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ALPINE

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Support Proposition 21 (TREE) to preserve remaining open spaces

During the last two decades, the Puget Sound area's population has grown by 36%—while its land lost to development has increased by more than 87%.

That means we must act to save the natural lands we have left!

Citizens from all across Puget Sound have joined together and created a regional program to preserve open space and natural land. In November, the voters of several Puget Sound counties—including King, Snohomish and Pierce—will be asked to approve Proposition 21—TREE, the Real Estate Environmental Endowment.

TREE is a 10-year program, funded by a 1% tax on real estate transactions to acquire and preserve tens of thousands of acres of our most cherished natural lands and open spaces.

In King County, TREE will provide approximately \$70 million a year to fund:

- The Greening of the Cities Program: 55% of TREE funds will be used to buy greenbelts and natural lands in every urban and suburban community in King County.

- Saving the Rural Environment Program: 35% of TREE funds will purchase thousands of acres to preserve our rural and natural lands from the threat of urban sprawl.

- Maintenance Endowment Fund: 10% of TREE funds will be placed in a perpetual endowment. The interest from the endowment will be dedicated to maintaining the lands we preserve.

TREE is not a property tax. It is a one-time fee on real estate transactions.

TREE is fair. Growth, development and people moving into the Puget Sound region should help pay for the open spaces and parks we need.

TREE is affordable. Seniors, those on fixed incomes and everyone else

wishing to remain in their homes will never have to pay.

TREE protects affordable housing. Puget Sound counties will petition the legislature to exempt first-time homebuyers from the levy.

TREE is our last chance for a green Puget Sound. Chief Sealth told us that we do not own the land, we merely borrow it from our children. TREE will save our last large pieces of land—the last tracts of open green spaces. TREE will let us give back to our children the natural heritage we cherish.

TREE is our opportunity to complete the job of creating a permanent open space and trail system in Puget Sound unparalleled anywhere in the nation. But we have opposition!

Realtors, mortgage bankers, and strip mall developers have ganged up to defeat our last chance to save the Puget Sound environment from disappearing under the bulldozers. They are hiding under the name King County Citizens Against Unfair Property Taxation and have pledged \$40,000 to battle environmentalists and other supporters of TREE.

You can make Proposition 21 a success in all seven counties by donating generously to the campaign. Our regional citizen committee can win with half the budget of the opposition. But to counteract the negative campaign of the realtors we need money now!

Please make your checks payable to Citizens for Open Space. A return envelope is enclosed in this issue of the *Alpiner* for your convenience.

Thank you for your support.

To volunteer time as well as money, call Tom Wood at 391-8027.

I know you can hike, but can you type?

See us at Salmon Days

The Trails Club will again join the Issaquah community in celebrating the return of the salmon to the creeks and rivers of the Issaquah Alps at Salmon Days, October 6 and 7.

Issaquah Alps T-shirts, Mountain to Sound T-shirts, posters, maps and books will all be available at the Trails Club booth on Front Street. This is also a great time to renew your membership, get a friend to join or buy a gift membership.

Mary Cadigan at 641-4046 is in charge of getting volunteers to staff the booth for two-hour shifts. Please volunteer to help out—it is quite enjoyable to talk with the people who stop by to learn more about the Alps or report their recent wildlife sighting or other new discovery.

Explore north-south greenway connections

by Jack Hornung and Stan Unger

During the past year we have enjoyed tremendous cooperation from King County Parks in our Mountains to Sound project drawing attention to the idea of preserving an I-90 Greenway.

This fall and winter, we propose to continue this cooperation on an informal basis as we do some scouting of the county parks department interurban trail plan, a plan which in many of its details links in with our I-90 Greenway by north and south connectors. Routes along highway 900 and 18 are examples.

Hikes will be held on November 3 and 17 and December 1 and 15. We will convene at 8 a.m. at the Issaquah McDonald's on Gilman Boulevard, just east of the Renton-Issaquah Road. On certain days we may change the meeting place so if you plan to come, call and confirm the meeting place with Stan Unger 283-7823 or 296-8657 or with Jack Hornung 545-9122.

These will be exploratory full day hikes perhaps 10-15 miles, probably lasting to about suppertime. They

Club needs clerical support

You would not believe the amount of correspondence we generate as we deal with state agencies, county departments and departments within cities around the Issaquah area. We spend a great deal of time on the phone, but the impact and the record established correspondence and the maps and visuals that accompany it are essential and most effective. Right now there are some letters that are not getting written and others that are delayed. We really need some help in this area.

Mary Cadigan (641-4046) is our volunteer coordinator, but you are welcome to call any of the people listed in "The Apparatus" on page 1 if you would like to get a better idea of what the different volunteers do for the Trails Club and how you might fit into our efforts.

David Kappler

will be taken at a moderate pace but without mountainous ascents and descents. There may be some bushwacking, so come prepared. We plan to have more of these hikes in the January-February-March 1991 quarter.

The county's proposed interurban trails system will connect the urban areas in western King County with each other as well as with the I-90 Greenway. People living in Renton, Auburn, Redmond, Duvall, Bothell, Snoqualmie and other areas around the Greenway are especially encouraged to come along and help scout these trails.

We also encourage the equestrian and cycling communities, since the proposed county trail system is intended to be multi-purpose.

To avoid misunderstanding, especially about liability in case of injury, we would like to emphasize that these hikes are not sponsored by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. They are simply explorations long planned by Jack and Stan on which others are welcome to come at their own risk. Also, these are not packaged hikes designed to entertain! Be forewarned of some road hiking.

Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club Hike Schedule

Sat. October 6

Bandera Mountain, Alpine Lakes.

Boots required. 4D 9 a.m. NB

Clifton Cooper 932-3124

Sun. October 7

•Anderson Gap, Anderson Lake optional. 3C 8:30 a.m. NB

Warren Jones 284-0748

•Preston Town Tour and the Raging River. 1-2B 12:30 FC

Peggy Owen 746-1070

Wed. October 10

Asahel Curtis Nature Trail. Trail maintenance with North Bend Ranger District. Bridge deck repair, some heavy lifting. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for sign-up, date verification and meeting place. Pat Brewington, 888-2426.

Sun. October 14

Snow Lake and Gem Lake.

4C 9 a.m. NB. Mike Leake 333-4243

Wed. October 17

Twin Lakes optional. Lake Lillian.

3C 9 a.m. NB

Peggy Thompson 831-6339

Sat. October 20

Lodge Lake 2B 9 a.m. NB

June Steven 222-5452

Sat. November 24

Cascade Lookout 3D 9 a.m. NB

Pat Brewington 888-2426

Sun. November 25

Tolt River Forks 3B 9 a.m. FC

Mike Leake 333-4243

Sat. December 1

Little Si 2C 9 a.m. NB

June Stevens 222-5452

Sat. December 8

Commonwealth Basin

2B 9 a.m. Possible snow—dress accordingly. Mike Leake 333-4243

Sat. December 15

Lake Alice Trail 2B 9 a.m. FC

Mike Means 888-3893

Sun. December 30

Waskowitz Lookout 2B 10 a.m. NB

Warren Jones 284-0748

NB = North Bend Park and Ride, 4th and Main, by the Library

FC = Fall City Park and Ride, Junction of SR 202 and 203

Please call leaders for hike information.

October 1990

Hikes and Events

TUE OCT 2
Squak Mtn Summit Loop
 Begin off Mtnside Drive, up west side, around the summit, and back through Thrush Gap.
 3C • 9:00 • Tom Mechler, 255-0922

THU OCT 4
Tiger Mtn State Forest
 Leader's Choice — Leader likes to hike Tiger's little known trails
 3C • 9:00 • Will Thompson, 488-8592

SAT OCT 6
SALMON DAYS
 Come see us at the Trails Club booth on Front Street.

SUN OCT 7
SALMON DAYS

TUE OCT 9
Twin Falls State Park/Little Si
 2B • 9:30 • Al Blalock, 746-4155
 Ed Bowser, 747-3349

WED OCT 10
Lake Hills Greenbelt
 Family hike, very easy, suitable for strollers, young children
 1A • 12:45 • Judy Chamberlin, 392-8813

SAT OCT 13
Grand Ridge Exploration
 3B • 9:00 • Dennis Burk, 391-3835

SPECIAL
 Introduction to the Issaquah Alps hiking trailheads by car caravan. We will identify unmarked or obscurely marked trailheads on Tiger, Squak, Cougar, and Grand Ridge. Trail guides, including maps, will be available for sale so that you may pinpoint many of the unmarked trailheads.
 2A • 9:00 • Betty Manning, 746-1017

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SUN OCT 14
Rattlesnake Mountain
 East Peak via the ledges — terrific view, boots required!
 3C • 9:30 • Ralph Owen, 746-1070

WED OCT 17
Grand Ridge Variations
 Exploration of wetlands and historic trails.
 2B • 9:00 • John Seebeth, 391-3843

THU OCT 18
Trails Club Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Issaquah Library, 140 E. Sunset Way

SAT OCT 20
South Tiger Mtn State Forest
South-TMT Loop
 3C • 9:00 • Tom Wood, 391-8027

East Cougar Mountain
West Tibbetts Creek, Fantastic Erratic
 2B • 12:30 • Dave Kappler, 392-3571

SUN OCT 21
East Lake Sammamish Plateau
Wetland tour of Saddle Swamp and general wetland ecology
Must call leader to reserve space!
 1A • 8:30 • Fred Weinmann, 392-9230

WED OCT 24
Squak Mountain
Mountainside Drive Loop
Family Hike: 4 yrs old and up
 2A • 12:45 • Judy Chamberlin, 392-8813

THU OCT 25
Lake Tradition Plateau
 2B • 9:30 • Al Blalock, 746-4155
 Ed Bowser, 747-3349

SAT OCT 27
TRAIL WORK PARTY
South Cougar Mountain
Licorice Fern Trail off May Valley Road
 9:30 • John Johnson, 633-3805

SUN OCT 28
Tiger Mountain State Forest
Tiger Mtn 2
 3C • 9:00 • Laurene McLane, 392-0204

TUE OCT 30
West Cougar Mountain
Red Town to Far Country and Deleo Wall
 2B • 9:30 • Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

Beyond the Alps
Mt. Margaret, Lake Lillian & beyond
Views and fall color!
 4C • 8:00 • Joann Howe, 432-0741

November 1990 Hikes and Events

SAT NOV 3

South Cougar Mountain
Longview Peak from Licorice Fern
Partial bushwack (not too serious!)
2B • 9:30 • John Johnson, 633-3805

Squak Mountain State Park
Section 5, Bullitt Mansion, and both
summits
3C • 9:00 • Tom Wood, 391-8027

SUN NOV 4

Cougar Mountain
Deleo Wall and Marshall's Hill from
Red Town — best view on Cougar!
3B • 9:00 • Dave Kappler, 392-3571

WED NOV 7

Tiger Mountain State Forest
Tiger Mtn 2 & 3
3C • 9:00 • Tom Mechler, 255-0922

East Lake Sammamish Plateau —
Yellow Lake in Klahanie
Family hike, very easy, suitable for
strollers, young children
1A • 12:45 • Judy Chamberlin,
392-8813

SAT NOV 10

North Tiger Mtn Trail Loop —
old and new TMT; will look at glacial
erratics
2B • 8:30 • Bill Longwell, 255-1295

Cougar Mtn Regional Wildland Park —
Bear Ridge, Anti-Aircraft Peak
3C • 9:30 • Ann Leber, 746-3291

SUN NOV 11

Tiger Mountain State Forest —
Poo Poo Point Loop from Lake
Tradition Plateau
3C • 8:30 • George Mischler,
746-8144

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TUE NOV 13

Squak Mountain State Park —
Visit remains of Bullitt Mansion and
Squak Mtn summit from trail along
Mtnside Drive
3C • 9:30 • Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

WED NOV 14

Grand Ridge Variations
Exploration of wetlands and historic
trails.
2B • 9:00 • John Seebeth, 391-3843

THU NOV 15

Trails Club Board meeting, 7:30 pm
Issaquah Library, 140 E. Sunset Way

FRI NOV 16

East Cougar Mountain —
Tibbetts Creek to Anti-Aircraft Peak
and back down
2C • 9:30 • Betty Culbert, 432-7387

SAT NOV 17

Tiger Mtn State Forest
Leader's Choice — Leader likes to
hike Tiger's little known trails
3C • 9:00 • Will Thompson, 488-8592

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SUN NOV 18

Two peaks of Squak Mountain and
East Cougar Mountain in 2 big loops
from SR 900

3C • 8:30 • Ralph Owen, 746-1070

TUES NOV 20

Rattlesnake Ridge
2B • 9:30 • Al Blalock, 746-4155
Ed Bowser, 747-3349

SAT NOV 24

Tiger Mountain 2 & 3
3C • 8:30 • Trudy Ecob, 232-2933

December 1990 Hikes and Events

SAT DEC 1

Tiger Mountain — Tiger Caves, Big Tree and Lake Tradition. Nice varied loop hike; bring flashlight
3C • 10:00 • Cliff Cooper, 932-3124

SUN DEC 2

Tiger Mtn State Forest
Leader's Choice — Leader likes to hike Tiger's little known trails.
3C • 9:00 • Will Thompson, 488-8592

TUE DEC 4

Tiger Mountain State Forest — new trail to TMT from north and summit of Tiger 3
3C • 9:30 • Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

WED DEC 5

Kelsey Creek Park
Family Hike, very easy, suitable for strollers, young children
1A • 12:45 • Judy Chamberlin, 392-8813

SAT DEC 8

Squak Mountain State Park
Start by rock quarry to radio towers and descend through Thrush Gap
3C • 9:00 • Bob Eschrich, 232-5765

SUN DEC 9

West Cougar Mountain — Coal Creek to Newcastle via the railroad grade and return
2B • 12:30 • Ralph Owen, 746-1070

WED DEC 12

Grand Ridge Variations
Exploration of wetlands and historic trails
2B • 9:00 • John Seebeth, 391-3843

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THU DEC 13

Cougar Mountain — Wilderness Peak and beyond
3C • 9:00 • Tom Mechler, 255-0922

FRI DEC 14

South Tiger Mountain State Forest — South TMT loop
2B • 9:30 • Betty Culbert, 432-7387

SAT DEC 15

Tiger Mountain State Forest
Leader's Choice
3C • 9:00 • Laurene McLane, 392-0204

TUE DEC 18

Tiger Mountain 2 & 3
Christmas cookie and candy potluck and exchange. Bring a dozen or more of your favorite cookie or candy.
3C • 9:00 • Joanne Howe, 432-0741

WED DEC 19

Cougar Mtn Regional Wildland Park
Newcastle
Family Hike, 4 yrs old and up
2A • 12:45 • Judy Chamberlin, 392-8813

THU DEC 20

Trails Club Board meeting, 7:30 pm
Issaquah Library, 140 E. Sunset Way

THU DEC 27

Lake Tradition Plateau
2B • 9:30 • Al Blalock, 746-4155
Ed Bowser, 747-3349

'Someone told us to go take a hike, so we did'

Editor's note: Diane Guthrie was an end-to-end on the Mountains to Sound March over the Fourth of July holidays. She kept a delightful, detailed diary of the journey's hardships and triumphs. Following are excerpts from the 9-page account. For the complete transcript, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope (a large manila one would be best) to:

*Issaquah Alps Trails Club
P.O. Box 351
Issaquah, WA 98027*

Day One

...When travelling west on a ski slope, Indian Paintbrush plants dotted the slope and confused us. Their color is similar to the orange in the orange and black ribbons that were used to mark our route.

...For the next 18 miles our marching terrain was hard and rocky. Half of a mile was on a logging road, the remainder was on the old Milwaukee Railroad grade. When entering a dilapidated and ghostly snow shed, we heard a train whistle. Denny Crosten, a railroad history enthusiast, created the sound from a wooden whistle.

...Tom Wood visited many lunchers and spread the news of how the hike was going. Two people had dropped out of the hike. Half the leaders were in the back. Tom wondered, "At exactly what point did we lose control?"

...Two miles after crossing the Mine Creek trestle, we crossed Halls Creek...Dozens of hikers removed their footware to cool their feet in the water. Roxanne Love placed moleskin on her feet and said, "I am stopping to patch my tires." (Could this creek be renamed Blister or Moleskin Creek in our honor? "Halls" conjures up thoughts of sore throats, not sore feet.)...Later we discovered that Jack Horning had lacerated his finger while descending to the creek and had been taken to the hospital.

Day Two

...After crossing Highway 18 into Preston, a surprise was in store for us. With only two and a half miles left to



John Hartman and his daughter Meghan, 10, complete the Mountains to Sound March. Meghan was the youngest hiker to complete the March.

go, we sang as we entered a forest path paralleling Lake Creek. Our songs became drowned out by thunder and there was a downpour that swept us to Preston. We were promised running water at each campground but had not expected the water to be running down the streets of Preston.

Preston gave us a great welcome. At 6 p.m. many hikers were splashing past the 100-year-old church and its bells were ringing.

...After dinner Maryanne Tagney Jones introduced Sven and Ole. The curtain opened and there Ole stood with an extra high backpack with a pan on top. He called for Sven. The pan lifted up and Sven appeared. Ole had unknowingly carried Sven on his back for the past 10 miles and was also dragging a box which contained a mattress, eggs and jumper cables. They were doing the "Summit to Plummet". Both were concerned about preserving nature. Sven thought that chopping wood and soaking it in lye like lutefisk would

help. Ole said that he had stopped brushing his teeth because the fluoride ruins the ozone layer. Sven corrected him. It was not the fluoride but the floral carbons that were the problem. Ole said, "I'll stop buying flowers then."

Day Three

...Tom Wood assured us that the trails of Tiger Mountain were going to be soft. This was good news to a hiker with pink and purple blisters under his toenail. Steve Millican said, "My feet are no longer speaking to me."

...Tom Wood promised us a sauna at Tiger 1 that he guaranteed to be 75 degrees. When we reached the clouded over West Tiger 1, Tom delivered on his promise. On the back side of one of the buildings by the tower was a vent of warm air protected by a lean-to shelter. Up to four hikers at once could huddle in the space to warm up and dry off. Several people started eating so Tom declared it a lunch break.

Day Four

...Hikers set up a line for foot doctoring by Search and Rescue volunteers right away even though one of the hikers said "I don't get blisters while I'm sleeping."

(At the end of the day at Newcastle Beach)...We fell asleep under a clear sky with a full moon providing a night light. At 2:30 a.m. we were awakened by showering lawn sprinklers. Quick-thinking people placed garbage cans and large juice containers over the nozzles to restrict the spray. Dave Kappler called 911 to get assistance. He expected the operator to find this request unusual, but the operator said, "We expect anything during a full moon."

Day Five

...Ann Marshall, editor of the Signpost magazine, was overhead saying "I've done it on aspirin since Preston."

...(In Seattle) people asked us questions. When they found out how far we walked they said, "Are you serious?" We replied, "Yes. Crazy but serious." One hiker, after being asked why he did it, said, "Someone told us to go take a hike so we did."

Mountains to Sound Scheduled Day Hikes

Bold listings indicate route and schedule for those who want to join the end-to-end hikers one day at a time.

Day 1: Wednesday, July 4

Asahel Curtis to Twin Falls. 4B 8:30 a.m. -- 13 miles, mostly downhill. Meet at the North Bend Park & Ride*. Leaders: Mike Means 888-3893, Clifton Cooper 655-7239

McClellan Butte Trailhead to Twin Falls. 3B 10 a.m. 8 miles. Meet at the North Bend Park & Ride*. Leaders: Pat Brewington 888-2426, Pattie Mercer 888-4753.

Snoqualmie Pass to Rattlesnake Lake. 4B+ 6 a.m. Meet at the Mountaineers Lodge between Snoqualmie Summit and Ski Acres. 25 miles.

Day 2: Thursday, July 5

Rattlesnake Ledge up and back. 2C 9 a.m. Meet at Rattlesnake Lake. Take exit 32 from I-90 and head south. This is a steep and difficult hike with unsure footing-- not suitable for small children. Boots required. 2 miles. Leader: Gred Brigance, 745-6326.

Cedar Butte. 2C 12:30 p.m. Meet at the North Bend Park and Ride*. 4.5 miles. Meet at North Bend Park & Ride*. Leaders: Pat Brewington 888-2426, Suzy Roth 392-6259.

Preston Town Tour. 1A First tour: 10 a.m., second tour: 2 p.m. Meet at Preston Community Hall (take the Preston exit from I-90, follow road to Fall City 1/2 mile.) Tours are 1 hour each. Leader: Mary Ann Tagney-Jones 222-7615.

Rattlesnake Lake to Preston. 4D+ 6 a.m. Meet at Rattlesnake Lake. Take exit 32 from I-90, turn south to Rattlesnake Lake. Meet at the camp area on opposite side of lake and ask for the day hike leader. 18 miles.

Day 3: Friday, July 6

Grand Ridge Exploration 2B 9 a.m. Meet at the Issaquah City Hall Parking Lot. Leaders: John Seebeth 391-3843, Dennis Burk 391-3835.

Lake Tradition Exploration. 2B 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Issaquah City Hall Parking lot. Five miles. Leader: Bob Gross 392-0539.

Preston Trail, Tiger 1 and 3, to Issaquah. 4D 8 a.m. Meet at Preston Park and Ride on the north side of I-90 at the Preston exit. 10 miles. Leaders: Tom Wood 391-8027, Will Thompson 488-8592.

Day 4: Saturday, July 7

Issaquah over Squak to Highway 900. 3C 8 a.m. Meet at the Issaquah City Hall Parking lot. 6 miles. Some steep and wild. Leaders: Gus Nelson, 392-7428, Tom Palm 783-6005.

Wilderness Peak Trailhead to Red Town. 2C 11 a.m. Meet at the Park and Ride at Newport Way and the Renton-Issaquah Road (SR 900). 5 miles. Leaders: Betty Culbert 432-7387, Connie Dow 392-2190.

Newcastle Tour. 1B 2 p.m. Meet at the Coal Creek Trailhead (from Newport Way, turn south on 164th. Trailhead is at the "U-bend" about 3 miles up the hill.) Leaders: Ann Leber 746-3291, Gail Palm 783-6005.

Issaquah to Newcastle Beach Park via Squak and Cougar Mountains. 4D 7 a.m. Meet at Memorial Field in Issaquah and have a pancake breakfast with the Masons.

Day 5: Sunday, July 8

The Tri-MountainVolkssport Club joins the last leg The March at Mercer Island's Luther Burbank Park starting between 8 and 10 a.m. and proceeding seven miles over the Mercer Island Floating Bridge to Seattle and Waterfront Park. Call Margaret Marshall at 392-4335 for details.

Newcastle Beach Park in Bellevue to Waterfront Park in Seattle. 7 a.m. Meet at Newcastle Beach. Take the 112th St. exit from 405 in Renton. Turn right off the exit and then take the next right to the beach.

* At 4th and Main, next to the North Bend Library.

Profile of Mountains to Sound March (scale deliberately exaggerated).

