

area, so that we can avoid a fight between the Park Service and the Forest Service. Frequently we have seen these two great fiefdoms balancing one another, when it looked to us from the outside like the interest of each fiefdom was placed higher than the general public interest. And I think that this has been avoided. A joint study was made. The Department of Interior has cooperated in the conclusion that we reached from that study, and has come here today to endorse the recreation area. And I think that speaks well for the Secretary of the Interior and for all of you who have been associated with the recreational side of Interior's responsibilities.

Mr. CRAFTS. Thank you, Senator.

Senator BIBLE. Senator Jordan?

Senator JORDAN. May I add my voice to say to my great friend, Ed Crafts, that we did appreciate your coming here, because as keen as this rivalry is between the two Departments, we appreciate the fact that you have worked this out to your own satisfaction, and that the judgment was made as far as the two Senators are concerned after the hearings at Sun Valley and the testimony of the people who came there and spent their money to testify in favor of the national recreational area over a national park.

So I just want the record to show that as far as this country is concerned, this is the end of it. We don't have any halfway ideas in mind. And we think that this can be worked out on this basis better than any other to meet the needs of all the public interests affected.

Senator BIBLE. Thank you very much. And thank you, Ed, for your very helpful testimony this morning.

The record will be kept open until September 5 for other additional information that may be furnished, which will be included in the record at this point.

(The data referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF THE IDAHO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

We welcome the opportunity to testify on S. 1267, a bill to establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation has a voluntary membership of 11,500 paid family memberships. Because our policy has long been in support of multiple use of our natural resources and realizing that the future potential of this area lies mainly in recreation, we wish to support the creation of a National Recreation Area, administered by the Forest Service.

We realize that to accomplish the creation of a National Recreation Area it would be necessary for Congress to adopt legislation which would direct that the lands be administered primarily for development of out-door recreation and that other resources be utilized to the fullest extent compatible with this over-all objective.

But we recommend maximum protection be given to private ownership of land and business that fall within the boundaries of this area in the purchase of property, and in the determination of what is or is not compatible with this objective.

Livestock grazing and forage production, tourist trade, guiding and outfitting services are important to the established local economy. Many people within the area and in surrounding communities depend on these resources for a livelihood.

Timber harvesting and grazing of livestock are permitted on National Forest Lands under multiple-use management policies. Any change of these policies in order to make them compatible with the Recreation area could drastically influence the economy of the area.

Our concern for this was magnified by section 7 of SB 3295 and by the part of the "Proposed Regulation of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Administration of National Forest Wilderness" which is found on page A-1 and A-2 of the publication "Managing National Forest Wilderness", which states, "In carry-