

I might add that most of them are Senator Kuchel's from California.

Senator BIBLE. We have quite a few of them stop over and pay their dues to Nevada from your State.

Mr. DAY. I am sure that is true.

Senator CHURCH. May I just interject, Ernie, to say that we changed the language of the bill to state affirmatively that the primitive area and the summits of the Sawtooth are intended to be included as a part of the wilderness area under the provisions of the Wilderness Act. You will remember that your testimony on that area, and that of others of the wildlife groups, emphasized this point. And we have now made the language of the present bill conform as closely as we can to your intended purpose by stating in section 7 that recommendations and other procedures of the Wilderness Act shall apply to the Sawtooth primitive area and adjacent to the Glacier National Forest. The Secretary of Agriculture shall comply with the provisions of such act in relation to such primitive area in an expeditious manner.

Since we did have a Wilderness Act which sets up the procedure for including primitive areas in the wilderness area, we thought we simply could not disregard this act, but we tried to make this language as affirmative as possible to expedite the processing of this primitive area and its orderly inclusion in the wilderness area.

Mr. DAY. I notice that this is much better than the one——

Senator JORDAN. The Secretary did speak to it this morning.

Mr. DAY. Yes. And it was gratifying. My concern was that we bring all this extra publicity and people into this area, and if we didn't have the highly fragile country classified, it would suffer in the interim between that and reclassification. I am happy to see that——

Senator CHURCH. I think this will actually lever the Secretary along to get the job done.

Mr. DAY. I hope so.

This is now truly a national recreation area and the ever-increasing pressures emphasize the immediate need for more complete facilities and more stringent ground rules to save this exceptional natural asset.

The field hearings, I am certain you will remember, showed a vast preponderance of local citizens favoring the recreation area concept as against that of a park. The area is of national significance and while the wishes of us in the area are important, we should not lose sight of our responsibilities to so manage and protect this area for all the people of the Nation—just as much as the Cape Cod Seashore, or the North Cascades, or other national treasures which must be preserved for all of our people, present and for generations to come.

My concerns regarding this Sawtooth area are several:

As you know, I am sure, this area is of two distinctly different types. The Lower Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin with its large meadows, beautiful lakes, and macadamized access are suited, under wise planning and management, to provide mass recreational opportunities to motor-oriented vacationing.

The Sawtooth Primitive Area is in distinct contrast, with its alpine fragility due to the smallness of its lakes, the thinness of its soil mantle, its very short growing season, and its preponderance of granite ruggedness to its narrow vegetated valleys.

My main concern, frankly, is preserving this primitive area as completely as possible. We are disappointed that S. 1267 does not