron nests!!!; which she and husband only found in October!! HM for Trails Club, citing the park as having a major portion of our flat level trails, for Class 1 and Seniors; Dick Brooks, who scorched Issaquah politics; Ruth Kees, who spoke to the groundwater; whom have I forgotten? The Commission voted on the spot, and unanimously, to reject the Skyport (good news) but (bad news) to let the 80 acres go for soccer etc. (HM condemned the original action, as "the camel with nose under tent," at which one commissioner chuckled -- he'd opposed the action. In time we've got to put those kids in rubber rooms and reclaim the wild fields.) Home 1:15, 91.5 miles to be submitted to IRS as a charitable deduction.

Nov 16: I got suckered in to speak to a group at the national meeting of American Youth Hostels, held at St. Thomas Center. Told them how IATC got started, suggested it as a pattern for any community in the nation. Hostels is setting up a Seattle hostel soon, which may mean something.

Nov 17: A Burlington-Northern timber cruiser spent a couple hours with Fred. Said "lot of good timber over there." Glad to hear it. He's pumping up those lovely old worthless Douglas fir wolf trees -- getting ready to dicker with KC in 1985.

More historical notes: The aforementioned road from Clay Pit down to Mine Road and Highway 900 was used by a monster cat that B-N brought in to open-pit coal in Clay Pit area. The notion was soon given up, but the cat went down that road to Highway 900, there had to be dismantled for trucking back to Central Washington.

There is a feeling Daon soon will sell to Palmer. Nice part of this would be cutting Wally and John Suppleman out of their commission.

October 1984 FYI, King County Council Digest: On October 22 the Tahoma/Raven Heights Plan was passed by KC Council. The 3-member panel (Grant, Gruger, Laing) had recommended 1-acre lots south of Issaquah, rather than the 5-acre lots proposed by citizens committee (Ruth). Lois North introduced amendment to reinsta~~te~~ the 5-acre minimum for the sake of water quality and fish in Issaquah Creek and Lake Sammamish.

Nov 19: Martin Seybold says Open Space Plan is in trouble. I give him a list of "dependables," and myself call 4 councilpersons to urge support (Sullivan and Gruger are already solid).

Don Simmons will come to ~~December~~ <sup>January</sup> meeting to tell us about big things on Squak.

Nov 20: Dick Cook calls about an IATC speaker at Scout Round Table, December 12. Call Tom to put him into it.

Bill Longwell went to Oregon to speak to loggers about slash-burning. They were fitting him for a rope until he mentioned my name -- then they wanted to tie him to a stake and slashburn him.

Nov 17 Bill met with REI folks, and they adopted the plan to rework Mile 3-6 of TMT. So, in April-May, we and REI, and Mountaineers?, must plan a Longwell's Army.

Ralph Owen reports the new ranger atop Nike Peak is Jack R. Simonson. Ralph recruited him to the club. He's been with NPS, BLM, and FS. Young and very interested in CM Park. Let us introduce ourselves to him when there.

Nov 21: Tom Mechler will go to Cascade Council of Scouts to talk to the Cubs about Iss Alps.

To the Ocean...

Nov 26: Laurene and Tiger Eye still working to get Tiger State Forest in no-shooting zone, working with Mike Griggs and Brian Boyle.

County Council flooded Parks with money -- \$4,000,000 in excess of request. So, our \$5,500,000 bond issue for Palmer-Daon sailed through. But:

KC offered ~~xxx~~ Daon that sum, ~~xxxxxxx~~ about November 5. No response, since Daon wants \$7.7 million, and KC won't pay. (That would give Wally-Hempmeister about a cool million in blackmail.) So, will Evan buy out Daon? the \$5.5 million could then be used to buy from him.

Said William Blake:

He who would do good to another, must do it in Minute Particulars,  
General Good is the plea of the scoundrel hypocrite & flatterer.

Does this remind us of anyone we know, whose initials are WT?

Puget Power won't allow Preston-Snoqualmie Trail to follow the rail route, so KC must go over the hill.

Cedar River-Landsburg Trail in the works. Others.

Further closures made on sales on Wilderness Creek. However, Pancratz is getting greedy, wants more money. Hard-boiled now he knows he's got the public in his grip. Probably a nice greedhead, if you're on his Christmas list.

Nov 27: Ruth reports that Wally was blathering last night at Issaquah Park Board, saying not to give up on invading the State Park, the new Gov is in his pocket, and la de da. Why his Wally engaging in non-profit acticity? Plainly, to butter up AJ, in preparation for the annexation of Bakersville, the only place around here where Toner has any action going.

Issaquah going after airport on other side of creek. King County will demand an EIS, and that's when the stuff will really hit the fan. I intend to lay back, to keep in with Issaquah on two matters pending for us. --But Ruth and all should feel free to scream and holler...

Florence can supply rosters to us, but they cost \$5 each. Ought to be supplied free to our officers in need, including Directors. Beyond that, a policy matter.

Dec. 5: The latest report from Tom Eksten: Near closure on all parcels in Wilderness Creek. Owners of Million Dollar View don't want to break that piece out of their packet for technical reasons, prefer not to sell until KC is ready to take their entire cliff, in '86? The 6.58 acres wanted now would divide their land into two parcels. They want to sell the whole thing. Pancratz is getting greedy, asking more money. Swansons don't want to talk any more. KC will come back at them with other ideas. Daon-Toner-Hempelmeiter offer rejected, counter-offer made. Burlington-Northern has made initial contact with KC. DNR enage expected to go through in amazing hurry, by January perhaps. The \$5.6 million can be spent any old way.

Dec 9: Betty Culbert says Evergreen Wanderers are interested in a Volkamarch -- on Tiger? -- in April. They've had 400 people on a walk in Discovery Park!

Dec 11: Meeting of KC Tower Task Force, of which I'm member, but due to lapse of notification, I heard too late. (Getting two manuscripts ready has forced me to shut off the phone for long stretches.)

Dec 12: We now hear that Wally ~~at~~ Toner, in pumping up enthusiasm for attacking Samm State Park, is not doing it just to get in good with the City, looking toward the raid on Cougar, but is getting paid by somebody. Big assault on legislature plotted. Pickering Farms would qualify for Farmlands Preservation, if anybody cared.

Dec 13: Tower meeting with Monté and Joanne Lennox. What a horrrr story! With next to no help, they are making themselves the national experts. --Even got a call from Australia last week. Internationally, people are beginning to fret about radiation. For Trails Club (the only org that will help them) I'm doing a letter, will append to minutes.

If you wish one, call Florence.





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