

that would include compensation for any decrease in value resulting from the promulgation of regulations, zoning, or scenic easements attributable to the establishment of the recreation area. This provision would afford the private owner a reasonable time in which to consider, without risking a loss in value during that time, the effects of establishment of the recreation area on his property and activities and the desirability of disposing of his property to the Government.

We assume section 5(d) was not intended to require the Secretary to purchase property from owners desiring to sell to the Federal Government regardless of priorities or availability of funds for that purpose. To clarify the intent of this provision, we recommend the following amendments to section 5(d). Insert in line 9, page 5, after the word "purchase" a comma and the words "with available funds donated or appropriated specifically for that purpose." In line 11, page 5, between "thereof" and "that" insert "not previously compensated for under the provisions of this Act." This would avoid possibility of duplicate payments for interests such as scenic easements acquired and paid for earlier. Also, we suggest that the word "zoning" be deleted from line 12, page 5. This term is not used elsewhere in the bill and may carry a connotation not consistent with the intent of section 5.

As provided in section 5(e), the limitations previously set forth in the bill on the Secretary's authority to condemn an interest in lands would not apply to property needed for access to and utilization of public property. This exception to those limitations would extend only to acquisition for such purposes of not to exceed five percent of the total privately owned acreage in the recreation area. We construe this to mean the percentage of the total privately owned acreage on the date of enactment of this bill.

In addition to the needs for public access, certain lands within the recreation area will be needed for recreation facilities such as picnic, camping and parking areas, and for other recreation and administrative improvements to meet effectively and efficiently the needs of the thousands of expected recreation users. We recommend section 5(e) be amended by changing "an interest in lands" in line 18 in page 5 to "land or interests in land" and by inserting at the end of line 20 before the colon "and for recreation and other administrative facilities."

We suggest changing line 14, page 6 after "Sec. 7" to read "Provisions for review, recommendations, and other procedures of the."

Section 8 authorizes the Secretary to cooperate with other Federal agencies and with State and local public agencies, private individuals and with private agencies in the development and operation of facilities in the area in furtherance of the purposes of the act. This authority would include, but not be limited to, restoration of the historic setting of the old mining town of Atlanta and the frontier ranch-type town of Stanley.

We believe that such cooperative action to restore and maintain the unique characteristics and qualities of these and other points of interest and to enhance scenic and historic values would expedite development of the area by stimulating the interest and participation of local and State organizations in realizing the full recreation potential of the area. We would expect to cooperate to the fullest extent financially, technically, and otherwise in carrying out the purposes of this section.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that while there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program, the views of the Bureau of the Budget will be transmitted to the Committee separately.

Sincerely yours,

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
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DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Bureau of the Budget on S. 1267, "To establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes."

As a general comment, we recognize the desirability of preserving the scenic, recreational, and other values of the proposed Sawtooth National Recreation Area. However, we are concerned with those provisions of S. 1267 discussed below.