

since it has been logged, offers the Forest Service the opportunity to go in and develop recreational sites other than at Brooks Lake.

Senator HANSEN. Is there merit in that proposal of the Forest Service, in your judgment?

Mr. BELL. To do what, sir?

Senator HANSEN. To develop recreational sites?

Mr. BELL. Yes, sir; there is. I am in full agreement here. What I am saying, though, is that recreational sites can be developed in all of this area, also over in the Wiggins Fork, the Horse Creek, and the Parque Creek. This is a deep valley ~~here where the river goes through on this side~~—with no primitive or wilderness area for some miles—which would offer tremendous values for this recreational development. My thought is that Trail Lake would make a very excellent recreational site, and we deliberately left it outside the boundary for that reason, thinking if they want a developed recreational site, this is a beautiful area.

From here, people can then walk over into this area of the map, or back into this area, or if there are recreational sites, you will see a number of lakes here, recreational sites can be built around these, and they can walk in from here, over Bonneville Pass. There is excellent access.

I might point out that on this map, in the Bridger wilderness area, last year there were 88,000 visitor days, and Bridger is more remote, actually, the points of interest that are visited, than this would be.

Senator HANSEN. We appreciate your appearing, Mr. Bell, and if you would like to make further indications on your map that will help clarify these points that you have referred to here this morning, I think it would be helpful. As I understand, you are going to leave that for the committee's use.

Mr. BELL. Yes, sir. Thank you, Senator.

Senator BELL. Thank you very much, Mr. Bell.

Senator HANSEN. We will next hear from Mr. William Crump, district game supervisor, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission of Lander, Wyo.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM CRUMP, DISTRICT GAME DIVISION SUPERVISOR FOR THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION, LANDER, WYO.

Mr. CRUMP. Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Interior Subcommittee on Public Lands: I am William Crump, district game division supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, and live at Lander, Wyo. I have been asked to testify on behalf of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in relation to the proposed Washakie Wilderness Area and its effects on wildlife in the upper Wind River drainage of Fremont County, Wyo.

I have worked as a professional big game biologist in the upper Wind River drainage for 17 years. In the early 1950's my work was on moose food habits, distribution, and migrations in this area.

In the mid-1950's it was my pleasure to work for 3 years on a big-horn sheep study in this drainage. In 1958, I became district big game biologist with responsibilities for the collection of population trends, hunter harvest, distribution and migration information on elk, mule