

The Wyoming Federation believes that these would be jeopardized by road systems or clear-cut timbering operations in this area. Their President, Bill Isaacs informs me that these are the top priority items on their list of suggestions.

I respectfully request that every consideration be given to the inclusion of these areas within the proposed Washakie Wilderness upon reclassification.

Sincerely,

ERNEST E. DAY.

CARBON COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB,
Rawlins, Wyo., February 12, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: We understand that there will be a hearing on the proposed Washakie Wilderness on February 19, 1968. We, the members of this conservation organization are on record supporting the needed additional acreages as recommended by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and heavily supported by other conservation groups as well as civic groups and individuals, to insure the continuance of an elk herd in the proposed Washakie Wilderness.

We all know too well that in this rapidly shrinking world, those lands that were so worthless not too many years ago, our National Parks and Forests that were set aside by wise and far-sighted men, who fought long and hard to make them what they are today, are now being eye-balled by some industries as well as individuals out after the mighty dollar. They, who in no way consider the impact of their operations on the ecology of both wildlife and plants, other natural resources, recreation and waters, let alone the natural beauty which such operations scar and mar.

Therefore please enter this letter into your hearing as our support to the addition of the needed acreages to the Washakie Wilderness to insure our dwindling elk herd at least one small rampart against the encroachment of civilization and what we like to call modern progress, on what is now one of the least wanted frontiers left our wildlife in its escape and adjustment to civilization, from the rest of their natural environment which formerly included many of our western states.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. TREJO,
President.

SEATTLE, WASH., *February 21, 1968.*

Re Washakie Wilderness Proposal.

Hon. FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Public Lands Subcommittee, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: We have had a summer place in Jackson, Wyoming, for twenty years.

I favor the addition to the Washakie Wilderness of East and West DuNoir Creek drainages.

The case that Mr. Tom Bell makes for including these fringe effect areas, particularly when the elevations are so high and the timber of marginal merchantability, seems to me persuasive. I hope you will support an enlarged proposal, despite the Forest Service recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

PALMER SMITH.

STATEMENT OF J. SUTTON MYERS, DOVER, DEL.

WASHAKIE WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

The study groups that researched the problems and conditions that resulted in the establishment of the original Absaroka Wilderness and the proposed boundaries to the Stratified Primitive Area are to be commended for their efforts.

As is often the case, the original proposal fell short of the most desirable boundaries for wilderness areas, as expressed by later studies. These subsequent studies, made in more depth, are nearly unanimous in their opinion that the wilderness area should be larger than presently proposed. It was the intent of the