

tours this summer, so while I am quite familiar with the country and many of the problems, the point is that I am not in a position, and I don't think any of our people are in a position, to actually recommend where these boundaries should be.

Senator CHURCH. Yes.

Mr. GUTERMUTH. I am a little bit concerned, however, that in some of the proposals that have been considered, and in these hearings, the boundaries have been designated up on the crest of mountains, in one place, and then the next time they go to some other natural barrier, like a stream, or in fact, some kind of other distinguishable line. It occurs to me that there ought to be some uniformity in all of these selections, as to some type of a definite boundary, rather than to be fluctuating in all of the various areas that are considered from time to time.

We have a lot of them before us, and I am in hopes that maybe a little bit more uniformity can be worked into the boundary designations that are going to be selected, not only here, but in all of them, as we move along.

Senator CHURCH. Any questions, Senator Metcalf?

Senator METCALF. No, except that I want to say that for all the years that I have been in Congress, both in the House and here, Mr. Gutermuth has been testifying for these programs that are in the public interest, and certainly, your testimony will be given a great deal of consideration.

Mr. GUTERMUTH. Thank you, Senator Metcalf.

Senator CHURCH. Senator Hansen?

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Gutermuth, I am impressed with the last statement you have just made, that is, your appeal for greater uniformity or some accord that might be reached on the designation of boundaries. I have studied the proposal of the Forest Service, and could you point out, with the map there on your left, or however you would like to, wherein you would take exception with the factors, with the criteria that has been used by the Forest Service in designating boundaries?

Mr. GUTERMUTH. Well, I don't think, Senator Hansen, that I would want to actually attempt to point out where they are. The thing that disturbs me is that in some areas they have recommended that the boundaries go down the crest of mountains, and some promontories along the line, and in other places, they pick an entirely different form of boundary. One would think that there is some impelling reason for this selection in the various localities, but I believe that there is a way in which they could select boundaries that would be a little bit more uniform and would be applicable to all of these areas.

Of course, on the long, narrow strip in the Mount Jefferson area we have met with the various people who have intimate knowledge of the area, and there is considerable question as to whether or not that western boundary is the exact location that it should be.

There is a great desire on the part of many people who are knowledgeable in those areas, while we are always going to be confronted with timber values and other problems that Senator Hatfield just spoke of, the fact still remains that as we move along in this country, with the increased population, we are going to be very thankful for all of these acres that have been set aside. So here you have a desire