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LATEST ON STONEY POINT

On 30 March Stoney Point came up before L.A. City Council, and all Councilpersons who spoke on the issue were favorable to the City acquiring the site for use as a public park. (All mentioned letters from their constituents supporting this). The Council then decided to go forward with formal condemnation proceedings toward the goal of acquiring the property, since the City and owner have not yet been able to agree on a price. The sequence of future events on this issue is as follows.

On April 29, 1981 the L.A. City Council will hold a public hearing on the matter of the acquisition of the parcel to provide the property owner with an opportunity to speak. The Council will have before it for consideration a motion describing the property, reference to statute which authorizes City to acquire, that the property to be used for park purposes is in conformance with the General Plan, and that the Negative Declaration was approved by Recreation and Parks Commission in 1977.

If the ordinance is adopted on first reading by unanimous vote with a minimum of twelve persons present, or on a second reading with ten affirmative votes, is signed by the Mayor, and is thereafter published, it becomes effective upon publication pursuant to the Charter. These actions have nothing to do with determination of value. Value is determined by the City and property owner at a later time.

(Editors note: Right now the Stoney Point outcome looks very favorable! However the clinching vote will take place on the first reading April 29, or that failing on the second reading a week or two later. I hope to be able to report in the next Mugelnoos that we can uncork the champagne bottles and celebrate!) TJ

QUAKING ASPEN - NEEDLES SKI TOUR

March 14-15; after spending Friday night at the Coffee Campground near Springville, the five participants gathered at the road head near the Quaking Aspen Campground. The tour started on the heels of a storm which deposited 8 inches of new snow in the area. This was sufficient to cover any bare spots on the way in and camp was made near the parking lot at the end of the Needles access road. The following day we skied to the base of the Needles and proceeded on foot to the Forest Service Lookout where we were rewarded with a spectacular view of the Sierra to the North. Some of the peaks in clear view were Mt. Florence and other peaks around Farwell Gap, Langley and Olancho. By this time some bare spots had started to appear but the return trip was quite enjoyable and we could ski all the way to the cars. WB

RCS SPONSORS MUGELNOOS MEETING PROGRAMS STARTING IN MAY

The May 19 Mugelnoos program will be climbing slides of our own 1981 crop of RCS students engaged in their daring and hilarious exploits. Anyone who took slides of our students this year is invited to bring them and your own projector to the May 19 meeting, and you and your slides will be incorporated into the program. All RCS members and students are urged to attend and join the fun !!!!!!!!!!!!!

COMMENTS ON NEW SMS SAFETY POLICY

No matter how impressively long, involved and detailed it may be, any safety policy is meaningless if it is not adhered to (the "STC incident" is one example). Any prohibition against qualified leaders bringing "guests" should apply even more so to the trip leaders who have responsibility for the entire group; obviously it does not. Although the requirement for having one's skiing ability and equipment evaluated on a "checkout" tour before going on an overnight tour is still mentioned in the new Safety Policy, there are so (continued next page).

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The RCS Secretary-treasurer would like to remind all members that Mugelnoos subscriptions should be sent directly to Dove Menkes.

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 DEADLINE: Friday May 15

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: Third Tues of each month, 7:30pm, Dept of Water & Power Aud., 111 N Hope, downtown LA. Program, refreshments, conversation. Climbers, skiers, guests!!!

Students attending the Tahquitz May 2nd and 3rd climb should call the leader (LeRoy Russ) or assistant (Larry Tidball) for rope leader reservations and carpooling info. Campsites are in the state campground, look for the RCS signs. Meet at the trailhead before 8:00AM on Saturday and Sunday. LR

C A L E N D A R

Apr 25-26, SMS Pear Lake ski tour
 Goebel/Fried.
 May 2-3, Sat-Sun. RCS Tahquitz.
 Russ/Tidball
 May 2-3, Sat-Sun. SMS San Joaquin Mt/Glass Mt ski tour. Crandall/Yam-
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 May 9-10, Sat-Sun RCS Big Wall Work-
 shop/Safety Test. Fossil Falls.
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 May 9-10, Sat-Sun. Onion Valley ski
 tour. Feldman/Maloy
 May 15-17, Sat-Sun. Sabrina Basin
 ski tour Goebel/Crandall
 May 23-25, Sat-Sun-Mon, RCS Yose-
 mite Valley. Ripley/Nissen
 May 23-25, Sat-Sun-Mon, Rock Creek
 ski tour. Maloy/Ossofsky
 May 30-31, Sat-Sun, Tioga Pass ski
 tour. Ossofsky/Secor

Students please return the training course questionnaire, it's not necessary to wait for the Tahquitz trip. your comments will help us improve the training course. LR

Instructors and students please check your equipment for RCS equip-
 ment. Contact LeRoy Russ IF you have
 any. LR

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SMS SAFETY POLICY (CONT.)

many loopholes that for all intents and purposes this has been discontinued-and indeed there is no mention of this in any of the overnight SMS ski tour write-ups in the current schedule. In the interests of safety as well as fairness to all participants, it is suggested that the new SMS Central Committee consider reviewing the "Ski Tour Participants" portion of the new SMS Safety Policy. Past experience has shown that inexperienced participants on ski tours have at the very least inconvenienced the rest of the group. In the interim, those planning to go on SMS scheduled trips are forewarned. BJI

According to an article in the Inyo Register (4/9/81), DWP surveys now indicate runoff expected from the current Sierra snowpack range from 70% of normal in the Cottonwood Cr Creek area, 80% of normal in the Mammoth area and 90% of normal in the Bishop Creek area. Personal observation gives the appearance of about "normal" for this time of year and Mammoth does expect to operate thru the Fourth of July. BJI

BIG WALL WORKSHOP/SAFETY TEST LOCATION CHANGED TO FOSSIL FALLS

The dual outing of the big wall workshop and safety test on May 9 and 10 has been relocated to Fossil Falls. The new area should provide ample selection of good cracks for direct aid and should still be adequate for the Safety Test. Saturday's workshop participants are encouraged to bring their own rack, rope, jumars, etriers, a haul pulley and a fifi hook (plus 4 feet of small chord). Climbers seriously seeking RCS membership are invited to take the Safety Test on Sunday (this Winter's students of the training program do not qualify until the Aug 15 test). This is a closed trip by reservation and is only open to RCS members and those taking Sunday's test. Meet both days at 9:30 in the Fossil Falls amphitheater. Call Don Pies for reservations at 213-675-5139. (Note: the Sept 19 Safety Test has been rescheduled for Aug 15). DP