

he speaks from firsthand knowledge, and I am delighted that he can be here to testify today.

Senator METCALF. Mr. Bonney, we are looking forward to your testimony.

Mr. BONNEY. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Chairman and persons here today, I think the Senator has probably introduced me pretty well. I live in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming, not too far from the Senator in the summertime, and we both love the Wyoming country, and want to see everything done that can be done for Wyoming, both of us.

Senator METCALF. If you work as hard for Wyoming as Senator Hansen does, then I am sure you will try to do everything for Wyoming.

Mr. BONNEY. I am speaking for the Sierra Club, but I can't divorce from that my own feelings on the State and the desire to preserve the nature of it, so I may get my own feelings mixed into it somewhat.

First, I would like to commend the Forest Service for putting the Boedeker Butte area into this proposal. This occurred subsequent to the Riverton hearing. With all due regard to the Forest Service, they recognized an error had been made, and they put out their brochure showing Boedeker Butte as a typical area of the wilderness which ought to be preserved, and the picture they put in their brochure didn't show that. Everything that was in the picture was excluded from the area.

Now, I make mistakes myself and try to correct them, too, so they have corrected the mistake, and they put Boedeker Butte in the proposal. At the moment I am just elaborating on my remarks. I have a written document to go into the record, and it is long, and I don't want to read it.

Senator METCALF. It will be incorporated in the record.

Mr. BONNEY. I don't want to take up your time with it, but I would like to make some comment here.

I think that our discussion of Boedecker Butte points up one of our great problems concerning where to put the boundaries.

The Forest Service, as they did on Boedecker Butte, ran their line on the top, practically precluding the whole scenic area, like defining the boundaries of the Mall by the top of the Washington Monument.

You don't have anything, and they didn't have anything here on Boedecker, nor on some of these others, because they went to the top of the buttes and the top of the pinnacles.

I don't know whether anybody here is familiar with surveying, but I don't think a surveyor could get on top of some of these pinnacles. I am a mountain climber, and I would have difficulty. I don't think a surveyor could get there to survey these boundary lines.

You can ask any surveyor, and he would tell you he would much rather be working on these lower points, which we have designated on our map. These are all high points easily seen on the ground. A surveyor would be much happier getting out on those outlying points and laying out his line than he would scrambling along the tops of the pinnacles.

The Forest Service, in this brochure, characterize this Washakie wilderness as a country characterized by deep, narrow valleys, some of them true canyons, and broad flat-topped mountains and plateaus.