

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall affect the applicability of the United States mining and mineral leasing laws in the federally owned lands within the recreation area, except that all mining claims located or leases issued after the effective date of this Act shall be subject to regulations the Secretary may prescribe to effectuate the purposes of this Act. Any patent issued on any mining claim located after the effective date of this Act shall recite this limitation and continue to be subject to such regulations. All such regulations shall provide, among other things, for such measures as may be reasonable to protect the scenic and esthetic values of the recreation area and to assure against pollution of the Salmon River and other streams and waters within the recreation area.

SEC. 7. Recommendations and other procedures of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964, shall apply to the Sawtooth Primitive Area and adjacent public lands within the national forests. The Secretary of Agriculture shall comply with the requirements of section 3 of said Act in relation to such primitive area in an expeditious manner.

SEC. 8. The Secretary may cooperate with other Federal agencies, with State and local public agencies, and with private individuals and agencies in the development and operation of facilities and services in the area in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, including, but not limited to, the restoration and maintenance of the historic setting and background of the old mining town of Atlanta and the frontier ranch-type town of Stanley.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act shall diminish, enlarge, or modify any right of the State of Idaho, or any political subdivision thereof, to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction within the recreation area or of rights to tax persons, corporations, franchises, or property, including mineral or other interests, in or on lands or waters within the recreation area.

SEC. 10. Nothing in this Act shall affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Idaho under other provisions of law with respect to hunting and fishing.

SEC. 11. The jurisdiction of the States and the United States over waters of any stream included in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area shall be determined by established principles of law. Under the provisions of this Act, any taking by the United States of water right which is vested under either State or Federal law at the time of enactment of this Act shall entitle the owner thereof to just compensation. Nothing in this Act shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from State water laws.

SEC. 12. Money appropriated from the land and water conservation funds shall be available for the acquisition of lands and scenic easements for the purposes of this Act. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., August 23, 1967.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request of April 4, 1967, here is this Department's report on S. 1267, a bill to establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

We recommend that S. 1267 be enacted with certain amendments as proposed herein.

S. 1267 would establish as the Sawtooth National Recreation Area some 351,000 acres of the Sawtooth Range and adjacent forest and high mountain valley lands located in or adjacent to the Sawtooth, Challis, and Boise National Forests in south central Idaho. The area would include about 195,000 acres in the Sawtooth Primitive Area and 122,000 acres of adjoining National Forest land. Also included are approximately 10,400 acres of unreserved public domain lands, 1,600 acres of State-owned lands, and 22,400 acres of privately-owned lands.

In those portions of the area outside the Primitive Area are beautiful lakes, such as Redfish, Pettit, Alturas, and Yellow Belly. Included also are the upper reaches of the Salmon River and the tributary creeks which flow from the high country and which offer fishing and hiking opportunities in an unspoiled forest environment.

The broad meadows adjoining the Salmon River in the Sawtooth Valley are largely privately owned and devoted to grazing uses. Travelers on U.S. Highway 93 view the jagged and imposing peaks of the Sawtooth Range across meadows