

Next Meeting October 16

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors and Members Meeting, September 18, 1986, Newport Way Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harvey Manning Dave Kappler, George Jackman, Jack Price, Darla O'Brian, Betty Manning

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marianne Bagley, Bill Longwell, Maryanne Tagney-Jones, Connie Dow, Ralph Owen, Buz Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Wellborn, Barbara Johnson, Carole Peters, Linda Gelatty, Jean Bacon, Connie Fair, Tim O'Brian, Tom Lucas

Meeting to order 7:30, adjourned 9:50

Treasurer's Report

\$5,162.61 on hand. No major bills outstanding, except current Alpiner.

Salmon Days

Hikes Committee people --and the Hard Core -- came through and filled all the slots on Dave's Work Chart. Everything seems in good order.

Seattle & Walla Walla RR Committee

Tim held first meeting, which drank up all the O'Brian's wine cellar. Marianne Bagley, HM, Ralph and Peggy, Marjorie Bates, a Speidel. Notably Bill Collins, VP Renton Historical Society, who did architectural work on Snoqualmie Depot, has put through 8 applications for historical designation, got them all. He is working up papers for a national designation -- the National Register of Historical Things. There are precedents for RR's.

Another task is to determine what to go for -- what to do with the designated area.

Cougar Mountain Park

Jack has been working with KC Parks on horse trails. The big problem at the moment is that horse rigs may ~~use~~ use up all the trailhead parking space, beat all the hiking trails to death. Need horse signs, a loading facility that gives access to horse-hardened route. (The Hill Street gate will not do.)

No news from King County Parks about anything.

Cougar south slope

When Dave gets his school in shape, will pick up with Weyco to see what's doing.

NOTE: We need to get started on the Far Country Creek trail. We have learned that we cannot trust KC Parks to guard out interests. We were assured we had Licorice Fern Wall. In fact, KC Parks has never acknowledged that we don't have it -- due to their screw-up.

Same applies to China Creek trail & corridor.

Cougar east slope

Dave, Buz, the Owens, and our Brownies are keeping active on the trails and the politicking.

There is a major push in Issaquah to get the Tibbetts-East Cougar Plan done. A.J. is pressing hard to get everything done, but City of Issaquah has fashioned for itself a maze of procedures that is the despair of everyone. Planning and Policy Commission is going forward steadily.

The "image of Issaquah" issue is coming to the front. Issaquah-on-the-Plain is becoming all multifamily housing. That worries people. The Northern "Village" (which will not be one, just another sprawl of plats) will be no multifamily? What about "Eastern Non-Village" The Commission is looking at low density, which means more sprawl, gives us more problems getting greenbelts.

The people along SE 60th are just sitting there waving fun, ignoring what's coming. There will be a road west from the east slope. Not through Park. Developers don't want it over Radio Peak, at 1400 feet. Where else but SE 60th? From our standpoint, that would not be a disaster. If the SE 60th people don't get in on the act now, they'll likely end up demanding the road go through the Park, and they will become the Enemy.

Highway 900 isn't going to be widened to take the traffic flow. It's an ancient road, very narrow right-of-way, the acquisition costs would be enormous. State Highway Department hasn't four-laned Maple Valley Highway, so why 900? Issaquah is having fits about all those cars coming down the mountain (~~xxx~~ in winter, avalanching).

How do people of Issaquah feel about supplying services to the east slope, and SE 60th?

Issaquah business

HM addressed breakfast meeting of Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, an alert and interested group, very attentive to the futures of the Alps. Don Raybuck, of the Council, struck me as a person who will listen; worth cultivating.

Leon Kos buttonholed me afterward. We (Dave etc.) should keep in close touch with him. He is with us just as far as he can go, and pushes to go ~~farther~~. Great source of scoop. Such as:

1. The City Council is not informed on Cougar affairs. Knows only what A.J.-Wally-Baker tell them. The stand of this trio is, "Well, if the County plan doesn't have Upper Bakersville in the Park, why should Issaquah?" We should watch for opportunity to make presentations to the Council, and meanwhile keep in tight with Raybuck and Ava.

2. The land swap between DNR and Issaquah is being held up by (1) a difference in land evaluations; (2) Issaquah's (!) insistence that all lands in the swap, from both sides, have the development rights excluded. In other words, the City's position is pro-preservation. DNR says it can't do that. HM will write DNR, asking.

3. The reason Quadrant hasn't sold State Parks a lot at the top of the Parks easement from Highway 900 to Squak Park, permitting access, is that the neighborhood fears Parks will put in ~~xxx~~ a trailhead. But Parks specifically doesn't want a trailhead there, or any public access. HM will write State Parks.

4. The Summerhill residents are trying to get Issaquah to deed them the trail easement -- they don't want the public in their back yard. We've got to watch this. HM will write A.J. a letter.

Here's a good project (I'll add to the A.J. letter): trail signs in downtown Issaquah. Like, at Front and Sunset: "Tiger Mountain trails thataway. Cougar Mountain over there. Squak between. For info see Visitor Center." The I_{SS} Chamber of Commerce thought that was dandy notion. --Raybuck may have suggested it.

Betty's Trail

Nearly a year later, here we still are, City of Bellevue dithering about whether or not to accept the trail cooridor. Betty Culbert and Ken Dodson, the Parks forester, walked the route. The Parks is afraid of trees. Dodson is afraid of his shadow. The Board decided to pursue the matter to the end of the year, and if no resolution by then, the heck with it. So inform Bellevue and the developer.

However, maybe we don't want to do that, just use it as a threat. The Northern Non-Village will be Bellevue. Betty's Trail is significant not only in itself but as precedent. Decision by Board to press to the max -- Parks, Bellevue City Council, whatever. If the wimps can't handle one easy trail, how can they handle Lakemont Gorge, The Precipice, the Hawk (Owl) Tree, the Waterfalls, etc.?

Tom will set up meeting of developer, Dodson, and us. We will volunteer to cut any trees that are marked for it by Dodson, and are not near houses at present. We also will work to pioneer a trail. But we won't volunteer to hassle the permits -- Bellevue must do that. Also figure out the zoning, the trail rights.

Looking at the matter in the larger perspective, we have to fight it through.

Motorcycle business

Tom Lucas has found Cleve Pinnix and Edwards of the DNR very helpful -- and more kikable than IAC folks. He has ~~xxx~~ applied for a spot on the DNR Recreation Committee -- the ORV outfit. Edwards is the one who makes the choice.

It turns out that the regulations on ORV enforcement funding are so complex nobody understands them (except, of course, IAC). DNR, State Parks (Squak) both failed to make proper application. Lovelady seems not to have told them until too late.

Tom is commencing a study of the 1973-74 ORV Study that was the foundation of the ORV Bill. Finds them both faulty. He will work from there to the present and draw a picture of the situation that everyone will be able to understand. It is, we know, a bad picture. But the motorcycle professionals have skilfully confused the issue. Also, IAC has been using the money in ways not spelled out by the legislation. When called on it, they say, "Well, we've been doing this way for some years now." In other words, they appeal not to legal rights but justify themselves on the basis of historic wrongs. If a brief can be prepared that our legislators and governor can understand -- a presentation that cuts through the crap -- it could blow the whistle on the whole operation.

Add-ons

Factoria Square expansion is wiping out the way of life of the Cadigans and the Swmasons.

Sept 22 J-A, Frank Wetzel devoted his column to a birding tour with Marty Murphy. He did not get into the controversies. Also failed to mention that in resigning from the local Audubon chapter as being too wimpish, she became official Trails Club spokesperson on matters of her concern, and ours. Good column, though.

For us, on Sept 15 she wrote BALD about Klahanie, Phase II, and Yellow Lake. Her mobility having increased, she's been able to walk to Yellow Lake and be depressed. I have been unable to recruit a person to take on Yellow Lake as main responsibility for engineering. Can some engineer go to west side of the lake, off the old gas line trail, and see if what's happening is legal and correct? Chances are, not.

DICK BROOKS!!!??
Tom Lucas has written the Governor urging him to reappoint Ralph Mackey to IAC. Louise and Ira say he is good, and my experience of him at, or rather after, an IAC meeting accords.

Sept 13 Times Weekend plugged our guidebooks, gave out hotline number. (BARB: The Hotline is back in operation?)

AKCHO of June 1985 reports that Return to Newcastle won the "event award" at May 28 meeting of AKCHO. (Lucile got the Willard Jue Award and Black Diamond the project award.)

Letters from HM:

AJ Culver, about Summerhill and trail signs in City
State Parks, about buying access lot at top of Highway 900 access corridor
DNR, about the Issaquah ~~XXXXXX~~ swap, our worries about Weyco on West
Tiger, and the land exchanges

Sept 3: Barb sold herself to her church (for a hike) and found Red Town an absolute scandal. We should get after the Parks Department to diaper those bears in berry season.

Tim O'Brian is holding first meeting of the RR Committee. ("Pardon me, Tim, is that the Walla Walla Choo Choo?")

Sept 4: Tom France of State Parks called to say he couldn't find my May letter about the possible trail access on east side of Squak. Sent him another copy, also one to Dalmasso, the real estate broker. Tom will deal direct, let us no.

A report from KC Parks person that nobody in-house knows anything. However, the military wants to stick another tower inside Radar Park, on land with retained ownership. A chance to get a view platform?

Sept 5: Two young pigeons (no neck bands) feed together amiably, eating corn, until two older ones, with bands, spook them away. But I put corn in enough spots that some 6 can feed at once. The elders like to feed together, overloading a trolley car designed for six finches, loading four pigeons aboard.

Betty Culbert reports that a bulldozer swath has appeared near Old Town, ripping out our trail. Seems to be from Rainier Crest, a retention pond project. It's on our proposed "park addition." Where is our China Creek dedicated corridor? Ford Slope area is a mess. A dike being built to put the creek back in channel. Fence around Ford Slope. Trees felled, looks terrible, contractor is destroying the scene. On the RR grade, people cleaning up Coal Creek, using buckets to dip out clay run down from the dump. A new pipe has been put down in the big slope by Pam's -- to fill tanker trucks for wetting down the landfill.

On Tuesday, Betty is meeting with Bellevue Parks forester to look at her trail corridor. Maybe they're ~~wix~~ ready to accept it? As of now, they don't even know where it is. Will Tom Eksten be there? Tom who?

Sept 7: Letter to DNR, nominating Tom Lucas and Ira Spring for membership on new Recreation Advisory Committee, successor to Off-Road Vehicle Committee. Tom is following up on his meeting with IAC's Wilder and Lovelady, contacting IAC members and state legislators. (Working with Ira and Louise.) Also in touch with Cleve Pinnix of DNR about IAC money, and is following with State Parks on Squak Mountain enforcement money.

Letter to Harry Anderson of DNR commenting adversely on their "worst case analysis" of herbicide use.

Sept 9: At request of Debbie Berto of Iss Press, to Original Ellens at 7:15 to breakfast with Iss Chamber of Commerce. About 20 there, including Don Raybuck, Leon Kos, several alert looking people. Also, daughter of family which homesteaded Tradition Lake. Got some good scoop from Leon, nice chat with Raybuck. I talked on the future -- Cougar Park, Cougar Mountain as part of Issaquah but really a suburb of Bellevue, Squat Mt. state Park situation, Tiger Mountain State Forest. Many good questions. Kept me talking until 9. See Minutes for important matters.

At 1:00 to Lake Samm State Park to meet with Society of American Foresters, at request of Warren Warfield. Dake Kiehle, Stu Blocker, and Bob Larson of DNR also there. An hour of talking, then a tour of West Side Road as far as the bridge over Fifteenile Creek. Then back to Lake Samm for dinner and more talk, until 7.

Talked with KC cop on patrol. He said that last year, before cutoff, issued some 100 citations, almost all warnings. So far this year, 400, almost all for real. Good cooperation with District Judge. He's been socking the people \$5 for speeding, mufflers, etc. Stu declared that this year the enforcement will continue through winter (though on reduced level). Let's watch it.

The enforcement bomes out of "miscellaneous" in the DNR budget.

Our Poo Poo restoration lasted several weeks, then was demolished in a single night. So, we found out what we wanted to, what we suspected. We will use it.

I allowed to Stu that hang-gliders weren't all great guys, that 10 percent were hoodlums. He allowed as how the percentage was a lot higher.

Stu was largely concerned to show how nicely his clearcuts were doing. The one we brushed, he had to brush once more, and now the firs are in control. He talked as if the manual control was hardly more expensive than aerial spray. However, he warns that the big Weyco clearcut on Road 1500 has a couple dozen clumps of bad maple that he's worried about.

As soon as the Citizens Committee is in order, timber sales will start.

I did not get any sense from the afternoon that anyone in DNR or SAF has any notion of doing business here at all differently from anywhere else. No new ideas presented. Larson just talked logging. Istvan just blew hard, puffing himself up. I gave them something they really enjoyed: the logging history of Tiger from the bullteams to Trestle Johnson to the Wooden Pacific. --I gave them quite a jolt when I reported that our field surveys had shown that over Labor Day weekend the various trails to West Tiger had been hiked by 1200 people. (Estimated!) Stu said he wasn't xpx surprised. I held back the 1000 signatures on the TMT for another occasion. --Here's a good project, though: working up a for-read estimate on trail usage.

Howie Millan and Pat Cummins sent regards to Chief Ranger. (Oh: next day, a special DNR team was scheduled to do the TMT.)

Sept 10: Ruth Kees reports that Jan Tveten has given permit to Piskering Ppeople to clean out ditch in th State Park. Dick Brooks got this out of Tveten. Rith is off to fly at the 40th birthdays of the airport where she first flew.

Sept 11: I've got about 6 pigeons, regulars. A couple had no neck bands, but are developing them. They also are learning to fight back against the bossy adults.

Bill Longwell reports there's a fellow who has 5 acres to give away on Tiger. I suggested we can take it. Weyco has surveyed all the West Tiger tops. (Stu Bocker went blank when I got on this subject.) Bill is not a fan of the DNR intellect. However, he will respond "yes" to the question, will he serve on advisory committee if asked.

Steve Irby, on Sept 7 Many Creek Valley hike, says the West Tiger RR needs brushing. New survey markers on RR between Lisas Landing and Section Line Trail. New silver spray paint marks junct on of Caves Trail with Section Line Trail. Letters from Phil Talmadge and Fred May, indicating receptivity.

Sept 20: I count as many as 10 pigeons feeding at a time. I think there are more. Seem to be "banding" up -- sometimes a flock comes over that seems twice my number of feeders. Can't keep them still long enough to count the number of youngsters (no neck band, smaller size). The kids are talking back -- standing up to elders to get at the corn. The Steller's jays are furious because the peanuts are in the same place. They stand beak to beak with the pigeons, but then flee. The damned furry rodents chase everyone off. I have two squirrel-proof feeders. One is for the sunflower seeds. Squirrels hate it. Every day study the plastic globe and the supporting chain but can't puzzle out how to get in. They also can't manage the suet cake hanging in midair. Reach for it, jump for it, no luck. A suction-cup window feeder also is "secure," so far. A low-power air pistol certainly would give me much innocent merriment.

Sept 23: Maryanne Tagney Jones. Has been up to here with Snoqualmie Plan. Wants our support for Preston Historic District. HM will write letter. She'll come to Board or send a friend to bring us up to date. She's a stringer for Valley Record, the only paper that covers the plan. CONNIE DOW: CAN YOU GET US A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS??? Preston is "last surviving mibl town." But already is plotted as a factory area. The Snoqualmie Plan envisions a protection of the federal "I-90 Scenic Corridor" from Edgwick Road to Issaquah. This is in some parallel to our Iss Alps Nat'l Urban Recreation Area idea. We must get into this big. Cynthia and Ron Sims are good. Bill Reams is hopeless. Maryanne is wooing Bruce Laing, trying to tell him, "This would make you look good." Idea may not be at all hopeless, because the Snoqualmie-North Bend platters would like to keep out competition to the west, closer to Seattle. Support from the cities there, the historical societies.

Sept 24: The pigeons are fascinated by the living room. Keep trying to fly through the window. What is it, they want to move in for the winter?

Army Engineers are willing to give up their land within Radar Park -- but, on condition they can push the tower up 15-20 feet above tree line. The Dept of Transportation tower on Radio Peak is submerged by the high-powered stations there; too much interference. County is somewhat opposed, but GS is playing hardball.

Our Good Ginger is forging ahead to cover up all but two of our holes. Tom is upset, but his superiors are jelly when Ginger cries ~~"LIABILITY!"~~ "LIABILITY!" We'd better close down the National Parks; a person could get hurt there. (Did I report that the ambulance chaser dropped his suit against The Mountaineers? His devotion to the welfare of the paralyzed hiker wilted when he saw John Davis' 80 pages of interragatories or whatever.) I have a call in to Rod Chandler, since King County is outranked by Ginger and anyway has ~~not~~ no guts. Ginger is swell fellah, but has no historical perception and she's got Wilkins terrified.

I have a call in to Bruce Laing to (1) find out about acquisition progress; (2) to demand policing of the park.

Sept 25: Larry Wiley, Kengore Junior High, 10528 243rd Place SW, Edmonds, WA 98020. Called to find out if there are good teaching walks in Alps! I told about Tradition Plateau. He'll get the Tiger Guide from REI. I sent him Alpiner. Fed his name to Barb for the Tiger Environmental Center plan. He sounds great.

Tom Lucas has meeting with Bellevue-developer tomorrow on Bettys' Trail; see minutes.

September 6, 1986

15819 SE 44th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006

Brian Boyle
Commissioner of Public Lands
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Dear Brian,

If appointed, I would be pleased to serve on the Tiger Mountain State Forest's reconstituted Citizens Advisory Committee.

I note that you will select "five to nine members," and that you are contacting all the other members of the original Advisory Committee. I hope you are not confining your choice to members of the original group. The most important single interest in Tiger Mountain affairs is that of the residents of the mountain. Larry Hansen was not on the old Committee but attended more meetings than most members. He has demonstrated a continuing, deep interest ~~in~~ in the developing situation. He keeps in close contact with local DNR personnel, maintains regular liaison with residents around the mountain, and spends much time out surveying the scene, on foot and on wheels (on the roads). Some members of the old Committee (in fact, the majority) had little or no direct personal knowledge of Tiger Mountain, and though their ignorance did not seriously harm the planning effort, thanks to the important Staff contribution, it seems to me that in years ahead the affairs of Tiger should be the concern not of theoreticians showering wisdom upon us from afar, but of people who know Tiger. Obviously, they should know something other than Tiger in order to represent public interests.

An example that comes to mind is the horse-riding interest. If the new Committee were to have a person representing that interest, that person should be willing to suggest how horses can use Tiger Mountain without destroying the trail system, as they now are doing, and with no indication of concern from the horsemen who are sponsoring "ruthless rides" on fragile trails. (I do not suggest that each recreational interest needs or deserves a committee member. For example, it would be purely a waste to have a "hang glider Member," since these people have zero interest in the overall situation. They can mail in their opinion. Also, should you appoint "Motorcycle Momma" you might have great difficulty getting anybody else to accept appointment.)

Sincerely,


Harvey Manning



Brian J. Boyle
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

August 27, 1986

Mr. Harvey Manning
15819 SE 44th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006

Dear Mr. Manning:

Harvey,

The Tiger Mountain State Forest Management Plan has been completed and was adopted by the Board of Natural Resources in April 1986. You and the other members of the Advisory Committee were instrumental in making the management plan a reality. Now it is time to implement an important element of the management plan we all worked so hard to produce.

The Advisory Committee recommended that the Department continue to use the Citizens Advisory Committee as a tool to "assure a continuity of public involvement and responsibility in planning for management of the Tiger Mountain State Forest". The Department endorsed this philosophy by including it as part of our management plan for Tiger Mountain. The committee, meeting at least once per year, would continue to provide advice in response to information from the department.

I am now asking you and the other members of the original Advisory Committee to indicate to me if you would be willing to continue your involvement and participation with a reconstituted Advisory Committee. I will select five to nine members to reflect a cross-section of public interests concerned about the operation of the state forest. I will inform all members of the original Advisory Committee of my selections and the date of the first meeting.

I look forward to your response, and to working with the new Advisory Committee as we implement the Tiger Mountain State Forest Plan.

Sincerely,

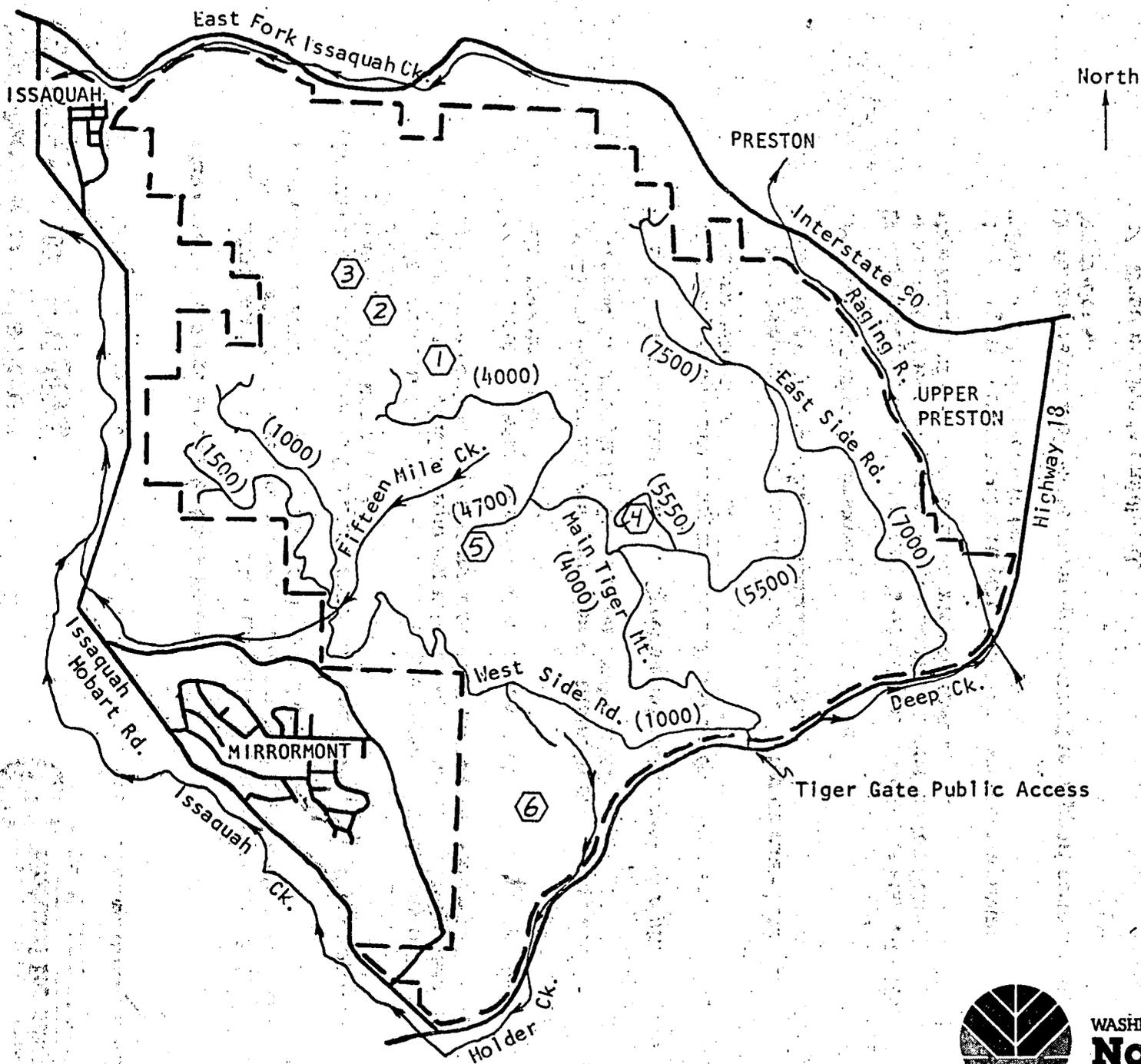
Brian Boyle
Commissioner of Public Lands

BB:cpd

cc: Mike Griggs

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LEGEND

- Tiger Mountain State Forest Boundary
- Paved road or highway
- - - Dirt road
- ~ Stream
- Peaks (Elev.):
- ① West Tiger 1 (2948')
- ② West Tiger 2 (2757')
- ③ West Tiger 3 (2522')
- ④ Tiger Mt. (3004')
- ⑤ Middle Tiger (2607')
- ⑥ South Tiger (2028')



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SOUTH PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

FALL TOUR

September 9, 1986

Visit to Tiger Mountain State Forest - Meet at Lake Sammamish State Park

1:00 p.m.

Introduction to Tiger Mountain State Forest -
Howard Millan - Moderator

Speakers

- .Bob Larson - Department of Natural Resources -
- .Overview of the Tiger Mountain State Forest
- .Harvey Manning - Issaquah Alps
- .History of Tiger Mountain
- .Attractions of Tiger Mountain to the Public
- .Larry Istvan - Citizen Representative on the
Tiger Mountain State Forest Management Plan
Citizen's Advisory Committee
- .Public Participation in Development of the
Tiger Mountain State Forest Management Plan

Asst Area
Manager
of Tiger
Implementation

Wanna Marshall
Darr Kiehl
Stu Blocher

2:00

Depart For Tiger Mountain State Forest

2:30 - 4:30

- Tour of the Forest - Stu Blocher - Issaquah Local Manager, DNR
- .Visit with King County Sheriff Deputy
- .View Hand Slashing for Conifer Release and Other
Plantations
- .15 Mile Creek



WEST OF SAMMISH STATE PARK
32 HOURS PER
12:00 PM
ISSUE AW

4:30

Depart For Lake Sammamish State Park

5:00

Wrap-up Comments and Questions - Howard Millan and Guest
Speakers

6:00

Dinner - Catered by Baumgartner's, Enumclaw

7:00

Short Chapter Business Meeting

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