

eral expenditures and 60 percent be allocated for State projects. We are fearful and highly chagrined that the administration has apparently forgotten the original provisions and are attempting to reverse the trend so that the Federal grant will eventually get the lion's share of the fund.

We vigorously oppose, therefore, Secretary Udall's recommendation in the same letter to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson which states:

In addition the administration believes appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund should be divided equally between eligible Federal agencies and the several States.

Colorado was a strong supporter of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act during its consideration by Congress. It should be noted that Colorado was responsible for securing the support of a number of other States for the act. This support was obtained on the basis that the act contained the provision that 60 percent of the funds would be allocated to the States. Reduction in the percent of funds granted to the States cannot be justified, and it seems to us that such a change in the basic formula at this time would be a violation of the trust placed by the supporting States in the administration.

We also strongly support and recommend the continuation of the use fee concept as exemplified by the Golden Eagle passport.

But the 50 percent actually doubles the amount of recreation they buy.

This would also go for Senate bill 2828. We also recommend proper enforcement of the provisions requiring that users purchase the Golden Eagle Passport before entering the areas requiring its possession. There has been opposition to the Golden Eagle passport as there has been to all new fees assessed.

It appears that time has now almost eliminated that opposition. With the provisions equitably enforced, the opposition reduced, the income from that source should increase. The use fee concept has an undeniable point in its favor. This is the fact that it is the people who use the area that are the ones who are paying toward this use. In Colorado we have found one extremely important side benefit that was not anticipated when Colorado's use fee was put into effect. Vandalism has been eliminated or appreciably decreased on areas where user fees are required.

Secretary Udall did refer to that point. There is a psychological factor, in that people who make an investment in an area, even if it is only the \$7 Golden Eagle Passport, tend to take care of it better than if it is handed to them free.

We also support and encourage the allocation of all revenue obtained under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953, as amended, and also support and encourage the allocation of all revenue obtained under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 that is legally possible to appropriate to the land and water conservation fund.

We do thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to make this presentation which emphasizes the importance of: (1) increasing the appropriation to the land and water conservation fund; (2) retention of the original concept of 60 percent of the land and water conservation funds allotted to the several States; (3) the continuation of and particularly the enforcement of the provisions of the Golden Eagle pass-