

We have, year after year, seen that a simple sign on East Fork has been an effective deterrent to trespass travel into the primitive area. A similar sign in the big meadow at the head of Wiggins Fork also has served its purpose. The simple truth is that people believe in the principles involved and want to cooperate. All they need is the indication that that is where the line is.

There seems to be little question that the area of approximately 40,000 acres which we are recommending for addition will be cut over for timber if it does not have the protection of wilderness status. If this happens, there will be no possibility to perpetuate the game herd, and quality hunting and recreation on the Wind River will be gone.

Addition of the area will enhance the entire wilderness area by giving it a representative timber type. It will enable the American public to see a great treasure, and for the many people who have the energy, and the initiative, and the appreciation, and the guts to make the effort to see it, it will be greatly rewarding.

I would like for your children and grandchildren, as well as mine, to be able to visit this area and share in experiences there such as I have had. I recommend it for your favorable consideration.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Shoemaker. Having known you for a long time and watched you operate, I am certain that what you say will be of real interest to the members of the committee. I appreciate your testimony.

Mr. SHOEMAKER. Thank you.

Senator HANSEN. Next to be heard is Mrs. Alice Shoemaker of Dubois. Mrs. Shoemaker, glad to have you.

STATEMENT OF MRS. ALICE SHOEMAKER, DUBOIS, WYO.

Mrs. SHOEMAKER. Thank you, Senator. I am Mrs. Alice Shoemaker from Dubois, Wyo. I am testifying as a citizen of Dubois, Wyo.

To most persons, the word "wilderness" has finally achieved membership in that illustrious group which stands for all good things—like mother and the American flag. Now at this particular time, you people in the Congress of the United States have the obligation to make the right decision concerning a few thousand acres of scenic beauty in Wyoming. Some of us have traveled thousands of miles to present our views in the hope that we can be helpful with our knowledge of the country and our awareness of the local economics, geography, situations, and opinions.

Since the passage of the wilderness bill, almost all of the best of our high beautiful mountain country in the West has come, or will come under scrutiny as to whether or not it should be included in the wilderness system.

One under consideration at this hearing is the proposed Washakie Wilderness Area in the Shoshone National Forests and there is very definitely a unique situation in connection with this one. In most cases, wilderness areas are within national forests, and the land will be carefully administered to conserve the basic resources, whether or not it is included in the wilderness bill.

This is not true in this case because, through several progressive changes in ownership, U.S. Plywood Corp. has ended up with a timber operation in the little town of Dubois which represents an extremely