

to 825,000 acres of this area should be set aside as a national park including vital areas surrounding the area defined as the "Sawtooth Mountain Study Area," by Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture, in August, 1965. This larger area, then, would become a truly important National Park for America.

Sincerely,

JOHN R. SWANSON.

SAWTOOTH CONSERVATION COUNCIL,
Ketchum, Idaho, September 4, 1967.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: The Sawtooth Conservation Council, as you know, is deeply concerned about prospective developments in the Sawtooth region. All of us are deeply grateful to you for your efforts to preserve this magnificent land. The Council is not prepared to say what should be the ultimate administrative arrangements for the area, but is quite certain that any administration, whether by wilderness area, recreation area or park, whether under the Forest Service or National Park Service, must accomplish a number of concrete objectives. In our view, the most important of these are:

1. The Sawtooth Primitive Area, with some additions, should be brought under the provisions of the Wilderness Act. Grazing and mining should be specifically excluded in the wilderness.

2. A buffer zone adjacent to the Wilderness Area should be provided. In this zone roads would not come directly to the Wilderness Area, but should diminish in quality and capacity and should end well before reaching the Wilderness Area boundary. The proposed Wilderness Area is already too small and should not be further constricted by highways to its edges. Moreover, people engaged in car camping deserve the wilderness experience of escaping large highways.

3. Roads must not be put through the following areas:

- (a) Stanley Lake to Grandjean Campground.

- (b) From the end of present Alturas Lake road to the North Fork of Ross Fork of Boise River.

At the present time these roads have been proposed and survey crews are already on the scene. They are very ill-conceived.

4. Scenic protection for Stanley Basin and the Sawtooth Valley. Zoning appropriate to the beauty of the area here is essential.

5. The campgrounds which now preempt the northeastern shore of Redfish Lake should be moved back from the lake so that the lake is available to general day use. In general, the Sawtooth Conservation Council asks that administration of the Sawtooth region be made more sensitive to the wilderness and scenic character of the area. This involves the protection of some lakes from intrusion by motorboats; the closing of some trails to trail cycles and other motorized transport as well as the foregoing of commercial and commodity exploitation of the scenic climaxes. The Sawtooth region is not only Idaho's best, it is one of the nation's best. It deserves the fullest protection of which the nation is capable.

Again, many thanks to you for your dedicated efforts.

I would be grateful if this letter could be included in the record of the forthcoming hearings on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Respectfully,

R. C. BARTHOLOMEW,
President, Sawtooth Conservation Council.

ADA COUNTY FISH & GAME LEAGUE,
Boise, Idaho, August 30, 1967.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: We have previously taken the position that the best interest of the general public and the people of the State of Idaho would be to have a Sawtooth National Park. We now reaffirm that position on the same grounds: that the recreation area plan is not adequate to do the job that needs to be done, and that a park would better preserve the quality of the area.