

Secretary FREEMAN. Frankly, I cannot answer that question. Do you know, Mr. Cliff?

Mr. CLIFF. I have the figures here, Senator Bible. There are 40 owners of ranch property. There are approximately 50 owners of miscellaneous valley properties and patented mining claims. There are 450 owners of lots that have been subdivided for vacation homes, for a total of about 540 separate ownerships.

Senator BIBLE. The Forest Service intends doing what in each category? As to the ranching property, my understanding is that that will be permitted to continue as is; is that a correct statement?

Secretary FREEMAN. That is a correct statement.

Senator BIBLE. You say you have 40 miscellaneous ownerships. Now, "miscellaneous ownerships" is a pretty broad term. What does that mean? Is that a motel or a meeting place or a restaurant or a gas station, or what?

Secretary FREEMAN. It would include all of those, and mining claims.

Senator BIBLE. Let's break them down just a little further to see what you intend doing with this property if the area is created. As to the motelman, will he be permitted to continue the operation of his motel?

Secretary FREEMAN. Can I back up and put it first in general terms?

Senator BIBLE. Certainly.

Secretary FREEMAN. What this bill would provide would be that the Department of Agriculture would propose some administrative regulations in regard to uses of the land within this area that will be consistent with the total direction: mainly, the emphasis on recreation use, historic scenery, and so forth.

Senator CHURCH. These would be in the nature of zoning, Mr. Secretary?

Secretary FREEMAN. What it really, basically, comes down to is a kind of zoning approach, in effect, specifying the basic uses and some regulations in terms of the uses consistent with that approach. And then that would apply under the bill only to new uses. Current uses would continue.

Senator BIBLE. Right there let me ask a question. If there is a bar owner there, and he is running a bar at the present time within the proposed national recreation area, would he be permitted to operate his bar?

Secretary FREEMAN. Yes, as the bill now stands, he could continue to operate the bar.

Senator BIBLE. The reason I am questioning on this particular phase is because you, yourself, indicate that this is apt to give you some problems, and if our past experience on this committee is any indication, this is where we are always in trouble—we could use many examples throughout our great park and national recreation system.

I just wanted to be very clear as to what you had in mind and what you intended doing. But if I understand you correctly, in this category of the motel owner and the bar owner and the service station man, et cetera, this group of 40 people, you would intend to permit them to continue as they are?

Secretary FREEMAN. Let's put it this way: If we find the use is not compatible, we would hope some arrangement could be made amicably in order to bring all that into conformance with the standards we