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Club Activities March 1978

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 486-6333. The information is more complete and up-to-date than in the past, so their recommendations can be relied upon. If you have any further questions on avalanche conditions, call Dave Hanscom at 487-6065. Avalanche probes, cords, shovels, and pieps are required on tours at the discretion of the leader.

REGISTRATION WITH THE TRIP LEADER is important for ski tours as weather and snow conditions can cause cancellations or changes in destination. It also aids in organizing car shuttles early enough to avoid delays. Register by some reasonable hour on the day before the tour is scheduled. Registration for all tours is recommended. Snowshoes are satisfactory for any Beginning Nordic Tour. If there is no snow, tours as planned may be converted to hikes at the discretion of the leader.

Note: Meeting place at the mouth of Big Cottonwood is at the upper (east) end of the parking area.

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| March 4
Saturday | DEER VALLEY. Beginner nordic and snowshoe tour. Meet at Park City Golf Course Club House at 9:00 a.m. Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632 and Elmer Boyd, 969-7814. |
| March 4
Saturday | MILL D TO MILLCREEK. Intermediate nordic and snowshoe tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Arthur Griffin, 363-1996. |
| March 4
Saturday | WASATCH MOUNTAIN OVERLAND RACE. Registration at Brighton Village Store, 8:00 a.m. Contact the White Pine Touring Center, Park City, 1-649-8701, or Dave Hanscom, 487-6065. |
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FRONT COVER: proposed High Uinta Wilderness Area.
Photo by Larry Swanson and A. Kelner.

- March 5
Sunday
TOLL CANYON. Beginner nordic and snowshoe tour. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Regency Theatre parking lot (Parley's Way) to car pool, then drive to Timberline mailboxes at Parley's Summit. Audrey Stevens, 1-649-9884.
- March 5
Sunday
MAJOR EVANS GULCH. Advanced ski tour. Limit 10. Register with Gale Dick by Thursday or Friday at office: 581-6408, or by Friday night at home, 359-5764.
- March 11
Saturday
SNAKE CREEK PASS. Beginner nordic and snowshoe. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Jim Dalgleish, 295-8749.
- March 11-12
Saturday-Sunday
CEDAR BREAKS CAR CAMP. Intermediate/beginner nordic. Call Mike Hendricksen, 278-9856, by March 8.
- March 11
Saturday
MOUNT RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK. Intermediate to saddle, advanced to top. Rolf Doebbeling, 467-6636.
- March 11
Saturday
DESERET (11031 ft.) Advanced ski tour. Meet at Odell's Shoe Repair Shop, 425 South 8th West, at 8:00 a.m. Steve Swanson, 484-5808.
- March 11
Saturday
ANNUAL ICE SKATING PARTY. Come out and test you ankles at the Salt Palace from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$1.50; skate rental, \$.75. Then we'll move on to Paul Horton's and flex our elbows. There will be refreshments and beer for a nominal fee, so come to the party even if you're not a Dorothy Hammil! Paul's Place: 1075 Princeton Avenue (1150 South).
- March 12
Sunday
MINERAL FORK. Intermediate nordic and snowshoe. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.
- March 12
Sunday
RED PINE TO ALPINE. Advanced ski tour. Limit 10. Call leader Dave Smith, 272-5450 for details.
- March 12
Sunday
WINTER SOCIAL. Marilyn and Roy Keir welcome us to another of these social affairs. Meet at 1357 Emigration Street (1730 East) for an enjoyable evening in that good WMC company. 6:00 p.m.
- March 15
Wednesday
RAFTING CLASS FOR NOVICE BOATERS. Once again we will have a class for beginning boaters. If you plan to raft with the club this year, you MUST attend this meeting. The class will cover things like how to paddle, river safety, what to bring, etc. We can't cover everything but hope to provide some good information so you won't feel totally lost on your first trip. It will be at the Unitarian Church, Eliot Hall, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. If you have any questions, call Mary Manley at 363-3985 (work) or 277-6307 (home).

- March 17
Friday
AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION SLIDE SHOW. Arlene Blum, a veteran of the Everest expedition, will present a slide show and lecture at the lodge. The show will include slides from several of her past expeditions, including the Bicentennial Everest Expedition and the Women's McKinley Expedition. She will also discuss the upcoming 1978 Women's Annapurna Expedition and show slides she took in that area last month. The show will begin at 8:00 at the WM C lodge in Brighton. Admission of \$1.50 will be charged with part of the proceeds going toward the Annapurna Expedition. For more information call the Mountaineering Director.
- March 18
Saturday
GREENS BASIN. Beginner nordic (intermediate if continued to ridge). Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Register with Andy Schoenberg, 466-6531.
- March 18
Saturday
UINTAS NORTH SLOPE. An intermediate 15-20 mile roundrip. Limit 12. Register by Thursday with Tom Stephens, 486-2994.
- March 18
Saturday
LONE PEAK (11,253 ft.). An advanced long day to see your new wilderness area. Meet at Draper Crossroads (7th East and Draper) at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Bring ice axe if handy. No registration required. Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- March 18
Saturday
FOOTHILL HIKE. Call Fran Flowers, 581-9083.
- March 19
Sunday
SOLDIER FORK. Intermediate nordic. Limit 12. Call Mike Treshow by Friday, 467-1022.
- March 19
Sunday
LAKE BLANCHE. Advanced ski tour. Limit 10-12. Register before Saturday night with leaders, Dennis and Karin Caldwell, 942-6065.
- March 24-27
Easter
Weekend
ESCALANTE BACKPACK. Call Bill Yates for exact dates and other information, 1-723-3853.
- March 25
Saturday
WHITE PINE ROAD MOONLIGHT TOUR. For details call Dennis Caldwell, 942-6065.
- March 25
Saturday
WILLOW PEAK via East Branch of Willow Fork (across Solitude ski area). Intermediate nordic. Meet at 8:30 at mouth of Big Cottonwood. John Riley, 485-2567.
- March 25
Saturday
NAOMI PEAK. Advanced ski tour. A very early start is required for this long, demanding trip. Limit 10. Register with leaders Yukio Kachi, 466-8418 or Alan Tye, 292-5477.
- March 25
Saturday
FOOTHILL HIKE. Call Fran Flowers, 581-9083.
- March 26
Sunday
BRIGHTON DOG LAKE LOOP. Beginner nordic and snowshoe. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at mouth of Big Cottonwood. Bob Woody, 466-5039.

- March 26
Sunday
PARK CITY TO MIDWAY. Intermediate nordic. Registration required by Friday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. Bring bathing suits, booze and money. We will swim and have dinner at the Homestead. Call Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
- March 26
Sunday
BUTLER TO PORTER FORKS. Advanced, but not a beat-out. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at The Movie. Charlie and Emily Hall, 277-1555.
- March 26
Sunday
WINTER SOCIAL. Come and see how life at Old Farm is at the Taylor winter social. The social will be held at the Old Farm community center in the middle of the Old Farm condominiums. Take the entrance off of 7th East and follow the road straight back to the community center. (The entrance address is 4110 South 7th East). Time: 6:00 p.m.
- April 1-2
Saturday-Sunday
WHEELER PEAK OVERNITE. Intermediate/advanced ski tour. Call Pete Hovingh by Wednesday, 359-4791 or 582-1565 ext. 345 (work).
- April 1
Saturday
LOWER DAYS FORK. Beginner nordic and snowshoe (a short, steep section may be overcome by sheer willpower). Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- April 1
Saturday
LEADER'S CHOICE. An Alexis Kelner Tour. Advanced - you bet. Limit 10. Call leader for details, 359-5387. (See page 24- A.K.)
- April 1
Saturday
RIVER RATS SPRING PARTY. Come up to the lodge on Saturday night, 7:30 p.m., and meet old friends and make some new ones. We will have some movies and slides but you are asked to bring your own refreshments. The lodge will be open overnight but we need a host. If you wish to volunteer, please call Mary Manley at 363-3985 (work) or 277-6307 (home).
- April 2
Sunday
RAFTING WORK PARTY. It's that time again to haul out the boats and get the gear organized. We will be gluing lots of D-rings on our new boat so we need people willing to sandpaper and glue. For those wishing to join the club, this will count as an activity (provided that you do work of course). The address is 4317 S. 3rd West, Unit #214. 2:00 p.m. In case of bad weather this will be rescheduled for April 9, same time and place.
- April 2
Sunday
HONEYCOMB FORK. Beginner/intermediate snowshoe. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Kermit and Marilyn Earle, 268-2199.
- April 2
Sunday
ALTA TO MIDWAY. Intermediate nordic. Limit 12. Register with George Westbrook, 966-6792.

- April 2 & 9
Sunday RIVER RATS POOL CLASS. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Learn to swim, even in a life jacket. No prior swimming experience is necessary, however, you should feel comfortable in chest-high water. To register, send a \$5.00 check (payable to WMC) to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd East, SLC, Ut. 84109. The classes will be taught by Mike Taylor. For more information see the rafting article in this issue or call Mary Manley, 277-6307. Adults only please.
- April 8
Saturday DANIELS CANYON, UINTAS. Intermediate nordic. For details call Doti Marden, 1-649-9628. Destination possibly changed dependent on snow.
- April 9
Sunday FAREWELL TO POINT SUPREME. An environmental ski tour. Call and register with Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- April 16
Sunday GOURMET SKI TOUR. Details in April Rambler.

News & Notices

Ski Touring—Eligibility and Qualifications

This subject is one which continually arises and one that requires everyone's constant evaluation and best judgement. On a recent advanced tour, several people were over their and/or their equipments ability. The down slopes were south facing and encrusted and almost impossible to negotiate with Nordic equipment. The skiers finally got down at dark after considerable delay and anxious moments. We, of the touring committee, have again discussed the problem and instead of rating people for participation in various tours, recognizing that leaders have taken on considerable responsibility in assuming to take the job, suggest,

1. A leader has full authority to limit the size of the group.
2. A leader has authority to screen participants to insure as much as possible adequate experience and equipment.
3. A leader has authority to refuse permission to anyone whom he feels is not adequately prepared for the tour.
4. A leader may terminate, change route, or request participants to return at any time.

We are printing here a check list which has been sent to all leaders, so all participants may know what is required of leaders in planning a tour. Your 100% cooperation, and courtesy to them is requested. They have put themselves out to lend their time, effort, experience, and expertise. Show them your appreciation. Don't over extend yourself. Remember to discuss the situation with the leader. He has the responsibility and makes the decisions. Respect his judgement and he will respect yours.

RECOMMENDED CHECK LIST FOR TOUR LEADERS

1. Know the condition of the snow, the best route to follow, the approximate length of time required, the difficulty of the tour, and expected weather conditions. People calling to register will ask about these details.
2. Check on avalanche conditions the night before if there is a potential danger. The Wasatch National Forest has an information number 486-6333 or you can call Dave Hanscom at 487-6065 for avalanche conditions. It is better to change the tour than take a chance on getting into trouble.
3. Recommend cords, probes, shovels, and pieps on most intermediate and advanced tours. The WMC has a portable toboggan - contact Dave, 3132 Teton Drive for borrowing probes or the toboggan. Any or all of these items can be mandatory at your discretion.
4. Make arrangements to spot cars and carpool so that the whole group doesn't have to fight the canyon traffic.
5. Bring some extra equipment for certain contingencies. Suggested items: First aid kit, flashlight, gloves, socks, cables, wax, tools, bales and spare tip for Nordics. Encourage use of ski safety straps.
6. Get the names of all tourers in the party and get an estimate of their abilities. Insure that each tourer's ability is adequate for the trip.
7. Be sure everyone returns safely. Either the leader or someone appointed by him who knows the terrain should bring up the rear. Members of the party must maintain visual or audible contact. This means each tourer should keep the person to his rear in sight or within reasonable hearing distance at all times and stop when contact is lost. He should wait till the person in the rear comes into contact and then procede. If the person in rear does not appear in a reasonable length of time, this info can be passed up to the leader for a decision and instructions on how to procede. Dangerous slopes should be crossed individually with others watching from a safe spot.
8. If the leader wishes to limit the size of the group, this should be so stated in the Rambler notice, and registration should be mandatory. It is recommended that 10-12 be a maximum number for proper control of a ski tour. If over 12 participants arrive for a tour, the leader should appoint auxilliary leaders to conduct a 2nd or 3rd section of the tour. The sections should be kept intact and each auxilliary leader should maintain responsible leadership for his group. Additional sections should plan alternate trips or routes to avoid mixing of the groups. Ability groupings can also be made within the section with auxilliary leaders appointed. These groups should stay together as previously outlined. By-law II-E, "Rules and policies governing club trips, events, and use of clob equipment shall be formulated and enforced by the Board in such manner as they shall see fit."
9. Please find your own replacement if you are unable to lead a scheduled tour.

10. Contact the ski touring director if you have any problems such as swarms of snowmobiles, skies black with helicopters, etc.

11. Please find a volunteer to write an article about the tour for the Rambler. Photographs are greatly appreciated. Have fun!

Thanks Goes to Club

January 27, 1978

Dear Dennis:

We are writing to express our deep appreciation to the many people who put time and effort into the search and rescue of January 21.

The chain of events were as follows:

We had decided to do a very quick afternoon tour of Catherine Pass, from Alta to Brighton. This was a tour that we had done innumerable times, and therefore were not bothered that visibility was only twenty feet. Yet, after eating lunch in a grove of trees on Sunset Ridge we became disoriented and began skiing due east towards Heber. Because of similar landmarks it took one to two miles to become apparent that we were misdirected. However, we had still not realized our original error, and were forced to bivouac when trying to climb a ridge which we thought would correct our course.

We spent the night close to a fire, (which was incidentally started with our last match and sixty dollars in Travelers Cheques) our thoughts turning mainly to those people who by now were being forced to deal with our failure to return.

We began touring early the next morning, but because of heavy cloud cover, still thought that we could escape the canyon by skiing further in. Several miles and about 1500 vertical feet later we reached a ridge and had enough visibility to realize that we were further from our destination than ever before.

We began to retrace our steps and arrived at our prior bivouac around mid-day. At this point we were suffering from exhaustion and dehydration, and seriously considered remaining a second night. However the prospect of a snow cave, no fire, and likely hypothermia gave us the impetus to begin hiking. We reached Brighton about 5 PM.

It soon became obvious to us that a significant search had been conducted, and that the WMC had played a pivotal role. We extend our deepest thanks to those of you who responded to our need.

Sincerely, Charles McDonald
Hank Duffy



Rafting—1978

by Mary Manley

It looks like this will be a great year for water but a lousy year for permits. The only major trip we have so far is for Lodore Canyon. We were turned down for the Yampa and both the Middle Fork and the Main Salmon. As a consequence, we will be doing more weekend trips on rivers that don't need permits.

We will be holding a beginning boaters class again this year and I strongly advise all of you who want to start rafting this year to attend. The class will cover things like how to paddle, what to bring on a trip, river safety, what not to bring, etc. We can't cover every aspect of rafting but hope to provide the novice boater with some good information so he/she won't feel like a klutz on the first trip. The class will be on Wed, March 15, at the Unitarian Church, Eliot Hall at 6:30 PM. The Address is 569 S. 13th East. Admission is \$1.00.

In addition to our "dry land" class we will have two pool sessions to help those who aren't quite comfortable in the water. The classes will be at the YMCA on April 2 and 9 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Advance registration is absolutely necessary and the class size will be limited. If we are overwhelmed with registrations, we will try to schedule another set of lessons. To register, send a check for \$5.00 (payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club) to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd East, SLC, Ut. 84109. Registration deadline is March 24. The classes will be taught by Mike Taylor who has been a lifeguard, swimming instructor, and life-saving instructor.

RAFTING REGULATIONS FOR WMC

1. Life jackets must be worn at all times while on the river and while loading and unloading boats that are in the water. This regulation will be strictly enforced by the trip leaders, and anyone who flagrantly violates this rule will be barred from future trips. The club will not rent life jackets so plan to buy a good type I jacket, cost is about \$15.50. We will be selling them at the class so bring your checkbook.
2. A person is assured of a position on a trip upon receipt of a \$20 deposit (check payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club) by the trip leader as listed in the Rambler. Verbal intent to go will not confirm a reservation. The deposit will not be returned if you drop out within seven days before departure. One other important point, you must be a club member before you can go on the rafting trips so if you haven't joined yet, get moving!
3. The work party prior to the trip is absolutely essential to the success of the trip. It is usually held 2 to 5 days before departure and at this time the cooking assignments are given, transportation arranged, and the remaining money collected. Not to attend the work party inconveniences everyone else on the trip so please show up.
4. The cost of the raft trips is \$3.00/person/day for use of the boats and equipment. Transportation and food costs vary with each trip and are extra.
5. Each person on the trip is expected to do his/her share of the work involved with the trip. If you want to be waited on and don't want to paddle or help carry gear, then please go on a commercial trip. We don't need you.
6. The trip leader is the final authority of the trip, and the captain is the sole master of the raft; so please respect their decisions. These people take on a tremendous amount of responsibility and would appreciate your cooperation.
7. The dates listed for the trips are for time on the water. Departure is usually the evening before.

QUALIFICATIONS

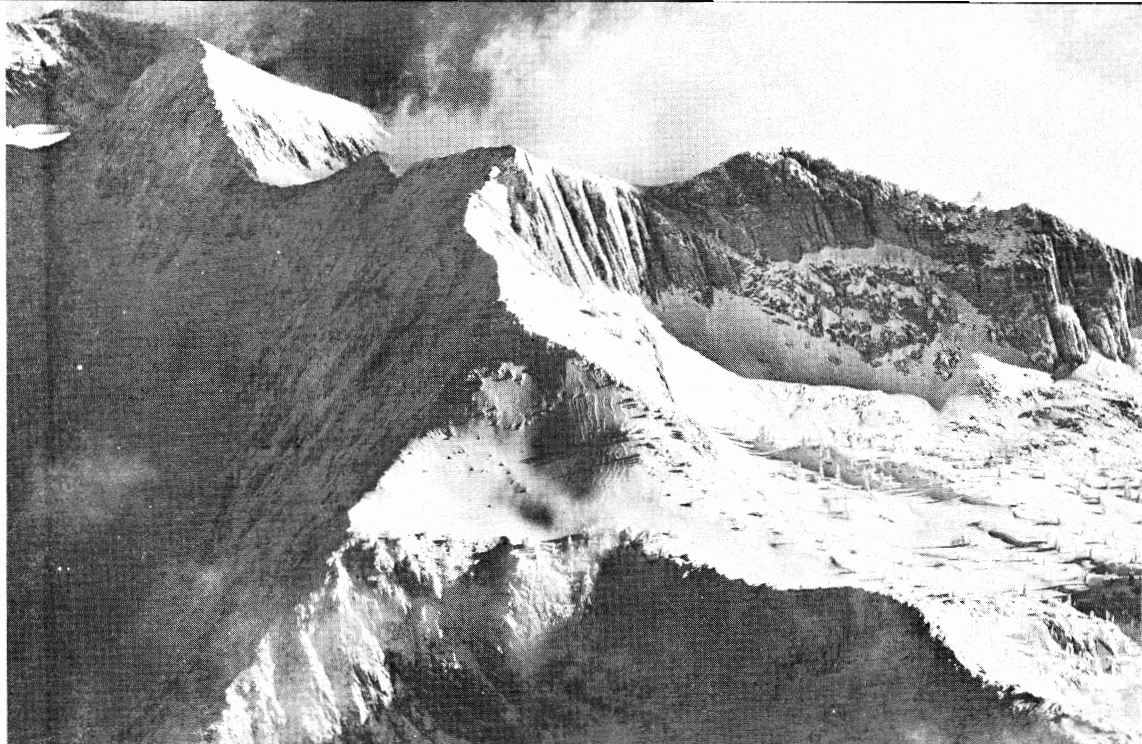
River trips will be classified according to estimated difficulty and participants will be classed according to experience and ability. This is done not only to aid the trip leader in filling the boats with well-rounded crews, but also to provide for the safety of all members. The trip leader has the responsibility for deciding the qualifications of participants. In general, trip position is held in the order that deposits are received, but the ability to handle the rapids expected on the trip will be a consideration.

CLASSIFICATION

Beginner
Intermediate
Advanced

QUALIFICATIONS

Physical ability, willingness to work, must be WMC member
As above, experience on at least one other trip
As above, experience on at least two intermediate trips;
ability to handle intermediate and advanced river
situations.



After a fourteen year effort involving hundreds of local recreationists the Lone Peak area has been signed into law as a permanently protected Wilderness Area. Photo by Larry Swanson.

Lone Peak

Lone Peak is now a reality! Last month The Endangered American Wilderness Act became law, and Utah now has its first Wilderness Area. Let no one doubt the pivotal role that WMC played in bringing the attention of this area to the public and to legislators, both locally and nationally. We certainly couldn't have done it alone (thanks are due to particular senators and congressmen such as Frank Church, Morris Udall, Tino Roncalio, and most certainly to our own congressional delegation, Senators Garn and Hatch, Congressmen McKay and Marriot, all who supported

the bill. Nor should we forget the debt that is owed to the national organizations, The Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society for their tireless efforts on the omnibus bill in its entirety; and finally, appreciation should be given to the Carter Administration, whose support was crucial for Lone Peak.); but without the initiative of a local citizens' group there would have been no raw materials for the legislators to work with. Many thanks to those of you who gave your time or money in support to this project!

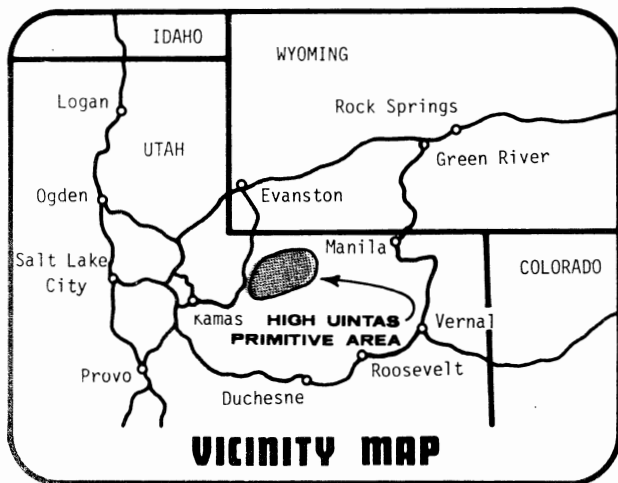


The High Uintas Wilderness Proposal

by Dennis Caldwell

In 1967, three years after the passage of the Wilderness Act, a large tract of land in the Uinta Mountains centered around the previously established Primitive Area was proposed for congressional wilderness designation by the administration. In congress the bill never got out of committee, and the issue has been in limbo for the past decade. Recently this project has been reconstituted, and we now stand a rather good chance of getting some positive action on the matter in the near future, depending on the local interest that can be directed along these lines.

The Forest Service is planning to complete their initial recommendations in April and to file the final Draft Statement with Congress by the end of the year. This means that those of us who have an abiding interest in Wilderness



MAP A (Opposite Page)

MAP B

ues in general and the Uintas in particular will be well advised to make views known both to the Forest Service and Utah's congressional delegation

Space does not permit a comprehensive summary of all the issues involved. essential facts are these:

(1) The Uintas are a vast mountain area including the state's highest s (WMC has placed a summit register on Kings Peak), beginning some 30 miles of Salt Lake City. In a great many ways they can truly be said to comprise 's version of "The last of the Wild West".

(2) In 1931 the Department of Agriculture established the High Uintas itive Area, which includes primarily the high alpine terrain between Mirror and Kings Peak, along with some parts of the woodland approaches (See Map B).

(3) Although the Primitive Area and its roadless environs (Regions I and II) been managed as wilderness, a decision must soon be made on the final daries of the region which is to become part of the Congressional Wilderness em. What remains will revert to the conventional forms of multiple use gement by the Forest Service.

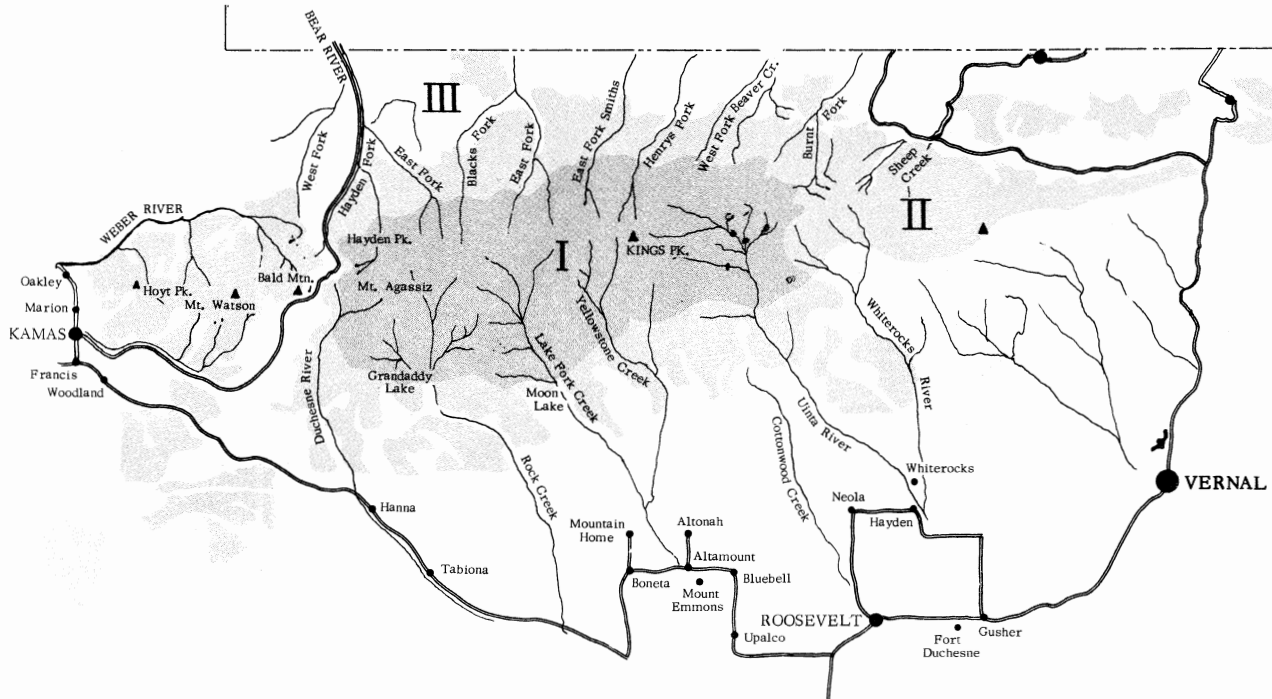
(4) Competing alternatives for the area are:

- (a) Timber
- (b) Oil and Gas
- (c) Minerals
- (d) Grazing
- (e) Water Projects

all is said and done, the first is the only industry which can make specific mented demands on the roadless area which cannot be accomodated under the sions of the Wilderness Act or by minor Boundary adjustments.

Much of Region III (Map A) has been extensively logged on both the north and slopes. In order to maintain a viable level of production the lumber mills laying claim to a substantial portion of Region II, much of which is an integral of any forthcoming Wilderness Area. Among the questions to be raised is: egion III cannot provide a viable renewable resource at the current level odution, how certain can we be that Region II will remedy the situation?

(5) The 1967 Forest Service proposal was formulated by excluding from the Primitive Area a large section in the vicinity of Moon Lake and adding



some contiguous lands on the north slope along with a substantial region to the east of Kings Peak (known as "Area D"). This had the net effect of enlarging the total acreage to about 323,000 (Region I in Map A).

(6) Among the thornier problems facing the decision makers is the fact that most of the approaches into these mountains are along drainages which are interfoliated with marginal timber on the steep sidewalls and commercially harvestable forms surrounding the ridges. This means that if all the lands contiguous to the Forest Service 1967 proposal were excluded (i.e. Region II), it would be difficult to maintain a viable trail system along many of the approaches to the interior as we currently know them. For example, Tokewanna Peak (a WMC favorite) is just on the border of the 1967 Proposal, a good five air miles from the trailhead. A similar situation applies in varying degrees to most of the north slope.

The High Uintas Wilderness Proposal is clearly not an all or nothing proposition. It is up to the various interested parties to reach a compromise which will not involve the decimation of one by another. There are regions of commercial grade timber in the roadless area, which are not crucial for maintaining its overall wilderness attributes. On the other hand it is not unreasonable to urge the Forest Service to draw up a boundary giving adequate protection to the many meadows and forested areas of approach, which are an integral part of their basic wilderness trail system.

So once again it's letter time (see addresses below). The following points are relevant:

(1) Wilderness is a resource in its own right, which must be given sufficiently quantifiable credentials to hold its own with the conventional economic ones. With a burgeoning wilderness oriented tourist industry a rather good economic case can be made for special efforts to create first rate Wilderness Areas.



(2) Virtually all hunting depends on the ability of the state to maintain large tracts of essentially wilderness terrain.

(3) The current scale of operations of industries with specific demands on the roadless area is not so large and vital to the State's economy to prevent them from being diverted into areas which are not crucial for maintaining a practically viable wilderness resource.

(4) It is especially important that the boundary be extended further north on the western portion of the north slope and extended south on the middle portion of the south slope in places like Moon Lake.

(5) One should refrain from placing too literal a meaning on number density use statistics in Wilderness Areas. The optimum numbers for a given piece of land must depend on the inherent nature of the terrain along with other specific factors. We leave it to the reader's imagination to conjure up suitable examples.

Send your comments to : Forest Supervisor
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Vernal, Utah 84078

along with copies or preferably separate letters to:

Senator Jake Garn
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Conservation Comments

by Walter O. Haas

Conservation Director,
Wasatch Mountain Club

WRITTEN RESPONSES
BY THE PUBLIC
—THAT'S YOU!!—
ARE DUE BY MARCH 10.
WRITE YOUR LETTERS
TODAY!!

Salt Lake Planning Unit Draft Management Plan

The Salt Lake Ranger District of the Wasatch National Forest has released to the public a Draft Environmental Statement and Proposed Management Plan for the Salt Lake Planning Unit. This document sets forth the objectives which the Forest Service wishes to accomplish in its management of the National Forest land along the Wasatch Front from the Davis County line to American Fork Canyon. The public is invited to respond to the Draft Plan; the Forest Service will evaluate the responses, make any changes that seem indicated, and then issue a Final Plan. When the Final Plan has been approved, regulations and orders will be enacted to implement it.

The primary objective of this area is maintaining high quality watershed. Within constraints necessary to protect the watershed, recreation is a secondary objective. Other objectives, such as grazing and gathering firewood, are limited by these more important objectives.

The Draft Management Plan proposes a number of significant actions, which I will attempt to summarize. The first, and probably the most important, is to permit no new ski areas, no new parking lots, and no major widening and straightening of the roads in the planning unit. These actions will prevent further loss of natural water storage capacity, and reduce loss of hiking and cross-country ski areas. By the same token, however, the inevitably growing population will be forced to use public transportation, particularly in the winter when parking along the road is such a hassle. This need not be any particular problem; several recent ski tours have gone from the mouth of Big Cottonwood to White Pine Canyon by bus, with no particular problems.

Several ski areas would, however, be permitted to build new lifts and expand their slopes. Alta would be permitted two new lifts and corresponding runs east of Albion Basin; Brighton would be permitted two new lifts, one serving the west

side of Clayton Peak and one running to Snake Creek Pass; and Solitude would be permitted two new lifts east of the present lifts. In addition, SOLITUDE HAS ASKED FOR ALL OF SILVER FORK AND HONEYCOMB FORK!! They have not advanced a development proposal for these areas; apparently they are attempting to get their foot in the door now, in case they feel like expanding in the future. If the Draft Plan is approved as it stands, these areas would be set aside for Solitude to build on.

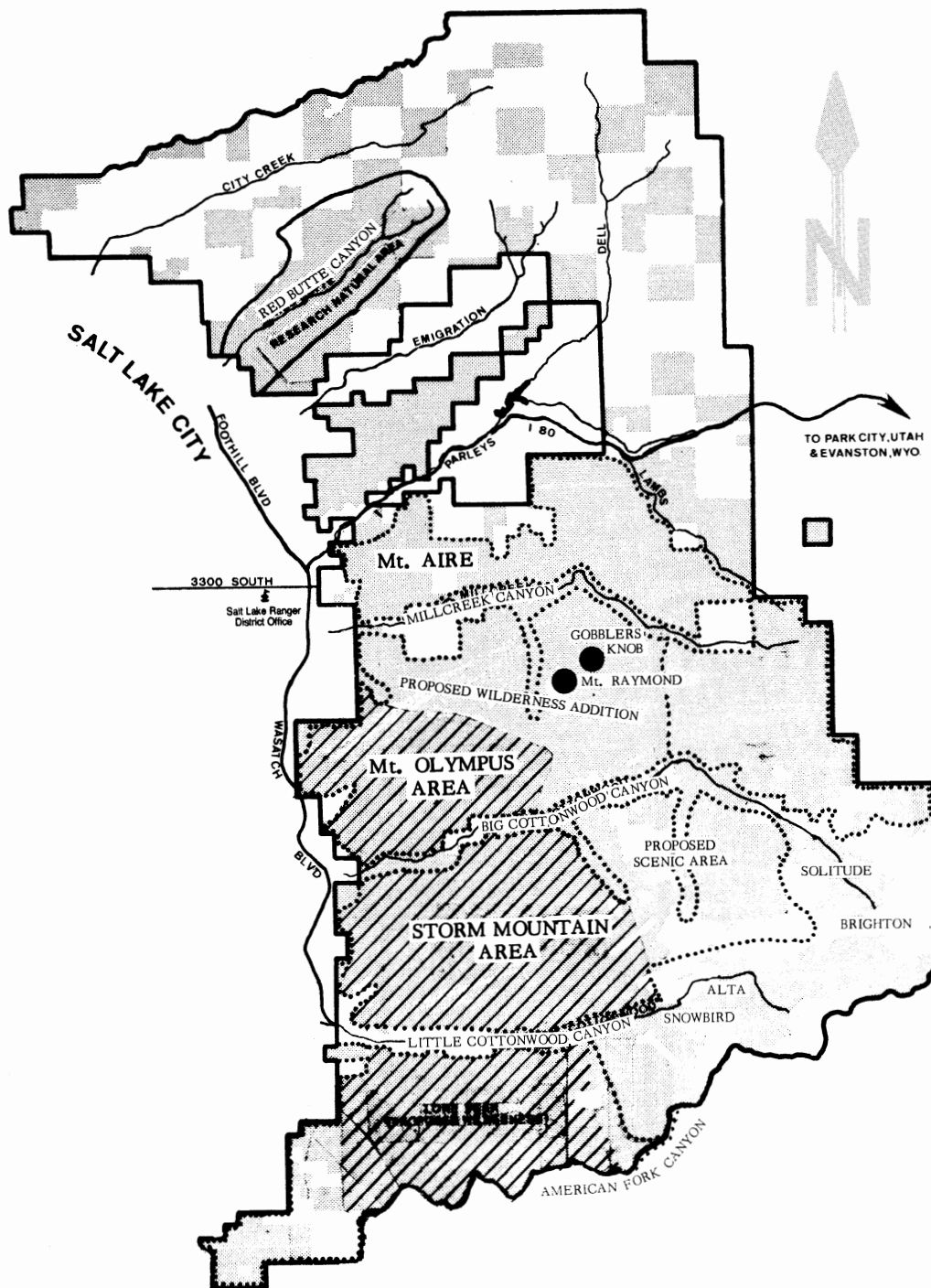
Another development proposed in the Draft Plan is an intensive use hiking area in the Lake Mary-Sunset Peak area. This would be oriented towards families with small children or disabled members, and would feature interpretive signs and sufficient outhouses and improved trails to permit a large number of users while protecting the watershed.

Two new scenic areas would be created by the Draft Plan; one, centered on Mt. Olympus, would include Neff's Canyon and the area as far south as the highway. The eastern boundary, however, would exclude Thaynes Canyon and Porter Fork on the northeast, and would follow the ridgeline from the summit of Mt. Raymond south to the highway, thus excluding Gobblers Knob, Alexander Basin and Mill A Basin. The second scenic area would be centered on Twin Peaks (Salt Lake Twins) and would extend from highway to highway and as far east as the ridge between Mill B South Fork and Mineral Fork. The special significance of a Scenic Area is that it is reserved for hiking and cross-country skiing; helicopters, motorcycles and snowmobiles are prohibited.

The Draft Plan proposes the construction of a NEW MOTORCYCLE TRAIL FROM MILL A BASIN OVER THE RIDGE INTO MILL CREEK CANYON!! The only route this could logically follow is down the east side of Porter Fork. The justification offered for this action is that it is bad to have the motorcycle trail from Dog Lake to Mill A Basin there! The Forest Service says that motorcycle users are prone to leave the trail and cause resource damage in Mill A Basin before returning to Dog Lake. However, they also say that the greatest resource damage occurs around Dog Lake in Big Water Gulch, both of which are through points. They have not described serious resource damage from motorcycles in Mill A Basin, thus effectively making their justification full of holes.

Finally, numerous adjustments would be made in the developed picnic areas along the roadsides, but without any major increase in number of sites or users.

The forecasts which the Forest Service offers to support these objectives are puzzling, to say the least. The population of Salt Lake County has been growing at a relatively steady 2.2% for the last decade. On page 190 of the Draft Plan, the Forest Service states that hiking was growing at the rate of 5% per year in 1975, while lift skiing was growing at the rate of only 1.2% per year at the same time. If these rates continue, by 1990 hiking will have grown 80% and lift skiing only 15%. Yet, on page 39 of the Draft Plan, the Forest Service forecasts a 40% increase in lift skiing and only a 6% increase in hiking by 1990! No justification is offered for this forecast. Furthermore, there is no apparent attempt to consider the effects of lift ski area development outside the Salt Lake Planning Unit on the market for that service inside the planning unit. On the whole, the forecasts offered have to be considered completely useless. This is a major shortcoming, since some such forecasting will be needed to encourage and allocate public transportation.



The next step in the planning process is yours. As a user of the Salt Lake Planning Unit, you should evaluate the Draft Plan and send your comments, by March 10, 1978, to

Mr. Chandler P. St. John
Supervisor, Wasatch National Forest
8226 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84138

Copies of the complete Draft Plan are available for public inspection at that address, and at the Salt Lake Ranger District, 3070 East 3300 South. The Salt Lake Ranger District may still have a few copies that it can give away. I have my own copy, which someone can borrow.

DON'T DELAY - WRITE TODAY!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

While the Wasatch National Forest has suggested only a "Scenic Area" designation for the cross-hatched Mt. Olympus and Storm Mountain areas an alternative has been proposed by a number of persons familiar with the area. Their proposal: Storm Mountain and Mt. Olympus areas should be designated "Wilderness". In addition, to prevent further deterioration of the wilderness character of the Mt. Raymond-Gobblers Knob area that section should be added as Wilderness to the Mt. Olympus Area. It has also been suggested that the roadless Mt. Aire, Dog Lake, and Days Fork areas should be given Scenic Area designation to protect their current resources and scenic values.

For those interested in pursuing this latter option some other considerations follow:

1. Write and urge the Forest Service to propose the Storm Mountain area for Wilderness Designation.
2. Request similar protection for the entire Mt. Olympus-Raymond Peak-Gobblers knob area.
3. Request the designation of Dog Lake and Days Fork areas as Scenic Area buffers.
4. Request that Mt. Aire be also designated as Scenic Area.
5. It has also been suggested that strong opposition be raised against any new off road vehicle use or construction of trails for motorized use particularly from Mill A Basin to Mill Creek Canyon.

Alexis Kelner

Wasatch National Forest Travel Plan Review

The Wasatch National Forest Travel Plan is a set of rules which defines what parts of the forest may be used by motor vehicles. The travel plan is reviewed every year from January through March. If you have any comments on the current travel plan, or would like to see it changed, write to:

Salt Lake Ranger District
3070 East 3300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84109

If you don't know what the travel plan is, you can get a copy from the Salt Lake Ranger District. A frequent source of friction has been the fact that the only areas set aside for cross-country skiing, to the exclusion of snowmobiles, are the Lone Peak Scenic Area, Redman campground and Mill A Basin. If you feel this is inequitable, be sure to write.

Alaska National Interest Lands Bill

The House Interior Committee is now considering bill HR39, the Alaska National Interest Lands bill. This bill would set aside 97.5 million acres of public land in Alaska as Wilderness Areas, Wildlife Refuges and National Parks. Last year I flew to Denver at club expense to testify on behalf of the club in favor of this bill.

The lumber industry is spending millions of dollars to lobby for the privilege of logging these public lands. Congressman Dan Marriott is a member of the House Interior Committee. In order for him to support HR39, it is necessary for him to receive letters from his constituents advocating his support. His address is:

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From Wasatch Mountain Club trip into Broads Fork. (See page 24).
Photo by Tom Tollefson.

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Ontario Canyon—Park City

December 18, 1977 by Denise Knapp

The WMC Ontario Canyon-Park City beginner tour was one of my first cross-country tours. What the WMC calls a beginner tour would to most people be "advanced". The Club forgets to tell you that excellent physical condition is a prerequisite.

Lyman Lewis, the tour leader, (with the patience of Job, by the way) met our hearty group and we all drove to the mouth of Ontario Canyon. Lyman forged through the 6'8" of new snow and prepared a trail for the rest of us. Between the fresh powder and consistently falling snow, the trek was not one of the easiest, so we soon found it helpful to trade off leaders.

Just when my stomach began to tell me it was time for lunch, we reached a beautiful clearing beyond the forest of snow-covered trees. By this time we had lost two members of the group on snowshoes whose

stomachs were on the same time clock as mine and had decided to stop for lunch. The rest of us voted, a very democratic group, to climb to the top of the mountain for a more spectacular view and lunch under a shelter of trees. When the grade became too steep, I took my skis off and walked a few hundred yards. (I know what you're thinking, but at the time I thought I was making a good decision.) Well, you know what happened. I took one ski off and sunk to the top of my thigh in snow. I can look back now and laugh at the whole experience, but at the time I was getting colder and colder from the blinding snow and my wine for warmth was already at the top of the mountain in someone else's pack. Just as I was beginning to think how it must feel for an individual to freeze to death in the Antarctica, Don Quixote and

Poncho (Lyman and Elmer Body) came to my rescue. We decided to drop down several hundred yards to the protection of the one and only tree in the vicinity and eat. Elmer went to check out the two snowshoers and after finding them to be warm and sheltered, he rejoined the two of us.

With the snow blowing even stronger, the chill factor from non motion became unbearable so we decided it was time to start down the hill. The rest of the group apparently had the same idea and began descending from above--some looking very professional with their Telemark turns, others using a modified snow-plow and still others flailing frantically and landing on their heads in uproarious laughter. All in all, it was a breathtaking trip back to our point of origination, particularly after the snow stopped and the sun came out in its full glory to glisten on the trees and white powder and bid us all a good day.

Tour Participants: Lyman Lewis, Dick Bojack, Elmer Boyd, Liz Crowder, Trudy Healy, Denise Knapp, Wick Miller, Craig Olsen, John Riley, Margaret Strickland, George Wiens.

Deseret Peak

January 29, 1978 by Wick Miller

Leaving the city at 6:30 with our trusty leader, Rolf Doebebling, it dawned on us in Rush Valley, with the sun striking the Stansbury Mountains as we put on our skis at the ranger station in Willow Canyon. Starting at 6,500 feet, ending at 11,000 meant that there was much variation, in fact the most scenic tour I have been on this year: aspen, evergreens of various types, meadows, limber pines, timber line, ridge with a fantastic view in all directions. We all made it to the top, but didn't stick around too

long. The weather cooperated, sunny with little wind on the ridge. There was plenty of chance to practice our turns and sit-stops on the way down, on snow that was less than perfect. Besides our leader, there were Mike Treshow, Trudy Healy, Jerry Horton, Paul Rubenfeld, Brooke Hopkins, John Sloan, Diana Schoenberg, Allen Taye, Bryan Whitaker, Larse Shipway, Greg Janiec, and Wick Miller.

LaMot Peak

January 15, 1978 Diana Schoenberg

At 3:00 AM, Sun. Jan. 15th, six hearty souls collected in the K-Mart parking lot. Dwight graciously offered his van, so people crammed in their equipment and three hours later, the van stopped and the befuddled passengers hesitantly emerged to wax skis. Underway by seven, we followed the east fork of the Bear to the Boy Scout camp. There we left the snowmobile tracks, gingerly crossed the river on snow bridges, and followed Boundry Creek to Squaw Lake. With Greg breaking trail, we eventually gained the east ridge where we ate lunch. From there we traveled due south along the ridge. The weather, which had been cloudy in the morning, sunny and blue by noon, had socked in and by 3:40 when we turned around to come back, it was grey and windy on the ridge. The skiing down from the ridge was in good snow (both in the air and under ski). By the time we were back to the snowmobile tracks it was twilight and snowing steadily. The last six miles back to the van were slow, seemingly inserted since morning, as they were completely forgotten in our previous enthusiasm. We arrived back in two groups: First were Wick Miller, Greg Janiec, and Lauri Webb; and second John Sloan, Diana Schoenberg, and our good and careful leader, Dwight Nicholson.

Broads Fork

February 4, 1978 by Tom Tollefson

Five snowshoers, under the experienced leadership of Elmer Boyd, worked their way up the 3.5 mile trail to the meadow below Twin Peaks on a warm, sunny day. Late comers Lydia and Kevin Deford caught up with the group about half way up the trail. A splendid view of the snowy Twins provided the setting for a relaxed lunch. After lunch the group was joined briefly by George Westbrook and Lori Webb on cross countries. On the return, the 3400 vertical foot descent of the trail gave ample opportunities for the snowshoers to ski the slopes. The snow was excellent.

The snowshoers were: Elmer Boyd (leader), Jim Frese, Joy Ray, Dale Green, Lydia and Kevin Deford, and Tom Tollefson.

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Red Pine, etc.!

February 5, 1978 by Gale Dick

Through the years the important concept of the "Kelner Tour" has steadily been developed by theoretical discussions and, more importantly, by The Founder's diligent practice. Among the important basic ingredients of the Kelner tour we find: The deathmarch length, bushes and scrub oak, breakable crust, foul weather, a route that involves considerably more up than down, the carrying of skis on icy ridges where the wind howls, and equipment breakdown. It is classical to leave before dawn; it is compulsory to come back after dark, preferably on a moonless and stormy night. If you can climb powdery north slopes and ski down steep and crusty south slopes this adds appropriate elegance. During the classic Kelner tour you're supposed to laugh a lot. The club's Red Pine-Dry Creek-Tibble Fork Tour lived up to many of these ideals. Whimpering was rigidly rationed (3 minutes allotted to each participant) so as to keep the mood joyful. The important basic new discovery made on this tour was that a Kelner tour can be made without Kelner himself. The Founder was forced back by illness after a gallant start. Actually he was doing important research on the possibilities of adding new dimensions to the Kelner tour. There are new frontiers out there: A Kelner tour combined with fever, chills and the dry heaves! It is unkind to suggest, as some did, (I mention it with shame) that Kelner feigned illness when he saw his great concept once again becoming actuality. Let us dream the impossible dream: New thresholds of misery!

Because the photographer neglected to put his name on the back of the photo he will forever remain anonymous.

Ice Climbing Course

by John Gottman

Eighteen people dug out from the 8-10 inches of new snow February 12 to attend the course. We started out at John Gottman's house with coffee and rolls and two hours of explanation and discussion of equipment, techniques, and climbing philosophy. After a brief lunch break we met at the power plant in Little Cottonwood and walked up to the base of the Waterfall.

Hal Gribble, Paul Horton, and Renny Jackson set up ropes on the first and third pitches. Because of the prolonged warm spell, the Waterfall ice was very poor, much like late March conditions. Everyone climbed at least one pitch, how-

ever, which was enough to get the feel of front-pointing and use of the ice axe and ice hammer. The students all seemed enthusiastic.

The following students participated: Bob Ecker, Earny Morrison, Audrie Stevens, Nancy Glaser, Martha McPheeters, John Sloan, Keith Beisinger, Steve Giddings, Pete Haug, John Thuerer, Ken Slanovich, Sean Willett, Jim Huch, and Greg Janaic.

While the writer presented the classroom material, special thanks go to Hal, Paul, and Renny who added valuable comments and made the afternoon climbing possible and successful.





Viva La Lodge!

An ad hoc mini-group of interested persons met recently to take a hard look at a list of proposed fixes and improvements for the lodge. The Board was put on the spot as to how much money could be skimmed from the cookie jar and what the prospects are for fund raising activities. The money picture isn't totally black. Larry Swanson is going to head up

the handyman briggade for a list of items he has planned and Bob Ehlers is hoping to scheme up fund raising and modernization ideas. Silver Fox (H. Goodro) will be a consultant to any electrical wiring activity. Larry is currently working the automatic fire extinguisher problem and you will be hearing from Bob shortly.

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