

The management of our project properties, like Forest Service properties, are for multiple purpose use. Not only do we administer public recreation areas in conjunction with State and local administrations, our land areas include wildlife preserves, thousands of leased private cottage sites, scout camps and church camps and hundreds of thousands of acres in agricultural leases—75% of the National Recreation Areas. The Corps is in consideration for their loss at the projects concerned. This requires that the Corps maintain a work force at the project. This work force is concerned not only with pool regulation and the physical maintenance and operation of plant, but also is engaged in such activities as debris and mosquito control and fire protection. There is over-all efficiency in having this work force also handle recreational management not integrated into State and local programs. And in the sense that recreation is a continually developing activity, it involves plan revision and continuing construction which is not alien to the responsibilities of the Corps at the projects concerned.

Recreation use of areas and facilities is common to a great many Federal programs. Large areas have been developed and are being administered by the agency responsible for the programs. For example, the Forest Service has developed unusual recreation potential by acquiring and managing vast areas of National Forest lands under a multiple purpose concept. Where lands adjacent to a Corps reservoir are within a National Forest, the Corps and the Forest Service work out a plan under which the Forest Service develops and administers the recreational areas. The TVA, Bureau of Land Management, Air Force, Army and Navy and others all contribute to the recreational resources of this country. The management of these resources is coordinated by the President's Council for Recreation and Natural Beauty. Thus the recreational potential of the country is a coordinated multi-agency endeavor.

We would be glad to undertake with the Park Service, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, a joint study of the administration of the national resources. In doing so we should of course keep in mind the national