

## Trust protects three new properties



*The Stremers' historic home, also known as Century House Bed and Breakfast, is part of the conservation easement recently signed by Ken and Jan Stremler. (Photo courtesy: Stremers.)*

Whatcom Land Trust is proud to announce the conservation of three new properties. These include a historical site in Lynden, tidelands in Drayton Harbor, and an additional portion of Chuckanut wetlands.

### **Stremers conserve historic homestead**

Part of Lynden's history has been preserved through a conservation easement by Ken and Jan Stremler.

In August, the Stremers placed an easement on their 38-acre property just south of Lynden city limits. The land was once part of the historic Judson homestead and the Stremers have beautifully restored their Victorian style house, reported to have been built in 1888.

"We want to preserve the historic value of our property so that future generations can enjoy it as we have learned to," Ken said. "Jan and I were excited to hear about the Whatcom Land Trust and enter into a conservation easement that will always protect this beautiful piece of property from any development," he added.

The Stremler property opens south over the Nooksack floodplain and river. It acts as a buffer between the southern expansion of Lynden and

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## 1997 Land Stewards of the Year Community award announced

To recognize outstanding conservation efforts in our community, the Trust has established a Land Steward of the Year Award.

In August, the Board of Directors named the first recipients of this award: **George and Lois Garlick** of Pleasant Cove, and **Michael and Elaine McRory** of Bellingham. Their conservation accomplishments in our community set high standards for this award.

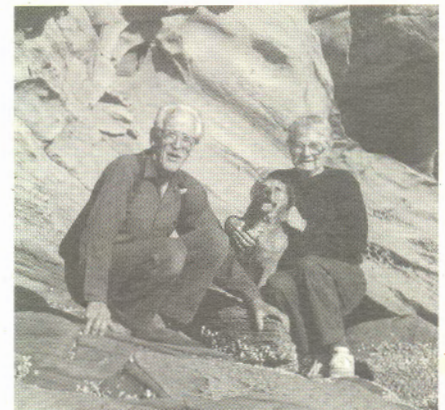
### **Garlicks' tradition of conservation**

Long before the Land Trust existed, George and Lois Garlick were committed to protect our shorelines and wildlife habitat. For over 30 years they have worked to preserve special places like Scuder Pond, Squires Lake, Lummi Rocks, and Padden Lagoon.

Lois has devoted much of her time to sea birds and other wildlife. Both Garlicks are members of the Audubon Society.

"The Garlicks have shown, in grand style, through their conservation efforts, stewardship, and civic involvement, how much two people can do to make our world a better place to live," said David Schmalz, Audubon Society.

For the last 15 years, George and Lois have monitored Chuckanut Island for the Nature Conservancy. This involves visiting the island throughout the year (once a week in the summer) to check conditions and talk to people using the island. George said behavior has steadily im-



*George and Lois Garlick with "Annie." (Photo courtesy: Garlicks.)*

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**Gift memberships include free book**

For a special person who appreciates the natural beauty of Whatcom County, give a gift of a membership to the Land Trust this holiday season.

If you contribute \$40 or more, your friend, relative, or business associate will receive a copy of *Whatcom Places*, as well a subscription to our newsletter and other member benefits. Please refer to the membership form on page 7.

**We couldn't have done it without you**

The Land Trust's NW Washington Fair booth was a successful outreach event, thanks to the time and effort of many volunteers.

We are grateful to booth volunteers: **Dick and Joan Beardsley, Henry Bierlink, Joan Casey, John Watts, Gordon Scott, Herman Miller, Roger Van Dyken, Julie Carpenter, Hilda Bajema, Shirley Van Zanten, Clare Folgelsong, John Gillies, Carl and Katy Batchelor, Bob Keller, Cindy Franklin, Chris Moench, Dan Taylor, Yarrow Moench, A. J. Friedman, Bill Carroll, Mike Finger, Elaine Gold, Michael Durbin, Julie Lockhart, Linda Cuykendall.**

Special thanks to **Cindy Klein, Julie Carpenter, Carl Batchelor, and Linda Cuykendall** for the booth "set-up and tear-down."

**Community support is appreciated**

We continue to benefit from generous folks who share their time and talent.

We are especially thankful to **Pat Scott** at Brett & Daugert Law office, **Kerry Joseph** for her beautiful inscriptions on *Whatcom Places* books, **Chris Behee**, (Whatcom County Planning Department) for a map illustrating our conservation properties, **Chicago Title Company** for valuable property profiles, **Mike Mathews** at A. G. Edwards, and **Margo Wilson, KVOS TV Inc.**

**Success breeds success, and more office work!**

The more the Trust accomplishes, the more the phone rings and the list of office tasks grows. If you can volunteer to work in the WLT office, we will use your help with mailings, filing, and general office chores.

We also need a "handi-person" to install some shelving in our office. A simple task (we're told) but beyond the secretary's capabilities. Please call the office if you are able to spend a couple hours helping out. Many thanks.

**President's Message**

**Who is the Land Trust?**

*Gordon Scott*

**A**s President of the Whatcom Land Trust, I spend much of my time introducing landowners to the concepts of land conservation and land trusts.

Probably the most frequently asked question is, "What is the Land Trust?"

The easiest way to answer this question is to describe who the board members are and what they do.

Land Trust activities are managed by a thirteen-member Board of Directors. Meeting with landowners, negotiating easements, soliciting donations, organizing events, speaking in public, maintaining financial records, and monitoring conservation properties are all managed by these volunteers.

This diverse group of people comes from a variety of backgrounds and differing political beliefs. While their diversity can be difficult to facilitate at times (I speak from experience as moderator of the monthly Board meetings!), it is this very diversity which provides a depth of skills and experience that makes the work of the Trust so successful.

Despite varied philosophies and personalities, the Managing Board comes together solidly around our mission: to protect special places in our community.

**Sharon Digby** coordinates the Monitoring Committee, ensuring annual property site visits are made and the important natural values of our properties remain protected. This work is critical to our conservation easements.

**Bill Carroll's** professional assistance with our computer systems help facilitate the smooth operation of our office; his connections with members of the business community have directly resulted in corporate donations to the Trust.

**Chris Moench's** years of experience with the Trust bring meaningful insight to his community presentations, contributions to our newsletters, and frequent calls to meet with interested landowners.

With **Hilda Bajema's** careful attention to bookkeeping detail we know with confidence the financial position of the Trust at any time. Hilda is also a founding member and provides us with an important institutional memory.

**Joan Casey** has the important ability to network our Land Trust message with a diverse group of hiking clubs, kayak groups, and bird watching organizations. Her enthusiasm for connecting with people in our community is a valuable asset to the Trust.

**Cindy Klein** organizes membership field trips and last May planned a reception in celebration of the completion of our book, *Whatcom Places*. Her artistic attention to detail always brings a classy touch to WLT events.

**Rand Jack** is a guiding light for the Board, providing creative solutions to all our knotty problems. Rand is an excellent negotiator who is able to bring just about any potential transaction to a successful close.

**Dick Beardsley's** recent addition to the Board significantly strengthens our fund-raising and community outreach capacities, as well as our sense of humor.

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# Land Stewards

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proved over the years and they are proud of doing this for our community.

"There was not a single beach fire on the island this year," George said. "It's been a good demonstration of the public learning to take care of our environment. I think people really appreciate being able to use the island."

For George and Lois's work protecting Chuckanut island, and their lifelong dedication to conservation in Whatcom County, WLT is pleased to acknowledge them with this award.

## McRorys' conservation projects involve hands-on work



Elaine McRory

Elaine and Mike McRory are responsible for the ongoing success of the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA), a community project that has involved hundreds of adults and children in restoration of damaged salmon habitat on Whatcom rivers and streams.

"Mike leads by example," said Phelps McIlvaine, Northwest Salmon Recovery

Fund (NSRF) Chair. "The reason so many people work with him is because he's doing so much of it himself."

The McRorys have contributed considerable financial aid to the NSRF, an endowment which they created. They also volunteer large amounts of their time in creative conservation programs involving private businesses, schools, county and city governments and frequently speak to classes throughout the county to help students understand the importance of salmon.

"For the last five years, Elaine has inspired my students to help in the restoration of Whatcom Creek Shoreline. Her energy and enthusiasm have encouraged a heroic effort from these kids," said John Horner, sixth grade teacher at Whatcom Middle School.

WLT admires Mike and Elaine's dedication, energy, and generosity; above all, we honor their inspirational vision of the future.

*Land Steward of the Year Awards are given to people who make exceptional contributions to the mission of the Trust. Criteria are:*

- (1) Specific, concrete accomplishments that advance land and habitat conservation, and*
- (2) Volunteering time and resources.*

*Current members of the WLT Board of Directors are not eligible.*



Mike McRory

(Mike and Elaine McRory photos courtesy: Sallie Sprague, © 1997)

## Who is the Trust

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**Carl Batchelor's** commitment and "can do" approach to problem solving is greatly appreciated. His knowledge as a land use planner with Whatcom County often provides valuable insight to a conservation issue.

**Julie Carpenter's** organizational development and fund-raising skills help us focus on building our membership and creating a secure financial future for the Trust.

As registered agent for the Trust, **Bruce Smith** is responsible for preparing our legal and financial tax documents. Without Bruce Smith's thoughtful and timely advice, the Land Trust would not be as secure as we are today.

**Bob Keller**, the "father of *Whatcom Places*," continues to spread the word of the Land

Trust to civic organizations, middle school students, and at various public events. This kind of person-to-person outreach directly leads to land conservation by people in our community.

With this brief description of our board, you can see the range of talents of the Land Trust Board.

When I stop to remember that all their time working for the Trust is done "after hours," on weekends, at lunch hours, or during a moment of free time, I appreciate the personal dedication of the Board to the fulfillment of the Trust's mission.

Such dedication is the heart of our Land Trust.

Hey, Gordon left out Gordon Scott. He's a land and resource manager for the Lummi Tribe, a forester and outdoorsman. As president, he conducts our meeting effectively and gracefully; attends to countless details, inspires loyalty to the organization, and enthusiastically supports our individual efforts. During his tenure, WLT's accomplishments have been exceptional.

Bob Keller



# How the Trust decides which prop

Chris Moench

*The Trust's presence can encourage people to think about caring for their land in ways that extend beyond property boundaries*

**T**he Land Trust is frequently asked how the Board of Directors decides which properties to protect. Why would the Trust want 35 acres of Drayton Harbor tidelands or two very wet city lots? These properties are unlikely to be developed given the laws protecting wetlands and shoreline.

Even aquaculture on the tidelands is impractical given the pollution of Drayton Harbor. In all likelihood these properties would remain in their present state far into the future without the Trust's involvement.

Of course it is into the future that the Board casts its collective eye when evaluating a proposed conservation property. We ask whether our protection could help to maintain or restore some larger natural system?

## **Recent gifts may inspire others**

Margaret Eames' gift of tidelands gives the Trust a stake in the health of Drayton Harbor and by extension, the Dakota Creek watershed. We hope our ownership of the tidelands serves as an inspiration to other landowners, businesses and agencies to work for protection of the harbor and Dakota Creek. The Trust's presence can encourage people to think about caring for their land in ways that extend beyond property boundaries to the wildlife habitat and water quality of an entire area. Already there are signs that our message is being heard as several landowners in the watershed inquired about conserving their land after we announced Margaret Eames' gift.

The Trust accepted Jane and Kathy Marlowe's wetland lots in south Bellingham for the same reason. We hope their example will inspire owners of adjacent wetlands to conserve their land. The Marlowes' property is part of a larger wetland, most of which is already owned by the Trust. Their gift makes protection of the wetland less complicated and more predictable.

Both gifts affect wildlife habitats and natural water systems. Water and wildlife respect no legal boundaries. Neither do human activities which often pollute water or air, destroy wildlife habitat and soil fertility. However, an act of land conservation can also spread an influence that effects us all, by not polluting our air and water, by providing habitat for the

wildlife that intrigues us and by inspiring us with the conservators' faith in a beautiful future that it so clearly implies. The Trust relies on these examples to achieve that wider "landscape" vision for conserving Whatcom County.

## **General goals and purposes**

As a volunteer organization we don't have the resources to acquire much less to maintain conservation easements or ownership in more than a small percentage of our county lands. Therefore, before accepting a new property the Trust carefully applies specific criteria.

Initially the property must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be consistent with the Trust's mission to protect unique natural, scenic, agricultural and recreational land in Whatcom County.
- (2) Be in a relatively undisturbed natural, scenic or historic state, or have recreational or agricultural value.
- (3) Be of sufficient size that its conservation values are likely to remain intact, even if adjacent properties are developed, or belong with a larger block of conservation acquisitions.
- (4) Finally, protection of the property will promote land conservation and encourage land stewardship.

## **Public Benefit**

The property must include at least one of eighteen specific attributes that will significantly benefit the public. These criteria are relatively broad and flexible types of wildlife habitat, unique natural or archaeological features, maintaining or improving water quality, preserving agricultural land, providing access to shoreline, additions to park or trail systems, or having educational or scientific value. The board must identify qualities of the property that are worth protecting for the public good.

## **Feasibility**

Finally the board must consider the long term feasibility of protecting the property. Because we accept stewardship responsibilities "in perpetuity" this means educated guess work.



# erties to protect

However, the property may not be accepted if it fails any one of eleven criteria. Regarding conservation value: Is it large enough to protect the quality identified as having public benefit? What impact will development of adjacent properties have on the property and the quality we are trying to protect? If it is small, can the Trust acquire adjacent properties to improve protection?

The Board must also consider long-term relationships with the current and future property owners. Can we reasonably monitor the property? Do the Board and the landowner clearly understand and embrace the objectives set out in the proposed conservation easement? Are there outstanding liens, encumbrances, easements, timber or mineral rights or other restrictions on the property that are unaccounted for in the easement? Is the land contaminated with toxic waste?

The board also considers the potential impact of conservation on neighboring communities. Are there concerns of other property owners that the Trust can't resolve?

**Varied and complex issues affect the Trust's ability to conserve property. However, our history reflects few refusals to accept properties.**

**We encourage all landowners who desire help to contact us. You can talk to any board member or call our office, 650-9470.**

## Land Trust Board adds new faces

Whatcom Land Trust announces the following changes on the managing and advisory Board of Directors.

### New Board Member

We are pleased to announce the addition of Cindy Franklin to our Managing Board of Directors.

Cindy, a local organizational development consultant, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Land Trust. In addition to her skills in facilitating dialogue among groups, she brings a valuable marketing background to our Board.

One of her first projects is promoting *Whatcom Places*. We are offering the book to members as a fund-raising tool and also encouraging businesses and corporations to use *Whatcom Places* as a promotional item. Feel free to contact Cindy, 671-8975, if you are interested in either of these programs.

### Other board changes

The Board of Directors also announces the addition of Richard Eggemeyer to our Advisory Board.

Richard is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Miller Real Estate, Inc. He has been a supportive Land Trust member for many years and has volunteered his assistance with several land transactions. We are pleased to add his name to our advisory board.

Sean Ebnet has resigned from the managing board due to work conflicts with our monthly board meetings. He continues to support the Land Trust as a valuable resource for wildlife habitat information.

*Cindy Franklin brings a valuable marketing background to our board.*

*The Mission of the Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect unique natural, scenic, agricultural and open space land in Whatcom County through acquisition of perpetual conservation easements or other land interest that insure the protection of the resource value.*

*Whatcom Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working for voluntary land conservation in Whatcom County. The Steward is published three times a year by the WLT. Your comments are welcomed. Complimentary copies are available by calling the Land Trust office, 650-9470.*

*Newsletter Committee Chair ..... Chris Moench*

*Contributors ..... Gordon Scott, Sharon Digby, Chris Moench, Bob Keller, Pat Karlberg, Julie Carpenter, Mike Mathews, Cindy Franklin*

*Desktop Publishing ..... Sheri Emerson*



*"We asked ourselves what would happen to this place in a hundred years. Would it all be cleared out with houses and concrete streets? We said, 'What can we do to prevent that?' So that's how it started."*

Doug Clark reflecting on Clark's Point  
Page 71, *Whatcom Places*

Interviews with local people like Doug Clark and spectacular photographs of Whatcom County are two of the reasons people are buying *Whatcom Places*.

Village Books annual sales through mid-August show *Whatcom Places* as their top selling book

Books are also selling well at the Boekhandel in Lynden, Barnes and Noble in Bellingham, Red Apple Market in Fairhaven, and other retail outlets throughout the county.

"This book is selling remarkably well and we anticipate it will sell even faster during the holidays," said Bobbie Hurst, Barnes and Noble. "It's a wonderful present for anyone living here or anyone visiting."

#### **Business gift**

*Whatcom Places* is beautiful promotional gift idea. We offer discounts for bulk purchases of six or more books. Please call our office for discount rates. Depending on the number of books purchased, you can save up to 30%.

#### **Fund-raiser**

Your church or school organization may be interested to know that *Whatcom Places* is available as a fund-raising item. Groups can earn up to \$10 for each book sold.

Please call the Land Trust office, 650-9470, or Board Member Cindy Franklin, 671-8975, for more information.

## Use investments to maximize the benefits of charitable giving

Through the generosity of many individuals and businesses in our community, the Whatcom Land Trust is able to provide conservation options for local landowners.

As 1997 comes to a close, many of our supporters start planning their gifts and contributions to charitable organizations. We will list some ways you can make contributions that will help the Trust continue conserving the special places in Whatcom County and possibly enhance your tax benefits.

#### **Deductible donations**

Whatcom Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and cash donations to the Trust, including your membership renewal, are tax deductible. One of the best ways to support the Trust is to renew your membership on an annual basis. We depend upon broad community support to pay our expenses.

#### **Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds**

When considering a gift to the Whatcom Land Trust, it may be to your advantage to give stocks, bonds or mutual funds instead of cash, especially if these investments carry taxable appreciation. By donating stock, for example, you can generally obtain a deduction for the current fair market value of the stock and avoid paying taxes on the capital gain you would have realized if you had sold the stock and donated the proceeds.\*

Donors not only save on their taxes by donating appreciated securities rather than selling them and gifting the proceeds. They also give the Trust the opportunity to benefit from any further appreciation potential.

Securities you have owned for twelve months or more that have increased in value since you bought them are subject to capital gains tax if sold (*per 1997 tax laws*). However, if you make a gift of these securities to the Land Trust, you get a charitable deduction for the full fair market value as of the day of transfer and you avoid the tax on capital gain.\*

For example: Richard S. owns \$10,000 worth of Microsoft Corporation stock, which he purchased for \$2,000 five years ago. By donating this stock to the Whatcom Land Trust, he receives a charitable deduction of \$10,000 and avoids tax on \$8,000 of capital gain.\*

Since you get a charitable deduction for the market value and avoid the capital gain tax, you are making a gift that significantly increases the tax benefits to you.

#### **Investment Account**

To make it convenient for our supporters who donate securities to the Land Trust, we have opened a brokerage holding account to facilitate this process. Please call us if you are interested in donating securities to the Land Trust or would like more information.

*\*Consult your tax advisor or attorney to find out the tax benefits you may receive from donating assets or securities to the Land Trust.*



# Membership in the Trust provides conservation options for landowners

Once a year, the Whatcom Land Trust focuses on building membership and securing a solid financial future for the Land Trust.

We do this during our Annual Campaign by asking our members, both new and returning, to support the Trust financially. This year's Campaign begins in October.

## WLT members support conservation resources

The Trust receives no tax dollars. Our ability to maintain an effective organization relies on Land Trust members donating generously every year. Thanks to our member support and a grant from the Wilberforce Foundation, we have been able to maintain an office, publish this newsletter, and provide conservation counseling and information resources to landowners and the community at large. To continue this service we need to increase community support.

You will soon receive our Annual Campaign letter. Please take time to read how your dollars have been used to preserve special places in Whatcom County. We hope you'll agree that the work of the Trust is crucial for everyone who chooses to live here.

Your support is important. Tell your friends about the work of the Trust and encourage them

to become members, too. Or get them started with a gift membership and they will receive a complementary copy of *Whatcom Places*. (See form below.)

## Membership benefits

With your membership donation, you will continue to receive this newsletter, *The Steward* and will be invited to special member-only activities such as private tours of conservation properties, invitations to plays, film series, and other events.

But most importantly, as a Land Trust member you know that you are helping to preserve Whatcom County's special qualities, for our children and grandchildren.

## Special Campaign Offers

During our Annual Campaign, members who join or renew with a contribution of \$50 will receive a **40% discount coupon for *Whatcom Places*** (\$10 value.) Members who donate \$100 or more will receive an autographed hardcover copy of *Whatcom Places* (\$40 value.)

These premiums are a limited offer for our members during the Annual Campaign, now through the end of 1997. (See form below.)

*The most important membership benefit is knowing you are helping to preserve Whatcom County's special qualities, for our children and grandchildren*

Since 1985, Whatcom Land Trust has worked with landowners to conserve over 4,000 acres of special places in Whatcom County.

Your contributions help make that happen. Please renew your membership today.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution enclosed:  \$25  \$50\*  \$100\*\*  \$250\*\*  other

### Annual Campaign offer for memberships received by December 31, 1997:

\*\$50 memberships will receive a coupon for 40% off the purchase of *Whatcom Places* softcover edition. (Redeemable at Village Books in Fairhaven or the Boekhandel in Lynden.)

\*\*\$100 memberships or more will receive a signed hardcover edition of *Whatcom Places*. (\$40.00 value.)

WLT is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please send a WLT gift membership to:

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed:  \$40 (minimum)  Other

We will send your gift recipient:

- Complimentary copy of *Whatcom Places* (\$25.00 value.)
- One-year subscription to our newsletter, *The Steward*
- Invitations to WLT member events such as field trips, receptions

Please indicate the message to be written on the note card announcing your gift to this new member \_\_\_\_\_

(Offer expires 12-31-97. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery)



# Whatcom Land Trust

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## New Properties

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the productive farmland of the Nooksack river valley. With its park-like appearance, this historic property will be appreciated by citizens of Lynden for generations to come.

### Tideland donation

Margaret Eames' concern for the health of Drayton Harbor led her to donate 35 acres of Drayton Harbor tidelands to the Trust.

The Eames property, located at the mouth of Dakota Creek, was formerly an oyster farm, and still provides habitat for a diversity of marine fauna and shorebirds.

As a lifelong resident of the Blaine area, Margaret remembers eating oysters from Drayton Harbor and playing on this beach. Neither activity exists today. Drayton Harbor is closed to shellfish gathering because of water pollution. Margaret's donation of tideland gives the Trust a presence and voice in efforts to improve the harbor.

### Wetland donation provides access

Last June, two city lots in south Bellingham were donated to WLT by Jane and Kathy Marlowe. Adjacent to the Trust's 16-acre Chuckanut wetland parcel (donated to the Trust in December, 1996), this property provides an important link between the wetland parcel and the Interurban Trail.

"The Marlowes' gift helps the Trust by putting more of the wetland under a single owner," said Trust board member Chris Moench.

"Several similar parcels exist between the Interurban Trail and the wetland. We hope the Marlowes' gift will inspire owners of all property affecting the wetland to act for the protection of this important community treasure," he added.

*Please join us*

*and Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Commission at the  
Dedication and Opening of Squires Lake Park*

*Saturday, October 25, 1997, 10:00 a.m.*

*Two years ago, many of you showed your support for the County's acquisition of this beautiful lake property.*

*This month, we hope you will join in our celebration as Squires Lake Park is officially opened to the public.*

*Ceremonies will begin at the trailhead, located just off Pacific Highway south of Nulle Road. The opening will conclude at the lake after a 1/3 mile hike up the new trail. Please call our office, 650-9470, for directions or more information*



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