

In summary, The Wilderness Society recommends the following additions to the area proposed for inclusion in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area by the Regional Forester:

	Acres
The upper end of Pettit Lake (Unit 4)-----	500
Alpine Trail Way from Marshall Lake to McGowan Peak (Unit 5)-----	2, 000
The upper end of Redfish Lake (Unit 6)-----	800
Trail Creek-upper Stanley Lake Creek-Hanson Lakes (Unit 7)-----	10, 000
Total-----	13, 300

With the addition of this 13,300 acres to the 192,402 acres in the Regional Forester's proposal, the Wilderness Area would represent a total of approximately 206,000 acres. To this we urge also the addition of a substantial acreage from Units A and B.

In conclusion, I wish to re-emphasize The Wilderness Society's strong support of the reclassification proposal of Regional Forester Floyd Iverson. I urge, on behalf of the Society, prompt and favorable consideration of this proposal and the recommendations of the Society to provide strengthened protection of the outstanding wilderness values that are represented in this unit of the National Forest Wilderness System. This area is unique; its wilderness cannot be equalled anywhere else in America.

I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity to appear here today.

IDAHO WILDLIFE FEDERATION,
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, August 11, 1967.

Senator ALAN BIBLE,
Chairman, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR BIBLE: As I am not able to be present for the new hearing in Washington, D.C., on the proposed Sawtooth National Recreation area, I have authorized Ernest E. Day to speak for the Idaho Wildlife Federation. I am confident that he will accurately reflect the thinking of the great majority of our members on this subject.

However, I do want to add a few written comments for the record. In June of 1966 I attended a similar committee meeting at Sun Valley, Idaho, which was called to permit Idaho residents an opportunity to be heard on this subject. I have just re-read the statement I presented then and feel that it is even more pertinent today.

I suspect that others would feel the same about their statements. But to me the important thing is that we seem to be farther from a solution today than we were a year ago. It seems to me to be a matter of urgency that we proceed without further delay to enact legislation that will protect this most unique and exceptional national resource that is the Sawtooths.

In this past year the major problem has increased and grown more acute. This is the unplanned, unsightly housing development along the approaches to the Sawtooths—in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin.

A year ago I said I doubted that zoning—either local, state or federal would provide a practical solution. I am even more certain of this today.

Now I hear rumors of a proposal for a narrow strip of scenic easements along the highway. The scenic easement plan might well be the most workable approach. But I am sure it could only be successful if such easements would extend from the highway all the way to the Sawtooths.

My suggestion would be to include such a provision in the previous proposal for a Sawtooth National Recreation Area in place of the proposed zoning plan.

Then I would urge that this legislation be expedited. The facts and opinions are in; the problem is obvious; the potential is clear. Further delay will only complicate the problem.

Respectfully,

ART MANLEY,
President.