

Gentlemen: We are asking that you give careful and favorable consideration to the enlarging of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area. We suggest that you follow the general guide lines as stipulated by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at a recent hearing on the proposed wilderness area, and add at least the 29,000 acres.

As the area now stands and as suggested by the United States Forest Service, the wilderness will be too small. Extending north and south along the crest of the Cascades, it is very narrow for a complete wilderness area. Logging activities can be heard both to the east and west of the slim corridor of spectacular natural beauty.

In my time, I have seen a tremendous explosion in the field of recreation. Mountain climbers, skiers, hunters, fisherman, hikers and campers are all demanding wilderness areas in which to vacation. Leisure time, better transportation, better equipment, and extensive outdoor publicity have all joined in putting thousands of recreation-seeking people into the Cascade Mountain regions. Limited and desirable areas are already being overused. Much of our high mountain country is fragile and overuse can destroy its beauty. Overcrowded conditions detract from a happy outing in natural surroundings.

Oregon is a state that is rich in recreational potential. At present recreation is our third largest industry. Facts indicate that recreation use is increasing 100% every five years; so in ten years it can well be the leading industry.

In the western states we have a continuing controversy between industry wanting to utilize commercially the resources of the wilderness, and those far-seeing individuals wanting to preserve some of our great outdoors. A balance must be obtained between use and exploitation of the natural resources and saving some of them for the future. Why not save some areas now and let later generations decide their best use?

As guides making a living from the recreation industry but not by exploiting or destroying natural resources, we ask you to enlarge these areas. Save them before it is too late. This must be done if the recreational needs of our people twenty years from now are to be met.

Senator HANSEN. The committee has received statements from Carwin A. Woolley, executive vice president, Pacific Logging Congress, and Douglas W. Scott, of Ann Arbor, Mich., for inclusion in the record. Also a letter from Gene D. Knudson of Willamette Industries, Inc., of Portland, Oreg. These all concern the Mount Jefferson Wilderness proposal and I think it would be well to print them at this point.

(The data referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF CARWIN A. WOOLLEY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, PACIFIC LOGGING CONGRESS, PORTLAND, OREG.

The Pacific Logging Congress is an Association of individuals engaged in, or interested in the harvesting and tree growing phase of the forest industry. Its membership includes representatives of the majority of logging firms from Alaska to the Mexican border and east to the Rocky Mountains. It is vitally concerned with the broad aspects of forest land management, to the end that the greatest possible benefits of all forest resources may be realized.

Our Association has long supported, and worked for, the application of the multiple use principle of land management, and it recognizes the difficulties inherent in meeting seemingly unlimited demands for specific uses from a very limited and continually shrinking acreage of forest land.

We have very carefully studied the proposal for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area.

We believe that it represents an excellent example of enlightened and comprehensive resource management planning for maximum benefit to all segments of society, with minimum adverse affect on any one specific use of our forest resource. We believe the U.S. Forest Service is to be commended for an excellent job of planning and presenting this proposal.

We therefore strongly urge approval of S. 2751 as presently written.

We also wish to record strong opposition to any proposal to further extend the proposed boundaries of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area to include Square Lakes, Marion Lakes, or any additional areas of high quality timberlands.