

Now, we don't have a comparable situation in either of the two national recreation areas that we administer in the East. We don't have the provision for establishing standards in either case.

Senator JORDAN. Because you are dependent on local zoning ordinances.

Mr. CLIFF. In the East we would depend on local zoning. The situation as to private ownership is different. We have authority to acquire easements. And I don't recall exactly whether we have a restriction against condemnation of easements or not.

But in both instances in the East—one in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia—we propose to leave a considerable part of the private land in private ownership. We want to keep it in farms, pastures, and to maintain a pastoral setting in these mountain valleys, but we would attempt to keep it that way by acquiring scenic easements and paying the people for the difference in the land values.

The same situation applies in the Mount Rogers area, where there is some private land.

Senator JORDAN. In this bill, then, we are plowing new ground, it is an area where we don't have the exact experience to refer to?

Mr. CLIFF. That is correct. This would be a new departure; it would be really pioneering, and it is an innovation which is tailor-made by the two Senators from Idaho to fit Idaho conditions.

Senator JORDAN. We like the challenge of that. We did a similar thing in the Lewis Park National Historical Park. That was a new concept. And I believe it is working out admirably. I have heard no complaint whatever about the administration and the operation of that concept. And I am hopeful that we can work out something here that will be a new departure and will be feasible and will operate to the benefit of all concerned.

Senator BIBLE. Any further questions?

Thank you very, very much Mr. Secretary, for your presentation here this morning.

And you, too, Mr. Cliff.

Senator CHURCH. Mr. Chairman, I think the testimony that these gentlemen have given us has been excellent.

Senator BIBLE. It certainly has.

We are going to take in the nature of a modified station break and look at some pictures now, which I am told will take about 5 minutes. And then we are going to proceed. We have five Idaho witnesses, we have Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Ed Crafts, and I think we can complete this morning.

(Showing slides.)

Senator BIBLE. Gentlemen, we will resume with the hearing.

The pictures tell of the great beauty of this area.

The next witness is LeGrande Nelson of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Nelson, we are very happy to have you here with us this morning, sir.

STATEMENT OF E. LeGRANDE NELSON, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Mr. NELSON. Senator Bible and distinguished gentlemen, I am submitting this statement concerning S. 1267 as a deeded landowner in the area incorporated in the proposed Sawtooth National Recreation