

was reduced by that amount. In view of this, and in view of the pressures currently being created by the export of logs, I recommend no enlargement beyond the area which would be added by the bill I introduced.

It is important that future generations of Americans will have the opportunity to walk through the ageless forests that greeted our forefathers. Designation of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness will guarantee this opportunity. I urge enactment of S. 2751.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman; I want to indicate that I am most anxious to have the testimony that you have set forth here in your agenda as part of the record, and will certainly be most interested in reviewing this record with the other members of your subcommittee at a later date.

Senator METCALF. Thank you very much, Senator. This is a significant statement. As I understand it, your point is that this area incorporated in your bill has been a part of a primitive area for more than three decades.

Senator HATFIELD. That is right.

Senator METCALF. And therefore, it is not considered under a sustained timber yield operation, but any additions would seriously curtail the timber supply in the particular area.

Senator HATFIELD. Yes. Of course, as you know, Mr. Chairman, the bill does enlarge what has been primitive area up to this time by a few thousand acres. At a later time, I would like to discuss with the committee that part which has created some difficulty with certain Indian lands. A very small portion of the proposed increased area does include certain Indian lands that I think the committee would be interested in going further into detail on.

But the proposed bill, as it stands, does enlarge the former primitive area, and none of this has been under a timber harvesting program, but any addition would bring into the wilderness designation certain acreage and certain lands which are under sustained yield, and would be available eventually under the conservation programs practiced by the forestry department for our timber industry.

Of course, as you know, Mr. Chairman, timber provides the most jobs in our State and, therefore, we are keenly interested in not only the preservation for recreational purposes of certain timberlands but we are equally concerned that people in our State can have gainful employment. Recreation, after all, should be a program for those who are wage earners, as well as for people who are independently wealthy, or are in professional pursuits. I think that if we do not provide enough jobs and job opportunities the wage earner will not be able to enjoy recreational activity on unemployment compensation checks or welfare checks.

Senator METCALF. Well, for awhile, I thought you were describing some of the area in Montana.

Thank you very much.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you.

Senator CHURCH. Thank you, Senator Metcalf, for starting the hearings this afternoon. I am sorry, Senator Hatfield, that I missed your statement, because I usually am richly rewarded by everything you say.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you very much, Senator.