

ago established the Sawtooth Primitive Area and promulgated and enforced its rules, will in this case do an adequate job for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

I think also, on the point that was brought up earlier, that BLM lands, the small acreage of those that are included, could perhaps best come under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service within that area.

Senator BIBLE. That makes sense to me. And I defer to the sponsors of the bill.

Mr. DAY. In short, then, gentlemen, S. 1267 has in principle been endorsed by the citizens of Idaho, is in the best interests of the Nation, and is of immediate need in protecting and managing the ecological frailties of this superb resource.

We urge speedy passage of S. 1267 without further weakening amendments. Thank you.

Senator BIBLE. Might I ask just a few questions.

Do you have any reliable visitation figures in this area on an annual basis?

Mr. DAY. I don't. I am sure Mr. Cliff's organization does. We have been vacationing in that area for about 17 or 18 years. And all I can say is that every year it always seems to be double. I know that is not true, but it is a geometric progression of people in this area. And we are just now getting the main highway from our State capital to this area. And there is going to be almost an explosion in that area in the near future.

Senator BIBLE. I know that these figures have been developed in the field hearings, and I just didn't have them in mind.

Senator CHURCH. The Secretary had them to present to us this morning, and they are now in the record. They show that the figure has jumped from 338,000 visitors in 1965 to 420,000 in 1966, and they expect a million by 1968.

Senator BIBLE. Those are the figures I was looking for—338,000 in 1965, 420,000 in 1966, and they estimate that in 1967 it will be 750,000, and by 1975 it will be 1,200,000.

Mr. Kimball, do you have anything that you want to add?

Mr. KIMBALL. Just a couple of comments, Mr. Chairman. One is that I am hopeful that the other body will consider this legislation if it is acted on favorably by the Senate, so that we can favorably resolve this question.

Senator CHURCH. We keep living with that hope.

Senator BIBLE. Is your observation prompted by some doubts?

Mr. KIMBALL. Yes; it has been, and especially since I have read that perhaps the House committee will adjourn.

Senator BIBLE. I think this has only been—I don't know that they are going to adjourn, I think the statement was made that they will consider no legislation after September 1. However, I think there always are certain exceptions. I think that statement was made at a time when it appeared that we might go out early in September. But probably we will be lucky now if we are out early in—I don't know which year.

But in any event that is something that should be directed, as you well know from your many years on the Hill, to the other side of the legislative aisle. We are going to do our best on this side and try to get