

Senator BIBLE. I appreciate the explanation. It occurred to me that since this is a compact area it might better be administered by one agency, instead of having two. I would confer with the authors of the bill on that, they know the area, and they know what is best in the area. And in a comparable bill that we had that ran into a lot of Forest Service problems on the great basin, we worked it out so that Service would transfer land to the BLM, just in the reverse of what appears to be the prime ownership here. I simply suggested this as a possible means of eliminating a second agency administering roughly the same thing.

But I would defer to the sponsors of the bill on that, and they can examine it if they want to.

I have no further questions of the Secretary or Mr. Cliff.

Senator Church?

Senator CHURCH. Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might go to the map to indicate why the valley is so important to the objectives that we seek to secure by the bill.

These lakes [referring to map] are among the most beautiful in Idaho. The Forest Service has proceeded on a public recreational plan, and has concentrated a number of public camping grounds around these lakes. It is amazing how much these are used.

My boy is up here, incidentally, this week. He is camping. He told me Sunday that there wasn't a single slot available, every slot is being used by campers—some of whom come from as far as southern California and equally great distances.

And this valley land has suddenly become hot property, so to speak. Developers are coming in on the floor of the valley. They are beginning to build roads and unsightly wires are going up. And they are also beginning to sell off property lots of 150 by 125 feet. People from Los Angeles think that size property is the great outdoors. If this bill is not passed, with the present trend, we will have a congested urban clutter right on the floor of this valley, which, as I have said, is the foreground to the Sawtooths, and the whole scenic effect will be destroyed.

So the valley is really the most important part of the immediate program, because it is the spoilage of the valley that has created the need to go forward with this type of recreational plan.

I think, Mr. Secretary, that if you do have the general concept worked out for the guidelines which will govern your zoning approach, that it ought to be placed in the record at this time. Do you have some guidelines prepared that relate to the pattern for future development you envision under this bill?

Secretary FREEMAN. Yes; we have. I am glad you used the term "guidelines," because we are still working on this. And we feel it would be premature for us to fix on all details until this committee has finished its hearings, and until the Congress has acted in connection with it. But wanting to be prepared and recognizing that there should be guidelines and indications, we have given this a good bit of attention.

And in four different areas we have gone into some little detail at this point.

And, again, I emphasize, this is only preliminary. One reads as follows: