

Next Meeting February 19.

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting, January 15, 1987.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harvey Manning, Connie Dow, Connie Fair, Darla O'Brian, Barbara Johnson, Bill Longwell, Dave Kappler, Betty Manning, Buz Moore, Ralph Owen.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Price

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Arthur, Lorri Burkey, Tim O'Brian, Peggy Owen, Tom Lucas, Mary Wellborn, Marty Hanson, Larry Hanson, Jack Simonson.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:25.

Annual elections were held, and the following Board members were nominated, seconded and unanimously elected: George Jackman, Ralph Owen, Connie Fair and Barbara Johnson.

1987 Board of Directors

Term expires:

Bill Longwell	1988
Dave Kappler	1988
Jack Price	1988
Betty Manning	1989
Buz Moore	1989
Barbara Johnson	1989
George Jackman	1990
Ralph Owen	1990
Connie Fair	1990

The directors elected the following officers:

Harvey Manning	President
Dave Kappler	Vice President
Connie Dow	Secretary
Darla O'Brian	Treasurer

President's Review. HM reminded us that a year ago we were in a state of despond because of the new county executive. Then Bruce Laing and Lois North talked to him and he told King County Parks to proceed as they had under Randy. We have no current information, however and it is time to call the Council again to see how they stand and to write letters to each one before their March meeting. The status of the Burlington Northern land swap is unknown.

History Book. This will be completed by Return to Newcastle. Discussed number to print, probably 4000.

Trails. Discussed plan for Northern Village on Cougar. Application for subdivision has been made with a Master Plan including hiking trails. There are no horse acres in this development. King County is making a trail inventory, using a wheel to measure distances.

Betty's Trail. City of Bellevue should site this. It will lead into the trail system at the Northern Village. A work party is needed - we could use scouts, but we need a coordinator.

April 25 is National Trails Day. We need to coordinate with REI for a project at that time. So far about 800 hours have been put in on Cougar.

Squak Mountain. The east side belongs to DNR, not to Weyco, and it is not safe from development. Much pressure is being brought from school groups. DNR has designated conservation areas, one on Mt. Si, one on Bald Lake, which would be relieved of producing income for the school trust. Brian Boyle is behind this.

The City of Issaquah has not responded to suggestions of having signs in town, leading to Squak and Tigre Mountain trails.

Treasurer's Report. We have \$7044 balance. We spent \$9994 on printing in 1986. We took in \$13,435. Policy on contributions was discussed. Motion was made and seconded to support Friends of Discovery Park. We will join the Site Alternative Coalition for \$5.00 and contribute \$20 to the Puget Sound Water Quality Defense Fund. Any contributions we make must be to other charitable groups.

Tiger Mountain. Work party is needed for the Caves Trail. The lower 1/4 mile through the sword ferns should be bulldozed. We need trails around the caves and better signing. Big Tree Trail needs a chain saw.

If Issaquah Creek were awarded Critical Basin status, logging on Tiger would be difficult.

Lake Sammamish State Park. We discussed IATC position. Before the flood, 50 acres were to have been paved and filled. There is some change since the flood. Dave suggested Issaquah might give Lake Tradition to the State in exchange for the soccer fields. This would be a start for us on Tiger Mountain.

Law Enforcement. Tom Lucas is trying to get a grant for IAC funds for enforcement on Squak. It was suggested that perhaps a Bullit could be persuaded to write a letter in light of the restrictive easement on the property. Application must be made for the funds and we need a governmental entity to sponsor the request.

Stu Blocher is open to having all vehicles on Tiger Mountain licensed.

DNR must establish criteria for horse trails, else we will be forever plagued with horses on our trails.

Connie Dow  
Recorder

Presidents diary -- 1

Dec 20: In area of Coal Creek Falls, Betty Culbert found an Attack of the Gray Slime. What is it? Masses on ground, in water. She took some home and soon had millions of microscopic critters hopping all over her house. Is the Culbert House still there? I've seen the Gray Slime occasionally over the years, never have touched it -- certainly not taken any home. Anybody know what it is?

Dec 22: Ruth Kees had good letter in J-A pointing finger at Corsaletti of the Times. --George Merker had a great follow-up. Corsaletti used to be good. Now he is corrupt or lazy -- perhaps drunk. East Side Bureau seems to be known as dumping ground for worn-out journalists.

Ruth and Mary Merker (Mary is "our" official member) are on Groundwater Commission. So are Sligh and Terre Harris! What joy to attend meetings!

We see in the papers that two garbage firms are competing to get the business. One is represented by Harris, the other by Toner.

Bill Longwell will run a Caves Trail show for REI, should our suggestion be accepted. I'll put Arleen Hiuga together with Bill. Send one crew to the top, from Section Line Trail, to arrange trail system at the caves (Bill will stake it out). Send a second crew to make unmistakable bottom approach, including major trail sign. Bill will make these if we don't get more City of Issaquah help (which I'll try for). --Bill comments that of the 20 signs we installed, one was torn out next day, ~~was~~ at the lake; one was ripped out soon after, on Second Avenue; one was shot and chopped to death, on turnoff from powerline; but 17 have survived. Amazing rate!

Dec 23: Bill Longwell, walking High-Point-Preston, found bobcat with one paw in trap. Betty and John Culbert happened to be at my house when he called for ideas; the Culberts had had experience with an outfit in Kent. We await report...

Note attached letter from State Parks. Tom Lucas will follow up on the ORV money. The proposal for a Tradition Plateau swap is in the hands of Fankhauser, who also is supposed to be pursuing the trail from downtown Issaquah to the state park. So????

Dec 25: Bill Longwell calls from Christmas in Source Creek to report happy ending. T & J came promptly from Kent. The fellow had heavy blanket and heavy gloves, yet was bitten on the thumb while getting the 35-40 pound cat in cage. Taken to vet in Federal Way who will X-ray paw, splint if broken. When well, critter will be released in Cedar River Watershed. So watch out, Taylor Mountaineers. T& J say all trappers hereabouts have bad reputation -- no identification on trap (this one was taken away to be smelted down), don't check traps as often as the law requires, mainly leave trapped critters to die.

Note in ISS Press: on Pine Lake Plateau, stray dog caught in beaver trap; took to vet. The people went back and found three traps placed without permission. Two were tagged with a Fall City trapper's name and address. \$300 was spent caring for the stray dog. King County Police didn't see the trapper so couldn't arrest him. Game Department told the folks it was illegal to remove the traps from their own property. Game Department loves trappers...

Dec 26: Laurene reports that BALD reviewed everything carefully on West Tiger and let KNBQ do exactly what it proposed to do in the first place. The opposition by Iss Alps Trails Club is duly noted and dismissed. Irv Berteig believes in giving people as much justice as they can afford. However, thanks to Laurene we are strongly on record. Now all we got to do is overthrow the government as violently as possible -- though always in the best of taste.

Jan 1: A dozen people are not deterred by the morning rain (which, as usual, quit as soon as I appeared) and go on the President's Hobble to Lake Samm Park, with Barb as Chief Birder. We inspect the erosion-deposition in the park from the recent 1000-year Flood (5-7 Year). See few birds, weather too settled, everyone out on holiday jaunts. However, after I left, Barb took the group upstream to the heronry -- a whole big gang on hand, just a few feet away.

Jan 3: To ~~Mike~~ Radar Park (outer) gate to have coffee with a dozen-odd stalwarts -- Dave, Ralph, Barb, etc. and Bill -- loading up to go off and discover an ancient Dwoowamps trail and/or wildlife travel route. The Protector Ridge Trail no longer is a lie in our guidebook, it exists!! Some  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of good tread, from the 1976 pulp-logger road that emanates from Pupper Junction, along the ridge crest to Nurse Log at W Fork Tigbetts Creek. This was done by midday. Most went back to have lunch. Dave, Barb, and the fellow who lives on 900 at trail bottom went down the route Dave has flagged for the next work party. Great success!

Jan 5: In our 2-minute flash of sun (all we get this time of year) I was hit by a 3-squirrel reconnaissance. I hardly had time to get out the door with the Control Device before they were flying in 3 directions. Except for occasional lightning raids, I hardly have a target anymore. Days go by when I don't so much as see a squirrel. My squirrel hound is mighty disappointed; she was just getting good at treeing. Consumption of bird food has gone down drastically, and the thrushes, towhees, juncos, wrens who mainly feed on the ground no longer are harrassed.

Jan 6: 2 ~~px~~ pigeons in the larch! Not to eat, just to look. Where are they wintering? What's wrong with our property?

Jan 7: Ruth Kees is proud of her 4 varied thrushes; I have as many as 7 at a time. (Barb also has just 4.)

Marcy Golde called to find where we are with Lake Samm Park. She will call her replacement on the Commission to have her call me to get my side of the story.

Connie Dow: the library is throwing us out at 9!

With Betty Culbert to League of Women Voters in Bellevue, to give 15-minute pitch on need to acquire wetlands, green space, wildlife habitat and corridors, Rails & Trails. Also need to enforce laws on development. J-A had piece next day.

Jan 8: Booklist review starts out, "This is a wonderful book..." ~~The book is~~

Jean Bacon found from Greg Spranger that his coal car is huge. Haulage would cost us big bucks. So, Jean will go after Evan Morris, through Milt and Fred, to get a smaller coal car. Must be some in Black Diamond.



Jan 9: Matt Hyde of REI, Bellevue, likes the sound of a July-August service project on the W Tiger Caves trail. He will contact Chief Ranger to have a quick guided tour of the area. If all is GO, will then work with Bill on the details. We might well note it for our own schedule.

Publisher's Weekly lauds the book. These two outstanding reviews may get further Eastern attention.

All afternoon at (former) VIPS with Mike Griggs, kicking things around. We'll do this more or less regularly from now on. Very fruitful. Some of the stuff (I made no notes, probably won't remember it all this minute):

As part of the DNR-Weyco Tiger exchange, DNR got the Weye hauser property (160 acres, 4 40's) on the east side of Squak -- the most pristine piece of land in the area, touched only by the boots of Bill Longwell and Ed Alvorson, in my acquaintance. This is the "True East Face" opposite Yahar Wall. I told Mike we wanted this land for the Park but considered it safe. We talked for some while on this, finally agreed NOTHING IS SAFE. He, himself, will do his best to "hide" the East Face in his files. Yet someday, way things are going, pressure will grow to put in a string of cliff-top view properties. We ought to do something about it. As one opener, see attached letter to State Parks. This may not be the best or only option.

At Brian's request, Bob Rose is putting together a bill that would create a new designation for DNR Lands: "conservation area." By means of it, lands with values higher for other purposes than logging or whatever, yet not qualifying for the Natural Heritage category, could be permanently set aside from income production. The trusts would be compensated in a manner yet to be worked out. The Mt. Si Conservation Area, which has the name but no statutory status, is an obvious candidate. The status would provide for acquisition of private lands for the conservation areas. Such a bill likely will take a session or three to get through, but Bob is on it with Brian's full backing.

(Bob Rose is being looked upon in many quarters as a prime candidate to run for Land Commissioner when Brian decides to move on.)

Mike intends to go look at our new Little Si trail soon. He has been working to pick up some private blocks on Si. Thought King County would help, but nothing doing yet. Nothing doing with anything that lies in a country mile of Tim Hill. (Hill is distancing himself not only from the likes of me. When Brian suggested a friendly get-together, Tim put him off on an aide. Brian properly felt this is like a head of state coming on tour and being greeted by the butler.)

Brian has on his desk nominations for the Tiger Mountain Citizens Advisory Committee, to be a group of about 6. Three of the names presently on the list are us. Remains to be seen what the final choice is. Trails Club definitely will have a member chosen by us. For the first year this probably should be me, with Laurene as my alternate and spear-carrier. DNR sort of wants my "name" value. I suggested that the last I heard Charles Manson wasn't busy.

Mike is in charge of trying to set up an Honors Camp to serve his area. These camps provide labor at about \$2.50 an hour, and where they exist, DNR does great work on brush control, trails, etc. Ticklish business, of course; most people feel criminals don't belong in the woods, they belong on the streets. However, if it can be worked out it means such things as manual brush control in places like Tiger, trails built with dynamite even, such things as handicapped trails for wheelchairs, sightless. And horse trails. (DNR is working on the horse problem on Tiger now.)

As an example of how fast huge new projects can come about, Mike told me how as part of the Tiger Mountain trade DNR turned over 900 acres to Weyco on the side of Rattlesnake, just below and east of our Rattlesnake Vista. Weyco sold it to a ~~guy~~ guy who applied for a forest permit even before he'd got the deed. Instantly went in and clearcut the 900 acres. Used the proceeds to pay Weyco. (How to Get Rich with No Capital, just Gall) Put his logging roads in so as to provide bases for homesite driveways. He's now trying to peddle to a developer. I mentioned to Mike that the snowline on that slope often is down nearly to the valley into May. He agreed, but pointed out what we know: real estate is sold in the summer. The new market -- the one we are seeing in Summit -- is not affected by climate. As Mike says, these \$350,000 homes are not for ~~xxx~~ raising children or putting in patches of radishes, they are for cocktail parties high in the sky above the millions of city lights. They are part of the front. The people who live there will not be sliding down the hills at 7 a.m. They simply will not go "in" that day. Make their phone calls from home. Anyhow, can afford to have a \$20,000 snow car in the garage, used only a couple dozen days a year, never take the studded tires off. We have to take this into account on Cougar Mountain. I hope we can get Protector Ridge before Frank Baker sees it as sites for 50 half-mil houses.

For background, Mike comes from Jackson, Wyoming. Has a brother who is a horse packer. Knows the wildlands of the Rockies.

He agrees that Rails AND Trails is the way to go. He's still in Army Reserve, and the Army is profoundly disturbed by the vanishment of the rail system. The freeways simply are not up to carrying the freight the Army wants to move. The existing rail/ways are not as well maintained as formerly, the rail crews are not as well trained.

Mike was giving me so much great information I never got around to pushing any of our ideas. But he said he'd come up any time I called. Would welcome us to visit Enunclaw and see all his new gee-whiz machines. We agreed that the afternoon was worth 20 exchanges of letters -- and that much was conveyed that couldn't be in a letter. That others might share in this, sometimes we might arrange a group. --Anyhow, it was the only really enjoyable contact with Government I've had since Randy went down. (However, Mike agreed with me that Tom France is as straggh a shooter as his situation permits. Mike knows how this is, after his years under the likes of our old pal, Smiling Mac.

Jan 10: The Issaquah Flood Meeting featured Linn's videotape. Rowan Hinds tried to suppress it. Then tried to make Linn stop talking about it -- "Too inflammatory." Suppress the evidence. (For the sake of newcomers, Rowan is the one who wanted to have me thrown in jail for building trails illegally on Issaquah City property.) It came out that there is such a thing as a Special District. I'll ask Bruce if this applies.

Dave Bricklin served the wrong people, so the suit against Vysizes was thrown out on Friday.

IEC needs money. Needs fundraisers. Maybe a door-to-door campaign.

--a thing I just remembered from a week ago. George showed us photos of his Falls, where he is leading a hike today (?). These falls, on Taylor, are the #1 in the Alps. He will check with DNR to see if the stream can be upgraded because of the falls (and his trail) to give protection when the area is ultimately logged (re-logged). GEORGE -- REPORT.

Jan 11: The squirrel known as Roewalker, because he/she refuses to jump, examines my barricades of milk cartons strung on the rope and turns back. Tries to figure alternative way to the suet; goes away.

Jan 12: Ruth Kees reports need to stop the great big new sewer line south along Iss Creek. Army Corps of Engineers is sympathetic about the floods, but isn't supposed to meddle in local squabbles. (But its definitions of "wetland" are the ones used by Iss Parks!) Developer's lieu money may have been diverted from Parks Fund into South City Hall, so that should CC & F not fly, city would have to pay back developers. With what? Don Raybuck told X that nobody on Council would vote for Skyport. Bruce Laing says the County has the money for the Skyport study.

At the supermarket ran into Ellie Rahr, the Defender of Phantom Lake. Except Cabot Cabot and Forbes is putting in retention ponds that are inddquate, release muddy water into the lake. The leachate from the old dump is still poisoning the waters. The Game Department refused to go along with Bellevue Parks to eliminate the public boats from lake, so up to 12 at a time will be on a lake hardly bigger than 12 boats. Will the eagles remain? The coyotes?

Jan 13: County Library backed off. We can stay as late as we like.

2" snow. All elevations above 600 feet at risk. Of course, the \$350,000 homeowners don't have to go to work anyway. If the snow stays too long, they'll be off to Samoa.

Jan 14: Discovered why I'm getting all these calls from strangers. The USPS-USFS Information Center in Seattle lists my number for the Trails Club. Barb, tell them about the Hot Line.

Jan 15: Dick wrote letter to Tom France about State Park and flood plain. The boundaries drawn on EIS for 100 Year Flood didn't even take in the recent 25-Year or 5-7-Year Flood! The playfield plan would bring in up to 10,000 yards of fill, take up 60 acres of flood plain. This on top of the 55 acres filled by Vyzis. Illegally. The recent flood cut across oxbows, trenched. It ran out over the field -- which is what a flood plain is for. But with the floodplain largely filled, the creek will be so destabilized it will be rampaging in every  
~~high~~

high water. Coyote scat throughout the fields, hundreds of piles. The population of small rodents has to be huge. The field area which would be playfields is one of the great places of the area -- out in the wide field, under big sky, ringed by hills. Property east of the Park, signed "For Sale Commercial" was flooded -- it's in floodplain -- also illegal to build on. North Fork Iss Creek has been put in "Critical Basin Study" because the can't figure how to get the creek under the RR tracks. We should get entire Iss Creek and Tibbetts Creek in ~~Basin~~ Critical Basin. I have a letter in to Laing as starter. Should get rain gauge up on Tiger. King County still lets developers use 34 inches as base for retention ponds. On Tiger it may be 3-4 times that.

Bellevue is st iving to save wetlands and steep slopes by zoning. The developers are ganging up -- it's a "taking" of values. No mention of what a "taking" it is when a person develops, say, the Mercer Slough.

Gary Grant has taken the Plannin Committee away from Cynthia Sullivan, ~~com-~~  
~~itax~~ by disbanding it, putting planning under c mmittees headed by Bruce La, ng and Bill Reams, who are "more in tune with landowners, builders..." Sul ivan has "ivory tower concepts that you get from the university..." Gary seems to be like one of the SouthernDemocrats who is indistinguishable from an Orange County Republican.

King County 2000 underway. All that's missing is an announcement that the executive secretary is Wally Toner.

January 10, 1987  
15819 SE 44th St.  
Bellevue, WA 98006

Senator Dan Evans  
Senator Brock Adams  
Congresssmn Tom Foley  
" John Miller  
" Mike Lowry  
" Rod Chandler  
" Don Bonker  
" Al Swift  
" Norm Dicks

Dear sirs,

In the name of ethnic justice and geographical rectitude, I call upon you to right an ancient wrong.

My new book, Walking the Beach to Bellingham, inveighs (pages 71-72) against the unhinged imperialism which has taken "Puget Sound" from where Vancouver originally put it, south of Point Defiance, so far north that even the highly respected Murray Morgan says, in his Puget's Sound, that "Puget Sound embraces the entire inland sea."

Since I wrote my book I have learned from Jim Faber's superb book, Steamer's Wake, that the aggression has not been a mere matter of sloppy usage, that it has been a deliberate plot.

Jim tells us (page 256): The Northern Pacific Land Grant of the 1860s specified a western terminus on Puget Sound. "The Northern Pacific... discovered to its chagrin that Captain Vancouver's original description eliminated consideration of Seattle, Everett, Bellingham, and Port Townsend as termini. Lots were at stake, the NP land speculators warned Congress... in March 1869, Congress passed a resolution that 'the term Puget Sound as used here and in the act incorporating said Company, is hereby construed to mean all waters connected with the Strait of Juan de Fuca and within the territory of the United States.' The State Supreme Court of 1896 upheld the designation."

For many years I have carried on a lonely campaign demanding the revestment of the Northern Pacific Land Grant. The nation is not quite ready for that, but surely it is prepared to undo at least one of the crimes of those scoundrels.

I call upon Congress to repeal the resolution of 1869. As a compromise, I would permit Puget Sound to be advanced to the waters between Double Bluff and Foulweather Bluff, to firmly ~~exclude~~ exclude Possession Sound, Hood Canal, and what's left of Admiralty Inlet (which once continued to Point Defiance).

Recognizing that an all-embracing name is required for the "inland sea," I urge that it officially be given the name used by the original settlers, which in our alphabet is usually rendered as "Whulj."\*

\* pronounced "WOOSH" -  
from the name of "WHOOFS"  
Sincerely,  
Harvey Manning

Harvey Manning

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Director



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December 18, 1986

Mr. Harvey Manning  
Issaquah Alps Trails Club  
P.O. Box 351  
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Mr. Manning:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 26, 1987 covering a multitude of subjects. I will try to respond in the same order of topics presented in your letter but I would first like to say I do appreciate your input on these topics and your candidness of communication.

- Tam*
1. Regarding IAC rules you note that the IAC has revised itself so that "ORV money".....etc. I assume you mean the new non highway (NOVA) money. If I am correct, NOVA money cannot be used for education or enforcement. (See attached IAC Guidelines.) The money is available only for site plans, acquisition or development. The Commission requested \$191,000 for initial development of Squak Mountain in their 1987-89 Budget submittal. The administration Budget request does not include this project.
  2. Regarding a trail up Issaquah Creek, Dick Fankhauser, Chief of Site Planning is assigned this project. He has been almost totally involved in the DNR Trust Land Study project for the past several months and consequently has not made a lot of progress but does have it on his list for future action.
  3. Sport Field - I appreciate your explanation and comments regarding the trails club posture on proposed Sport Field development at Lake Sammamish State Park. We will continue to work with the City along the lines we have previously discussed.
  4. Plateau - Your comments about the tradition plateau and suggestion that we work with the City on some kind of cooperative agreement exchange, swap or whatever sounds good to me. I, by copy of this letter and follow-up conversations with Dick Fankhauser, am asking that he also pursue this project with the City as he works with them on the trail project.
- from Sunset to Squak*

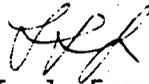
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5. Flooding - I did get up to Lake Sammamish while the flood was in progress and observed the overflow to Issaquah Creek and the partial flooding of the Pickering Farm property.

We have received the suit filed by the Issaquah Environmental Council, the reply from King County regarding the permitting process, and the findings of the Hearings Examiner. After discussions with our legal counsel we reached a conclusion that it would not be prudent for us to enter into or file an additional suit at this time. One petition for review should be adequate for this state of the process.

We will keep you posted on our efforts on the plateau and trail concepts as well as on other issues and projects of interest to you. Thanks again for your letter. Wishing you a happy and joyful holiday.

Sincerely,



T. J. France  
Assistant Director  
Resources Development

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cc: Kerry J. Anderson, Director, Issaquah Parks and Recreation  
Jan Tveten, Director - WSP&RC  
Dick Fankhauser, Chief - Site Planning & Acquisition

RECREATIONAL NONHIGHWAY ROAD PROJECT POLICY ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINESIntent:

It is the intent of the IAC that the Nonhighway Road Program benefit the recreational users of nonhighway roads and encourage cooperation among recreationists.

Project Eligibility:

1. Projects must be accessible by a nonhighway road and can be classified as:

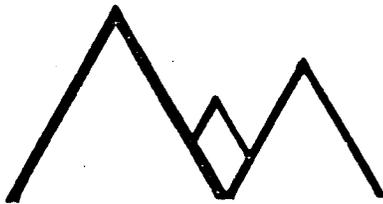
DAY-USE AREAS      CAMPGROUNDS      TRAIL HEADS      TRAILS      HORSE CAMPS

Examples of eligible facilities include, but are not limited to:

Picnic Areas	Rest Areas	Parking Areas
Restrooms	Interpretive Trails	Vistas
Corrals	Signs	Water Systems

2. It is desirable that nonhighway road funds will be used to assist projects which help resolve user conflicts.
3. Projects must fall into one or more of the following categories: site plans, development, renovation, and/or land acquisition. Education or enforcement project funding is provided for elsewhere.
4. Individual project grants are limited to \$150,000 annually.

Trail acquisition, development, redevelopment, or renovation shall continue to be eligible under the guidelines of the (traditional) grants-in-aid funding programs of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.



## ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

P.O. BOX 351 • ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

December 22, 1986

Issaquah Tourism Commission  
City Hall  
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear folks,

As you'll recall, our cooperative project (you put up the \$1,000, we put up the peoplepower) to install trailhead signs was considered by all of us an experiment. Vandalism is a normal fact of life on signs, especially those accessible to people on wheels. How long would the 20 signs last? We felt the finding out would be worth the effort even if the signs were all gone in a few days.

I'm very happy -- and frankly, somewhat astounded -- to report ~~that~~<sup>that</sup> after a few weeks short of two years, 17 of the 20 signs are intact. One (at Tradition Lake) didn't last out the day; we saw the kids who later wrestled it out of the wet concrete, and suspected they would as soon as we were gone. Another (on Second Avenue) was torn out by city employees, perhaps, in the course of public works. Or, a pickup rammmed it down. A third (on the Puget Power line) was chipped to death by BB's and hatchet. But 17 survive, and continue doing their good work.

The walking-hiking on the Tradition Plateau has grown enormously in the past two years. The signs have contributed. The office in Issaquah constantly receives requests for information on where to go hiking. The Trails Club has published guidebooks, of course. ~~Handicrafts~~ And we continue to offer four or more hikes a week with native guides. However, to satisfy another need, early in the year we will be supplying the office -- and every outlet in town that is interested -- with a free trails map of the Tradition Plateau area and near environs.

We suggest that the success of the first signing effort, and the huge increase in interest in hiking, lead to thoughts of a second signing ~~work~~ effort. Though I have no exact number in mind, I believe some 10 additional signs would be useful in the Tradition area; the "hardened" signs, of substantial timbers and set in concrete, obviously have a survival rate justifying the expense, which for the first batch was \$50 each for wood and grouting. (As I recall, the Trails Club paid for the augur; I've forgotten which of us bought the cement.)

A while back, when I spoke to the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce about trails, a member of the group wondered about putting signs right in downtown Issaquah. This strikes me as a very exciting idea -- and one that would very directly tie the downtown to the wildland, to the economic benefit of the many merchants of Issaquah who offer goods and services of interest to hikers.

How would it be to have a large sign, at the intersection of Sunset and Front, with arrows pointing to "Tiger Mountain Trails," and "Scauk Mountain Trails," and "Cougar Mountain Trails," and "Lake Sammamish Trails"? --As a capper, an arrow saying "Trail to Snoqualmie Falls." (There is one, you know -- the Trails Club hikes it regularly!)

cc: Leon Kos  
Issaquah Press  
Issaquah Chamber of Commerce

Sincerely,  
*Harvey Manning*  
Harvey Manning, President



# United States Department of the Interior

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Water Resources Division  
Pacific Northwest District  
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Tacoma, Washington 98402

December 31, 1986

Mr. Harvey Manning, President  
Issaquah Alps Trails Club  
P.O. Box 351  
Issaquah, Washington 98027

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 1986, concerning flood-plain mapping and development in the Issaquah Creek area. The U.S. Geological Survey is neither a regulatory agency, such as Washington State Department of Ecology, nor an "action" agency such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Our function is to provide data and to conduct scientific and engineering investigations that enable those types of agencies to do their job.

Many of the concerns you expressed have some validity. Channel filling, for example, has been observed in numerous parts of western Washington, in both developed and undeveloped areas. There has also been a large number of intense storms during about the last 10 years, producing flooding of varying degrees of intensity. Both natural and man-caused factors may have combined to create the recent flood problems.

The flood-plain mapping done for the Flood Insurance Studies was performed using short-term streamflow records. However, I believe that the Federal Emergency Management Agency may be planning to update many of those studies.

Two of the local agencies most actively addressing flood prevention and management in your area are the King County Department of Public Works and the King County Department of Planning and Community Development. The county recognizes that more effective and enforceable regulations are needed to deal with the flooding problems. Toward that end, King County and the Geological Survey are conducting a cooperative investigation, the results of which will enable the county to predict the changes in runoff due to development and plan appropriately, through land-use planning, zoning, and structural means, to mitigate the problems before they occur. The study began about two years ago and will eventually cover nearly all of the unincorporated area of the county. This type of technical assistance to the public agencies which have the management and regulatory responsibility and authority is the authorized role for the U.S. Geological Survey.

We hope and expect that we can contribute to an improvement of the situation.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. McGavock  
Acting State Chief

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January 5, 1987

Mr. Gordon Sparks  
2492 S. W. Camano Drive  
Camano Island, Washington 98292

Re: CHARITABLE DONATION - FOREST GLEN-DIVISION #2

Dear Gordon:

On behalf of the citizens of Bellevue, present and future, I would like to thank you for your generous gift to the City of Bellevue Parks Department of eight acres of open space property. As Bellevue grows and open space decreases, we will appreciate your gift even more.

As you know, we intend to continue working closely with the Issaquah Alps Trail Club to plan and develop a trail on the property. The new trail will link existing trails from the northwest to future trails to the east and ultimately extend south to the Coal Creek Park and other regional trail systems.

I will be meeting with the Trail Club this winter to establish a specific route. The Club has also graciously offered to supply the City with work parties to construct the trails. Hopefully, the trails will be ready for use by this summer - 1987.

Again, thank you for your generosity and I hope you and your family visit our park system often.

Sincerely,

Ken Dotson, Deputy Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

KD:pz

cc: Phil Kushlan, City Manager  
Pam Bissonnette, Assistant City Manager  
Lee Springgate, Parks and Recreation Director  
Harvey Manning, President, Issaquah Alps Trail Club

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Harvey Manning, President  
Issaquah Alps Trail Club  
P. O. Box 351  
Issaquah, Washington 98027

Re: FOREST GLEN EAST, DIVISION #2-TRAIL

Dear Mr. Manning:

I remember a few months ago we were trying frantically to put the Forest Glen East land acquisition project together. Through the cooperative efforts of a supportive City Council, you and the Issaquah Alps Trail Club, Park staff and the generosity of Gordon Sparks, the Parks Department has clear title to the property at no cost to the City. We are excited about the prospects of acquiring property in the future in the same manner. As the open-space resource and the dollar become scarce, we must find alternatives to preserve these lands.

We are anxious to accept your offer to assist us with the planning, construction and maintenance of the Forest Glen East trail link. Our assumption is that as development occurs, we will acquire additional open space in the area. We encourage your continued involvement in these projects.

I would like to set up a meeting with you so we can discuss the Forest Glen East trail project. Ideally, late January or early February will be good for us. I will call you to set up a meeting date.

From the citizens of Bellevue, thank you for the work you and your club have done to promote and preserve open space and trail corridors in the Northwest. Thanks again for your help on this particular project.

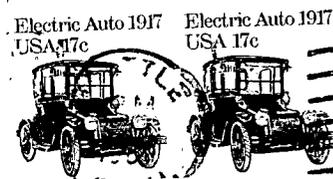
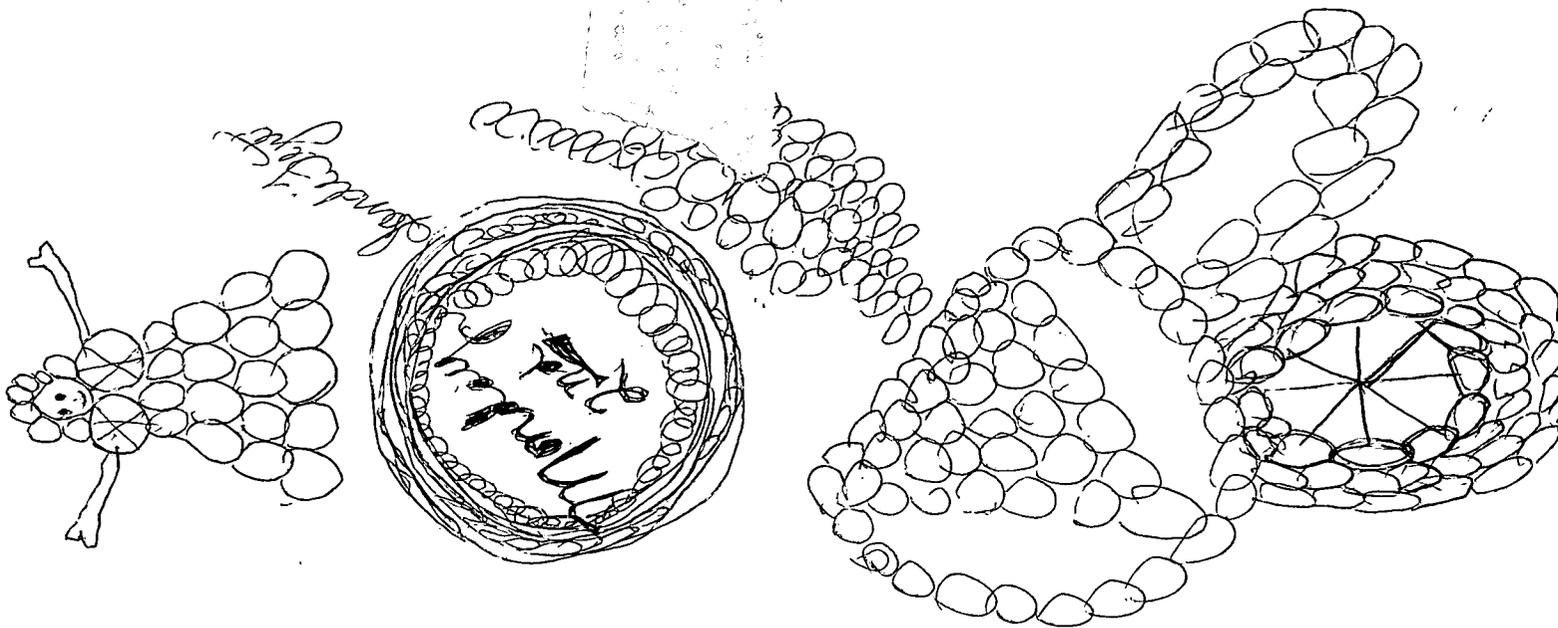
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cc: Park Board  
Phil Kushlan, City Manager  
Pam Bissonnette, Assistant City Manager  
Lee Springgate, Parks and Recreation Director  
Tom Lucas, Issaquah Alps Trail Club  
Betty Culbert, Issaquah Alps Trail Club

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