

# THE MOOSE CALL



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF MT. SPOKANE STATE PARK

SPRING 1998

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Cris Currie, President  
Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park

**1997 was an eventful year for all friends of Mt. Spokane State Park!** Members of the Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park began the year uncertain as to whether work toward our original goal of a \$200,000 master plan for the Park would continue. By March, it was clear that the project was not viable. With the cooperation of the Mt. Spokane State Park Advisory Committee, the Friends Group decided that it would begin a planning process for the Park that would be volunteer generated, and would at least initially, follow the example of the management plan process now being used for Riverside State Park.

**In April we began our work on an inventory of Park resources.** A wide variety of maps were obtained which depict the Park's topography, geology, vegetation, hydrology, soils, wildlife habitat, wildlife migration corridors, and neighboring property ownership. A trail conditions survey as well as a large, detailed trail map were completed. Friends Group members are also working with community volunteers to conduct further scientific studies of various Park resources and conditions such as the condition of its natural meadows and the potential for a destructive forest fire.

**In September, the group started the process of inventorying the Park's resources and uses.**

The first step was to divide the Park into subareas. The following nine subareas were identified and mapped:

Ragged Mountain / Idaho Line Subarea

Cross Country Skiing / Mt. Bike Trail Subarea

Deadman Creek / Headquarters Subarea

Downhill Ski Subarea

Bald Knob / Civilian Conservation Corps Subarea

Kit Carson / Deep Creek Subarea

Day Mountain / Blanchard Creek Subarea

Inholdings (private property within the primary Park boundary)

Outholdings (Park property outside of the primary boundary)

Data sheets were then designed containing the following categories to be described for each subarea:

Subarea name and description

Land classification

Existing uses including unauthorized uses

Potential uses to add or eliminate including restrictions on particular uses and user conflicts

Important resources to protect

Existing capital projects

Existing and planned maintenance projects

Potential capital projects and associated maintenance projects

Park policies related to subarea

Acquisition / Exchange sites associated with subarea

Miscellaneous issues and concerns

**An initial inventory was completed for the first three sub-areas, and work will continue over the next few months to complete the inventory.** Once the data collection is complete, the process of creating a recommended management plan will begin. It is expected that as much input as possible will be solicited from local, state, and national experts, Parks Commission staff, and the general public before a final recommendation is made to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Once the plan is approved by the Commission, the work of implementing the various development and maintenance projects specified in the plan will begin. In this way, we hope to guarantee a healthy, sustainable balance between resource protection and recreational use well into the next century for Mt. Spokane State Park.

**THANKS TO MT. GEAR**

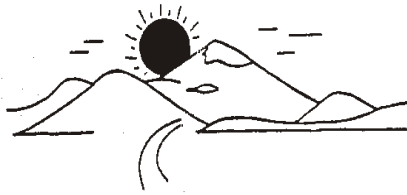
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**The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park** is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to the preservation, maintenance and responsible use of Mount Spokane State Park.

The Advisory Committee and the Friends Board meet at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month at The Bloomsday Office Located at 1610 West Riverside, Downtown Spokane.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### SO WHAT DO YOU GET FOR JOINING ?

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

It is a chance to join with other Park users in saying, "We want the State to improve and maintain the facilities in the Park for the benefit of ALL users in a way that preserves and protects this incredibly valuable resource and its natural inhabitants for generations to come."

If our message is backed by action, dedication and dollars we stand an excellent chance of getting what this very special "jewel in our backyard" deserves.

### BECOME A FRIEND OF MT. SPOKANE STATE PARK

**Individual Membership:** Mail your membership form to:  
\$25.00 or 5 hours of volunteer service  
*The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park*, Suite 509

**Family Membership:** 621 Mallon, Spokane, WA 99201  
\$40.00 or 10 hours of volunteer service  
or call the

**Corporate Membership:** **FRIENDS' LINE 467-9343**  
\$100.00 or more!

### PLEASE JOIN US TODAY!

A big **THANK YOU** goes to all of the fine folks who have answered the "CALL" by generously donating time, service and money. They have all become valuable members of  
**The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park.**

## Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park

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### TRAIL UPDATE

If you haven't explored the new Quartz Mountain trail at the Nordic area, please do. Whether you ski, hike or mountain bike you'll find the loop a wonderful addition to the trail system. Kudos to the *Inland Empire Nordic Club* and others who create and maintain the Nordic trails.

### COMING EVENTS

**Old Growth Tour!** Join us on June 6, 1998 for a guided tour of the Old Growth Forest on Mt. Spokane.

Turn the page for information.

**Trail Days** Lend a hand to the wonderful folks of the Inland Empire Nordic Club for two *fun filled* trail clean-up days on June 20th and July 25th. Bring lots of energy, lunch, water, gloves, and hand tools such as: pruners, clippers and / or a small bow saw. Call Bob at 448-2404 for details.

## **OLD GROWTH TOUR & POT LUCK DINNER!**

**When: Saturday June 6, 1998. Tour Begins at 10:00 AM**

**"Camp Style" Pot Luck Dinner Begins at 4:00 PM**

**Where: Selkirk Lodge, Mt. Spokane Nordic Ski Center**

*The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park* is sponsoring a tour of the old growth forest on Mt. Spokane on Saturday, June 6th. All are welcome to join us in celebrating and learning more about this incredible resource!

Guiding the tour will be park rangers Peter Wood and Kary Peterson with forest pathologists Dr. Arthur Partridge, recently retired University of Idaho Professor of Forest Pathology and Entomology, and his wife Dr. Catherine Bertagnolli.

Dr. Partridge was repeatedly voted "Teacher of the Year" during his tenure in Moscow and both are most engaging and knowledgeable instructors.

Our guides will explain why old growth forests are so important, how they work, and how modern forest practices alter nature's delicate balance.

Everyone will get an unforgettable, up close and personal look at both a clear cut, "regenerating" forest, and a natural, fully mature forest.

We will meet at the Selkirk Lodge parking lot at the Mt. Spokane Nordic Ski Center at 10:00 AM. From there we will car pool up to Cook's Cabin and drive down the Loop Road to the Park boundary where we will begin about a 4 1/2 mile guided walk on the Loop Road (a nearly level or downhill dirt road normally closed to vehicles) back to the "Hairpin Turn" on the Park Drive where we will rejoin the shuttle vehicles. Please bring your own food, but drinks will be served at the lunch stop along the way. Expect the tour to last about 5 hours.

The *Pot Luck* begins at 4:00PM. We'll provide beverages, and condiments. Please bring your own plates and utensils and a favorite dish to share. Musicians are encouraged to bring their favorite instruments as well! The Selkirk facilities are limited so prepare for a rustic, "camp style" Pot Luck and a fun-filled finale to a great day!

There is no charge for the tour, but space is limited. To ensure your place, please leave a message on the *Friends* Line (467-9343) by Tuesday, June 2nd with your name, the number of people planning to attend, and your phone number in case there are last minute changes. Or, mail in the form below. **The tour will happen rain or shine!** Hope to see you on the mountain!

***For more information, call Cris Currie at 466-9540***

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I (We) would like to attend the **OLD GROWTH TOUR**. Please add me (us) to the list.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (last minute changes)

I (We) have a \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger van and are willing to help with the shuttle activities.

### **MEMBERSHIP OPTIONAL**

**There is absolutely no charge for the tour and all are very welcome;** However, if you'd like to join the *FRIENDS* we'd love the support!

I (we) would also like to join the "*Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park*" Our membership check of \_\_\_\_\_ or our pledge of service of \_\_\_\_\_ hours is included.

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*The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park* is in dire need of a logo! We would like to produce a decal or patch limited to a mailable size no larger than 4" x 4" and shaped either square, round, oblong or ?

The theme must relate to Mt. Spokane, its inhabitants or activities. The design should be simple, using a maximum of three colors and it must contain the words,

*"The Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park"*

Get your creative juices flowing and submit your idea to the *Friends* by July 1st. We'll review the entries and select our choice by August 13th. The lucky winner will be notified by August 15th and will be presented with a \$50.00 gift certificate from *Mountain Gear*, the generous sponsor of this contest! Submit your entry today to the return address listed above!



