

# *Friends of Tubbs Hill*

Spring 2005 Newsletter



## **North Side Planting**

*by Mark Weadick, Vice President, Tubbs Hill Committee*

It was August 19, 2004, and Karen Haskew, Urban Forestry Coordinator, and I had just finished flagging the locations of some 170 planting spots on Tubbs Hill's north side. We were covered with little brown ocean-spray blossoms. This shrub shares in the thick mix of understory ninebark and snowberry. The spots marked for planting were in tree canopy openings where Douglas-fir has been dying from root rot over the last 30 years.

These openings are also part of the area where trees were salvaged from the November 1996 ice storm. Many of the trees that blew over had roots weakened by rot. Revenue received by the city for these salvaged trees is funding this planting project and other Tubbs Hill management activities. We did not include the areas of nonnative maple (mostly Norway) as part of the planting project, at



Mark Weadick and volunteers of Lake City High School Biology Class plant trees on the North Side of Tubbs Hill.  
Photo courtesy Nils Rosdahl.

this time. Karen and I carried iron rod "walking sticks" sticks to probe the ground to find planting spots between the hidden rocks below. Tubbs Hill was scoured repeatedly some 15,000 to 12,000 years ago by Glacial Lake Missoula Floods. The floods washed way all the soil, and exposed the gneiss and schist bedrock.

Most of the soil on the hill has come from an ash deposit by the Mt. Mazama eruption some 6,500 years ago as well as slowly deposited wind blown soil (loess). The hill got another shot of ash from the Mount St. Helens eruption in May, 1980. The brush cover, which has developed with the exclusion of fire, is continuing to expand in the areas of Douglas-fir mortality.

This dense understory is capturing most of the available light, moisture and soil nutrients that are inhibiting the natural

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## **Farewell to Two Friends of Tubbs Hill**

In the past eight months, Tubbs Hill and the city of Coeur d'Alene have lost two good friends and advocates. Dr. Bob Egan, who passed away in September, 2004, had been an active board member of the Tubbs Hill Foundation and served on the Tubbs Hill Management Plan Sub-Committee and the Tubbs Hills Trail Sub-Committee. Bob's strength was that he always tried to reflect the general public's feelings regarding the management of Tubbs Hill.

Fred Holzer, who passed away in January, 2005, was a remarkable fellow who served on the Coeur d'Alene Park and Recreation Board from 1978 until 1994. According to family members, he was very proud of the McEuen Field and the Tubbs Hill Park facilities used by so many people throughout north Idaho. He felt it was very important to preserve these family friendly areas.

The Tubbs Hill Foundation wishes to thank all of the generous donors who have contributed in both Bob's and Fred's names. Thank you!

## **Enjoy Good Coffee, Clean Tubbs Hill, and Make Money**

That's right, Starbucks Coffee will be sponsoring a litter pick-up on Tubbs Hill, Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Starbucks will donate \$10 per person, per volunteer hour to the Tubbs Hill Foundation with a maximum donation of \$1000. Sign-up sheets, litter bags, and free great coffee will be available at the Third Street entrances. Please join us for a fun, productive, and profitable morning!

## **2005 Board of Directors**

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seeding of ponderosa pine from trees on the ridge. On November 19, 2004, six-foot circles of brush were cut around each of the planting spots. Bill Greenwood, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, provided two sawyers, and Ken Roberge, Specialty Tree Services, volunteered himself and another sawyer for the day.

A crew of Tubbs Hill Committee members worked with the sawyers to throw the cut brush away from the clearings. The orange flags were re-hung to mark each planting spot.

Tree planting was Saturday, April 9. Karen secured two-year old ponderosa pine seedlings from the United States Forest Service Coeur d'Alene Nursery. These trees are from a 2,500 foot elevation seed source which is a good match for the planting area.

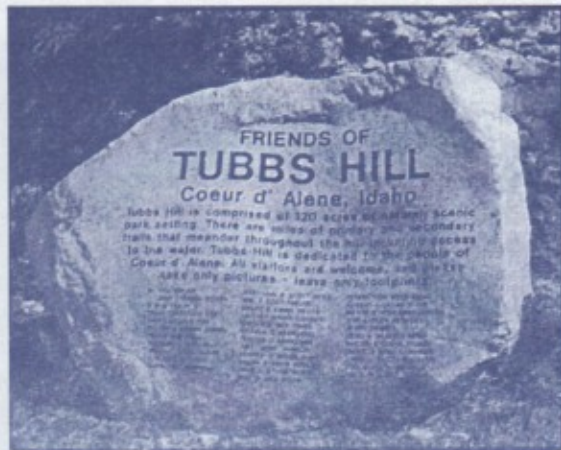
Pam Gomes, biology and forestry class teacher at Lake City High School, recruited 10 to 12 students for the planting. The same number of volunteers from the Tubbs Hill Committee formed planting crews with the students.

## Have Your Name Engraved On One Of The Tubbs Hill Monuments

Tubbs Hill is comprised of 120 acres of publicly owned land, and has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails. Tubbs Hill is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and everyone is encouraged to use and enjoy its magnificent splendor.

To have a name engraved on one of the monuments, fill out the form below, attach a check or money order in the amount of \$150 for each line of engraving and mail.

If you would like to engrave your company's logo on a separate corporate monument, the cost is \$500 plus the engraving charge. Maximum logo size is 4" x 4". For more information, please contact the Parks Department, 208-769-2252.



The Tubbs Hill, Inc., is a non-profit organization for the preservation of the aesthetic qualities of Tubbs Hill. Contributions are gratefully accepted and can be made by contacting City Parks Department or mailing to:

Tubbs Hill, Inc.

P.O. Box 3061

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The monuments are located at the Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill and at the East Tubbs Hill Park.

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### Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill

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# Friends of Tubbs Hill



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We will be sure to print your name in the upcoming newsletter. Our apologies!*

## Tubbs Hill Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 E. Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

## Help Us Save Resources

Save the trees and help us conserve printing and postage costs by receiving your newsletter via email. The newsletter will be an Adobe pdf file and will require Adobe Acrobat to open. Please email name, home address, and email address to Lynnette Conn, TubbsHill@msn.com

## Brochures & Maps

Tubbs Hill brochures and maps are available at the Coeur d'Alene Parks Department, 710 E. Mullan Ave., and at the Visitor's Center located next to the Museum of North Idaho, downtown.

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