

width and to add lowland forest habitat, and the 1,500 acre Square Lake-Long Lake area. The result will be a 125,000 acre wilderness area fully measuring up to the mandate of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Thank you.

WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES, INC.,
Portland, Oreg., February 19, 1968.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Senate Committee on Interior and
Insular Affairs, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: My letter of February 16, 1968 supported S. 2751 as introduced with boundaries as recommended by the U.S. Forest Service. The following supporting data is submitted and I would appreciate very much if you would include this statement in the record of your hearings on S. 2751.

Our company supports the proposal to make the Mount Jefferson Wilderness a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The U.S. Forest Service thoroughly studied the proposed area and several suggested alternate boundaries and conducted hearings in Salem on October 26, 1966. All classes of use were considered, including industrial and all types of recreation, before recommending the boundaries as proposed. Our reason for opposing additional areas to that in the bill are discussed below.

The drive in, mass recreation facilities for families and others without the time or economic resources to use the wilderness are the most crowded and more development in this classification is needed. Inclusion of additional areas close to population and road developments in the wilderness classification only makes the problem more acute for the greatest number of outdoor recreationists. There is no social season for wilderness devotees to enjoy a larger area and less restrictive opportunity than others.

General camping, picnicking, and drive in recreationists can be serviced without placing economic hardship on the timber using communities, industrial operators and their employees since these uses are compatible with timber management.

There has been a timber cutting moratorium on a 26,000 acre area adjacent to the proposed boundaries which has reduced the annual available timber by 10,900,000 board feet. Based on Pacific Northwest Experiment Station studies, this volume represents an annual loss of \$3,832,440.00 to the gross national product. If this area is added to the withdrawal, this would be an annual loss to perpetuity.

Very truly yours,

GENE D. KNUDSON.

Senator HANSEN. The hearing will now be recessed until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 5:05 p.m. the committee was recessed, to be reconvened at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 20, 1968.)