

WASHINGTON STATE SPORTSMEN'S COUNCIL, INC.,
Vacouver, Wash., January 30, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee,
 Senate Office Building,
 Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: While we agree there is a very real need for additional funds for the Land, Water and Conservation Fund Act, we will have to oppose S. 1401 on the grounds it includes monies derived from U.S. Forest Service receipts.

The Council, in December of 1967, passed a resolution "to oppose any transfer of U.S. Forest Service lands or State Forest Preserves for trading stock or sale for the purpose of bolstering the Department of the Interior, National Park Service holdings".

S. 1401 would enable the National Park Service to use funds from the agency whose lands they covet for parks, and should those lands (Forest Service) come under Park Service jurisdiction, we as a Council, would have contributed to further emasculation of the Service, were we not to oppose the bill.

Section 2, (a) would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, and him, alone, to decide just what "use" would be compatible to the park service system. Our interpretation of this section is that anyone who qualified as a "highest bidder" would be permitted to build a summer home, etc. within park boundaries. We submit this is not the reason for establishing new parks, nor for development of national parks for ALL of the people.

We respectfully request this statement be read into the record.

Very truly yours,

ADAH WERKEMA, *Chairman*

THE MOUNTAINEERS,
Seattle, Wash., February 1, 1967.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
 Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: The Mountaineers, an organization of over 5,000 members, whose purposes include the encouragement of protective legislation to preserve the beauty of Northwest America, are deeply interested in your considered modifications to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

The attached resolution of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has been thoroughly studied and has been adopted as the policy of this organization. You will note that we fully support S. 1401, and are further interested in all measures which may improve the sources of funds available for procurement, maintenance, and protection of recreation lands, wilderness and parks. Since the cost of lands is increasing at such a rapid rate, we are very encouraged that you are considering these problems at this time.

Respectfully yours,

JESSE EPSTEIN, *President.*

(Attachment)

RESOLUTION OF THE FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

FINANCING OF NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

At a time of unprecedented individual prosperity but also of great external commitments, the demand and need for acquisition and development of land for its recreational and scenic benefits outstrips allocations of federal funds. The problem is compounded by inflationary land prices. It has not been resolved by a national program of user fees.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urges that new sources of income for the Land and Water Conservation Fund be provided to accelerate purchase of inholdings within existing National Parks and Forests and of land for new parks. The Federation endorses proposals, as for example S. 1401 as introduced by Senator Jackson, to include receipts from offshore oil and other federal mineral leases, timber sales, and grazing permits.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, to maximize benefits, acquisition funds be made available quickly after authorization, and that development be deferred to land acquisition. Bonding, borrowing, advance appropriations to the Fund, or intervention by The Nature Conservancy may be effective aids.