

ing out such purposes National Forest Wilderness shall be managed to promote, perpetuate, and restore the wilderness character of the land and its specific values of solitude, physical and mental challenge, scientific study, inspiration and primitive recreation. To that end * * * d. Wilderness values will be dominated in resolving conflicts in resource use." If wilderness values are to be dominant, then we feel private ownership must be given maximum protection. It has been reported to us that approximately 9% of the private lands in Custer County would be removed from the county tax rolls. Legislation should provide there be no loss of revenue to the counties involved.

We are of the opinion that a National Recreation Area could promote better management needs, provide continued multiple use of the natural resources of the area in an economical and efficient way with the least adverse influence on the established local industries such as livestock, mining, timber, etc., under this maximum protection.

A National Recreation Area has many advantages over a National Park in the management of wild game, in retaining opportunities for private land owners to continue to expand uses and in minimizing the amount of land taken out of private ownership. It could assure widest variety of uses and economic benefits for all concerned.

We request that this letter be made a part of the hearing. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF GLENN BREWAR, STANLEY, IDAHO, REPRESENTING THE CITY COUNCIL AS MAYOR AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gentlemen, subsequent to the hearing on a National Recreation area in the Sawtooth Mountains held in Sun Valley, Idaho during June, 1966, Senate Bill 3295 was printed, and since reading the Bill a great many residents were led to believe that certain things pertaining to our most scenic country would be preserved and protected in order to retain such beauty for future generations.

In any event Senate Bill 3295 speaks of the preservation of our Sawtooth Mountains and of the protection of the scenic, historic, wildlife, and other recreational values. A section of the Bill, in order to protect such preservation, states that the area must be zoned with respect to use, acreage frontage, set backs, architecture, and building materials used to maintain the ranch-type atmosphere.

We who opposed a National Recreation area wanted a Sawtooth National Park such as would have been created with Senator Church's First National Park Bill. The minority, however, was not satisfied and wanted a National Recreation area. Yet still, with Senate Bill 3295 the minority is not satisfied, and does not want zoning. Now it appears there will be no zoning, only scenic easement. FOR WHAT?

The conditions which prevail along our highways—A-frame buildings, airports adjacent to the highway, to mention just two, do nothing to create a Western atmosphere.

In addition, our Federal Government and our State are fighting pollution. I would like nothing better than to have the pollution committee come to Stanley and let me show them what the Forest Service has done to our country with their camp grounds along the Salmon River, our lakes and streams.

I, like so many, many others in Idaho, believe a Sawtooth National Park would mean so much more to the state as a whole and certainly would protect our scenic beauty. There is very little grazing, no good timber, and mining authorities from the University in Moscow, Idaho, after a three-year study, have found no worthwhile minerals in the area. The same applies to a two-year Government study of the same area which is just being completed.

If we can't have a National Park, and we are not going to zone a National Recreation area, let's forget it all and let man destroy our scenic beauty as he has in so many other places.

I thank you for this opportunity. Maybe you can reconsider for a National Park.