

I would like to discuss the reasons we have chosen the particular boundaries of our proposal. Each area that I will describe is shown on the map on page 14 of the Secretary's report, and will be pointed out on the large display map before you.

Our initial proposal for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness contained 95,450 acres. It was announced to the public in August of 1963, and a public hearing was held in June of 1964.

However, because classification action was not completed before the Wilderness Act was enacted, a new hearing was held on the proposal in October of 1966. Sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of reclassifying the Mount Jefferson Primitive Area to wilderness. The boundary of the primitive area is indicated on the display map by an orange line.

Following the hearing we concluded that our proposal should be enlarged by 1,012 acres to include areas designated 12 and 13 shown in dark green on the map.

Area 12 includes the very scenic upper portion of Firecamp Lakes Basin. The boundary we recommend in this area will allow the development of much needed horse packing stations and campgrounds outside the wilderness.

These facilities will provide a jumpoff point for the use of the wilderness. We will be able to construct the sanitation and other improvements which are badly needed for public health and safety and to protect the site and other values found in this small but very scenic basin.

Area 13, encompassing 595 acres, was added to include an additional mile of trail into Pamela Lake which passes through majestic old growth Douglas-fir. A portion of this trail is shown in the photograph on page 17 of the Secretary's report.

In our original proposal we recommended 11 separate areas not presently in the primitive area for addition to the wilderness.

They are shown on the map, with black vertical lines, as areas 1-11. Our reasons for suggesting these inclusions are:

Area 1 (491 acres) North Fork Breitenbush River, includes a series of waterfalls and several small lakes with high wilderness value.

Area 2 (819 acres) South Fork Brietenbush River. This area was added to maintain the wilderness character of the upper reaches of the river. Trails follow both the north and south ridges to Jefferson Park.

Area 3 (479 acres) Pamela Lake. This addition includes Pamela Lake and about 1 mile of Pamela Creek. It provides a wilderness entry to the alpine areas through a dense stand of mature Douglas-fir timber. Area 13, which I discussed earlier, is an extension of this addition.

Area 4 (216 acres) northeast of Lake Ann, and Area 5 (367 acres) Pine Ridge, were proposed to place the boundary on recognizable features.

Area 6 (5,447 acres) Santiam Pass. This major addition extends the boundary to identifiable features approximately one-half mile from the Santiam Highway. The alpine timber types and open meadows make this an ideal area for wilderness use.

Area 7 (600 acres) Little Lake, was proposed for addition to place the boundary on recognizable topographic features.

Area 8 (229 acres) Canyon Creek, includes wilderness values in the glacial cirque at the head of Canyon Creek.