

of cattle and sheep upon lush pastures bounded by rail fences add charm. All of these add to the lure of this area.

This bill will use the technique of scenic easements as a management tool. No condemnation of the full title of the private lands is authorized. The funds for requiring scenic easements and for access easements will be authorized from land and water conservation funds. Hunting and fishing will be under Idaho State law. If land exchanges are made, they are limited to lands within the State. I will not go into detail on all the bill's provisions, but I am convinced that this legislation will, if enacted, prove to be in the best public interest of the people of the Sawtooth Valley, the State of Idaho, and to the Nation as a national recreation area of top magnitude. I hope this subcommittee takes favorable and prompt action.

Mr. Chairman, I ask permission in the interest of time to file a statement by our colleague, Congressman Hansen, who has introduced a similar bill in the House of Representatives.

Senator BIBLE. Without objection, the statement of Congressman Hansen, of the Second District of Idaho, will be made a part of the record.

(The prepared statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. GEORGE HANSEN, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, IDAHO

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity of presenting this statement in support of S. 1267, legislation to establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the State of Idaho—identical to a bill I have introduced in the House, H.R. 9390.

Sawtooth Country in Idaho, Mr. Chairman, is ideally suited to the concept of multiple use embodied in these bills. It is a region of breathtaking beauty; beauty that should be protected for the enjoyment of the people for all time to come.

This incomparable beauty consists of many things. There are jagged peaks, glacially-carved valleys, gemlike lakes and mountain meadows. There are many species of wildlife, including elk, deer and black bear. There are streams containing salmon and steelhead. There are grassy stream bottoms which provide lush grazing for cattle and sheep. There are timbered slopes. There are ghost mining towns, providing an aura of a West now near forgotten.

In recent years there has been a growing need and urgency to provide adequate facilities for the public for maximum use and enjoyment of the area and, accordingly, an urgency for a permanent plan and policy. It is my considered opinion that the multiple use concept, embodied in S. 1267 and H.R. 9390, is the answer to the problem.

It would preserve the scenic and esthetic values of the area while allowing the use of timber, forage, minerals and other resources under such restrictions as are necessary to assure that the recreational and other values essential to public enjoyment are not significantly impaired. Likewise, it would permit the continued management of fish and game by the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

The concept of S. 1267 and H.R. 9390 is the best possible answer to the question as to how the area should be used. I urge that this legislation be given favorable consideration.

Senator JORDAN. I have a number of letters and statements from persons interested in this bill, and I ask unanimous consent that they may be included in the record.

Senator BIBLE. The letters and statements will be incorporated as a part of the record.

(The material referred to follows:)