

(b) Prior to the approval of any zoning ordinance for the purposes of this section, the Secretary shall issue regulations, which may be amended from time to time, specifying standards for such zoning ordinances. Standards specified in such regulations shall have the object of—

(1) prohibiting new commercial or industrial uses, other than commercial or industrial uses which the Secretary considers consistent with the purposes of this Act;

(2) promoting the protection and development of properties for purposes of this Act by means of use, acreage, frontage, setback, density, height, or other requirements; and

(3) providing that the Secretary shall receive notice of any variance granted under, or any exception made to, the application of the zoning ordinance. Following issuance of such regulations, the Secretary shall approve any zoning ordinance or any amendment to an approved zoning ordinance submitted to him that conforms to the standards contained in the regulations in effect at the time of adoption of the ordinance or amendment. Such approval shall remain effective for so long as such ordinance or amendment remains in effect as approved.

(c) The suspension of the Secretary's authority to acquire any improved property without the owner's consent shall automatically cease if (1) such property is made the subject of a variance or exception to any applicable zoning ordinance that does not conform to any applicable standard contained in regulations issued pursuant to this section; or (2) if such property is put to any use which does not conform to any applicable zoning ordinance.

(d) The Secretary shall furnish to any party in interest upon request a certificate indicating the property with respect to which the Secretary's authority to acquire without the owner's consent is suspended.

(e) Any owner of unimproved property who proposes to develop his property or a part thereof for service to the public may submit to the Secretary a development plan which shall set forth the manner in which and the time by which the property is to be developed and the use to which it is proposed to be put. If upon review of such plan the Secretary determines that such use and development would serve the purposes of this Act, and that the development and use of the property in the manner prescribed conforms to any zoning ordinance approved in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Secretary may in his discretion issue to such owner a certificate to that effect. Upon the issuance of any such certificate and so long as such property is developed, maintained, and used in conformity therewith, the authority of the Secretary to acquire such property or any interest therein without the consent of the owner shall be suspended. This subsection shall not apply to any property which the Secretary determines to be needed for easements and rights-of-way for access, utilities, or facilities, or for administrative sites, campgrounds, or other areas needed for use by the United States for visitors to the national recreation area.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
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Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Your Committee has requested a report from this Department on S. 1267, a bill "To establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes."

We have no objection to the enactment of the bill.

The bill establishes approximately 351,000 acres of land in south central Idaho as the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in order to preserve and protect the scenic, historic, pastoral, fish and wildlife, and other recreational values of the Sawtooth Mountains and adjacent valley lands. The precise boundaries of the area are shown on a map on file in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture will administer the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The area meets the criteria established by the President's Recreational Advisory Council for national recreation areas in its Policy Circular No. 1 of March 26, 1963.

The grandeur of the Sawtooth Mountains has long been recognized. Their jagged peaks, emerald lakes, and alpine meadows contrast vividly with the broad lines of Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin on the east side of the Sawtooth