



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

January, 1991 1992

MEETING

Time and Place: Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula. The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8.

Program: The program will be a slide show by Bill Bevis entitled "Upriver in Borneo." If you have already been to Borneo, you might want to skip the presentation, but for most of us this show will be an opportunity to see some new territory.

TRIP CALENDAR

Saturday, January 18: Peter Dayton will lead a moderate backcountry ski trip, suitable for beginning and intermediate backcountry skiers. Due to the lack of new snow in recent weeks, the location will be determined by snow conditions and the interests of participants. Call Peter at 728-8101 for details.

Sunday, January 26, Koch Peak: Dave Pengelly will lead a "long day trip" to Koch Peak, which is located near Como Lake south of Hamilton in the Bitterroot Mountains. There is some fun backcountry skiing on the route, so if you don't want to go all of the way to the top, Peter Dayton will lead a splinter group which will weenie out and head back when the going gets tough. Contact Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

Sunday, February 8, Mt. Jerusalem: Steve Niday will lead a "long day trip" up Mt. Jerusalem in the Southern Bitterroot Mountains. Call Steve at 721-3790 for details.

January or February, Mt. Cleveland Traverse. Steve Niday is interested in organizing a five-day winter ski tour in Glacier Park, with an optional climb of Mt. Cleveland if conditions are good. The trip would start at Waterton Lakes, go over Stoney Indian Pass, and come out the Belly River. Those not interested in attempting Mt. Cleveland are welcome to come and ski in the area during the climb. Contact Steve Niday at 721-3790 for further information.

TRIP REPORTS

Despite the small amount of precipitation received by the Missoula area in recent weeks, the snow conditions at popular backcountry skiing locations such as Wisherd Ridge, Little St. Joe, and Gash Point have been pretty good. However, some of these areas have received sufficient traffic to be getting a bit tracked out. Dave Pengelly, Art Gidel, Steve Niday, Beverly Chin, and Martha Yale skied Gash Point on December 15 and reported finding what looks like a new helipad at the north end of the ridge. Rick and Jenny Murney stayed at the cabin around the New Year and report that the road is still open, and that they were able to drive almost up to the trail head. The debris from the Forest Service airplane which crashed on Little St. Joe is quite visible on the face or bowl below the summit.

OFFICERS

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Your Name Here - Trip Leader (hint, hint)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Check one: Individual (\$6.00/year) _____ Family (\$8.00/year) _____

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