

Senator HANSEN. How much of the year do they spend in the winter area?

Mr. CRUMP. A very good percentage of the year is actually spent in area J itself.

Senator HANSEN. Do they go up and out of it in the summer months, or do they come out of it in the winter months?

Mr. CRUMP. No, they are pretty much year around residents in this area. This is true of the Absoraka Mountain sheep north of the river.

This is different in the Wind River area, where they actually come down just above town, and are enjoyed by many people as a winter attraction in the country.

Senator HANSEN. What about grizzly bear? Have any been sighted in area J?

Mr. CRUMP. Yes; the most recent kill has been a few years ago. I think about 1957 or 1958 one was killed by one of Bill Picketts' hunters in the headwaters. I believe it was just up somewhere from Dundee Meadows, right in that general area.

Senator HANSEN. I gathered from one of the last statements you made in your testimony that unless the sagebrush is removed, you don't really anticipate a problem insofar as visitors are concerned in elk calving areas, because the time of year that elk are calving, the country is pretty wet and would be largely inaccessible.

Mr. CRUMP. That is largely true. It is our feeling when the time is right, the apple will fall, and I think that we are not particularly concerned about them calving. Now sagebrush is essential as an escape cover and a hiding cover for the first few days after birth.

Senator HANSEN. Yes; I gathered that that was what you were implying in your testimony.

Mr. CRUMP. Yes, sir.

Senator HANSEN. We certainly appreciate your being here, Mr. Crump. Thank you for a very fine statement.

You did present a map here?

Mr. CRUMP. I should like to point out the importance, if I could, Senator Hansen, of these migrations and why it is a little different than has been explained here earlier. One of the—

Senator HANSEN. May I interrupt, first? You say why it is a little different than has been explained here earlier. Now what is your basis for that statement?

Are you saying that you think you know better than others who have spoken on it? I am not trying to be critical. I just think it would be of importance to the committee to have you explain what you mean by that.

Mr. CRUMP. I think in explaining the problems concerned with migrations, as has been explained here earlier, we have a problem here that does not exist in these other areas with regard to migrations.

For instance, the area in which reference was made to the Jackson country, between Moran Junction and Four Mile Meadows, say, the elk moves across this road; they move across many roads, this is true.

The big difference is, I think, that we are talking about the top of a mountain divide here, and not elk that are already committed, as the elk are, coming down in Jackson Hole.

They are 15 or 20 miles from the divide by the time they come to these roads. They are committed, and they will come through, re-