

Senator JORDAN. It is manifold that you have increased the productivity of this ranch, and not only the productivity, you have added to the beauty and development of the entire valley by making it a green picture and a beautiful valley.

Mr. BRECKENRIDGE. We love that country, Senator. And we have tried not to detract from its view.

Senator JORDAN. You have been a very constructive developer.

Senator BIBLE. Thank you very much for a very fine statement.

Our next witness is Mr. Ernest Day. We heard his voice a little earlier in connection with the slides.

We are very happy to recognize you, Mr. Day.

Mr. DAY. May I have Mr. Kimball accompany me?

Senator BIBLE. We are always glad to see Tom Kimball. I didn't see him on the witness list, and I wondered what he was doing here.

Senator CHURCH. Whenever you are dealing with country like that shown in the pictures you will always see Tom Kimball.

And also Ernie Day is one of our outstanding outdoorsmen.

STATEMENT OF ERNEST E. DAY, BOISE, IDAHO, IDAHO WILDLIFE FEDERATION, ACCOMPANIED BY TOM KIMBALL

Mr. DAY. This may be redundant, Mr. Chairman, but if you would like to thumb through these while I talk it would take a little of the edge off of it [handing pictures to chairman].

Senator Bible, Senator Church, Senator Jordan, and members of the committee, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to appear here before you today to make a few brief remarks regarding S. 1267, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area bill.

I am Ernest E. Day. I reside at 420 Crestline Drive in Boise, Idaho. I wish to appear here in behalf of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, an organization of nearly 20,000 sportsmen and conservationists. I am a past president of that organization and have here a letter of authorization from President Art Manley, who made a statement last year at the field hearings in Sun Valley, Idaho. At our general State convention in Pocatello in April 1967, the Idaho Wildlife Federation passed a resolution reaffirming our stand on the Sawtooth recreation bill as expressed by President Manley.

I also appear here today as a regional director of the National Wildlife Federation, an organization with 50 affiliates across our Nation. I also represent this organization today.

And I hope that perhaps Mr. Kimball can add something to my remarks later.

Last week was spent by my family and me at a ranch we have purchased in the Sawtooth Valley near Obsidian. I was exceedingly impressed by the many different county license plates on the automobiles of Idaho citizens vacationing in this wonderful heartland of Idaho. Their number seems to increase geometrically each year—especially with the completion of the paving of U.S. 93 from Sun Valley and the new time and mile-saving Stanley-Lowman Highway from Boise. Many Idahoans are just now discovering the recreational opportunities of this area.

But with all of this increase in Idaho vacationists, I was more impressed by the fact that out-of-State autos outnumbered Idaho's by nearly 2 to 1.