

Senator CHURCH. Under the scenic area concept, are you planning to construct campground facilities around the lake itself?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, I think we need to do something to control the use in there, and to prevent people from polluting the lakes, and we need fire protection facilities. We will keep them just as primitive as we can.

There will be only trail access. The lake is now heavily used by motorboats. We would like to phase out the use of the motorboats, but there are hundreds of boats that now use the area.

Senator CHURCH. How do they get to the lake with the motorboats?

Mr. CLIFF. They pack them in or tote them in on boat carriers, and they pack the motors in on backpack. There are over a hundred boats stored up there over the winter. It is a heavily used area, and it is going to be more heavily used.

Senator CHURCH. Are there any boathouses or anything of that kind that have been constructed around the lake?

Mr. CLIFF. I understand there is one boathouse. There is also a guard station.

Senator CHURCH. Are there any sanitary facilities now in existence there?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, there are some. There have to be some. But we need more.

Senator CHURCH. Thank you.

Mr. CLIFF. Continuing with my statement, we estimate that there were 10,000 visitor days of use in this small Marion Lake area in 1967. In view of all these factors, we recommend that this area not be included in the wilderness.

The Regional Forester has designated 1,596 acres around Marion Lake as a scenic area. It will be managed for recreation purposes without roads or timber harvesting.

Another major factor in our decision not to include area 14 is the very substantial volume of high quality commercial timber it contains—over 900 million board feet.

The harvest from the area will generate nearly 600 man-years of employment per year. The inclusion of area 14 in the wilderness would have a serious adverse effect on the economy of adjacent communities.

Demand for national forest timber in the Santiam Valley is exceedingly heavy. The proposed wilderness already contains a very substantial amount of high quality timber land. There are no ecological associations found in area 14 which are not already represented in the proposed Mount Jefferson Wilderness.

We did not recommend inclusion of area 15 because of plans to develop road access and campgrounds at Square and Long Lakes. This recreation development in close proximity to the north Santiam Highway will provide adequate sanitation facilities needed to protect these heavily used areas. It will also provide a base camp for day use of the wilderness.

Area 16 does not offer a suitable boundary and would add little to wilderness values already present in our proposal.

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This proposal results from a review of the Devil Canyon-Bear Canyon Primitive Area, Angeles National Forest, in California.