

If I may refer to maps I would like to document each area we wish to add. I will refer to them as they are designated by letter or number on the map appearing as pages 17-18 in the U.S. Forest Service report entitled, "A Proposal, Washakie Wilderness, Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming."

To my right, Senator, I have a map which is made up of topographic maps. I am sorry that it does not show Bear Basin. It was brought out that surveys have not been made, and in this area, evidently not enough to make topographic maps possible. Our proposal in the Bear Basin has been outlined by Mr. Shoemaker, in which Castle Rock would be a pivot point from which to take off on the Forest Service line along Bear Creek, follow down to the mouth of Cave Creek, then up to Bear Cub Pass, up a hydrographic divide, nearly to the top of Mount Kent, and then down another watershed to approximately the point that the Forest Service has outlined themselves at near Caldwell Creek.

Area D, Bear Basin, our proposal is to include all or parts of sections 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, T44N, R105W, and sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Tr3N, R105W, in all comprising approximately 6,670 acres.

Even though there are true wilderness values found in other areas which were originally recommended for inclusion, we are willing to accede on them. Thus area C, Dundee Creek and the Middle Fork of Wood River has small, thriving elk herd. But it also has mineralization which could be developed even if it were placed in the wilderness. Development would therefore negate its wilderness value. This is an area of 8,602 acres.

Area D, the Bear Basin, was originally recommended to include 8,130 acres. Because of some road penetration and because the area we now ask for inclusion is most critical for elk habitat and other wilderness values, the recommendation is some 1,500 acres less.

Mr. Shoemaker again has pointed out that where the roads have penetrated the farthest, and in the areas which could possibly be used for recreational development, we have excluded.

Areas 3, E, and F-1 were originally recommended to contain 6,857 acres. The present recommendation is 4,040 acres, a reduction of some 2,800 acres. Here again a critical elk habitat and the important timbered fringes are requested for inclusion.

Areas 6, G, H, and I were recommended to include some 3,451 acres. This has now been increased by some 3,400 acres to include more of the lower slopes and basins on Five Mile Creek and Six Mile Creek.

The Ramshorn, which towers over this area, is one of the most outstanding features along the southern escarpment. The fringes beneath it, which set it off, are most worthy additions to the wilderness area. It is in these areas the elk pass on migration.

Local people feel that if the elk have a passageway at least this far south and eat toward the winter range they will continue in spite of man's activities farther on. These areas on upper Five Mile and Six Mile Creeks would constitute a corridor approximately 1½ to 2 miles wide.

The areas lie mostly on steep slopes at elevation of 8,500 feet and above. There is good access to these areas from nearby ranches and roads.