

It is maybe a different habit at the time of year, or something, but I think that once you do come in with lumbering operations and disturb their summer range, and their migration routes, and bring it under pressure of hunters, or build jeep roads into area J and let a half dozen hunters go up on the first day of hunting season, that the elk would be scattered up in the hills, and might never come down that migration route again.

Wyoming has gone to a lot of expense in an area south of this proposed Wilderness area where the Wyoming Game Commission has bought an elk pasture. They bring the elk in there and feed them in the wintertime, so that they won't come down and get on the ranches and cause trouble there.

I do think the elk would be disturbed, particularly by the timber cutting, and by the type of roads that they build there. Maybe they are used to our Jackson Hole country, and know they have lots of friends there in the wintertime. I don't know. Anyway, it is a free meal, so that that probably influences them in coming down to the elk refuge.

I believe my written statement will take care of most of my other comments, and I will be glad to answer any questions.

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Bonney, I want to thank you very much for an excellent statement.

I have before me a copy of your prepared statement that is very comprehensive, and I know that the members of the committee will study it carefully, because they recognize the background from which you speak, and will be impressed, as I am, with what you say.

May I just make one or two observations? I am sure you will be the first to want to have the record straight, and I think it ought to be noted that Teton County shares in part of the sales tax take in Yellowstone Park, so that what we get there does not reflect simply the tax or exclusively the tax collected within Teton County.

A number of years ago, with the passage of the sales tax, the question of what do we do about Yellowstone Park was posed, and for the good fortune of my county, Teton and Park County, the sales tax receipts from the park are divided between those two counties. I know that you would want me to point that out.

I might also say that the Forest Service does not have in its presentation the detail, the specific statements that you referred to, that were taken at the Riverton hearing. There is this one paragraph:

I will read now from the Forest Service brochure entitled "A Proposal, Washakie Wilderness-Shoshone National Forest—Wyoming":

Thirty-one percent of the statements favored the Forest Service Proposal, with a majority of these specifying that the Wilderness not be increased beyond this size. Sixty-one percent favored the Forest Service Proposal plus part of or all of the additions proposed by the Wildlife-Sierra-Wilderness Society group. Two percent were in favor of Wilderness classification for the Stratified Primitive Area but were opposed to anything larger. Three percent were opposed to Wilderness classification for any of the area. Three percent did not state a position on any of the proposals.

In addition to that, I am told that the Forest Service does have on hand, and it is available for perusal by this committee, a complete transcript of the Riverton field hearings.

Copies of all organizational statements made at the Riverton hearing, and also individual statements submitted to the Forest Service are on file both in Denver and here in Washington, and are avail-