

Valley was logged in the 1920's and 1930's, leaving a network of old logging roads. By no stretch of the imagination can the DuNoir area be deemed "untrammeled by man," the essential requirement which must be met for an area to qualify under the Wilderness Act.

The Bear Creek Basin is similar in makeup and, while it has no prior history of logging, it has long since lost much of its primeval character. It has been penetrated, as has been brought out in the testimony yesterday and today, by a road and the usual developing jeep trails.

The urging for the addition of the DuNoir and Bear Creek Basins in the Washakie Wilderness appears to be based on an understandable desire to protect the big game habitat and especially the elk herds found in the area. Mr. Chairman, this worthwhile objective can and should be accomplished but I submit that the way to this worthy end is not to be found in the distortion of the Wilderness Act. As is borne out in the Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act, Public Law 86-517 of June 12, 1960, wilderness status is not a prerequisite of good game management. Critical game management areas can effectively be protected by judicious access and harvesting operations. We are not aware of any scientific information which would indicate that land which is properly administered under the full multiple-use concept will damage big game habitat. Certainly, as has been brought out by a number of witnesses, the existence of a road system in the Jackson Hole area of Wyoming seems not to have had an adverse impact on the concentration of big game, including elk.

In summary, we are supporting the Forest Service recommendation for the makeup of the Washakie Wilderness because we believe that it is scientifically, as well as legally, sound. In exercising your power of review, we are confident that this committee will come to the same basic conclusion. The establishment of the Washakie Wilderness along the lines outlined in the Forest Service report will assure not only the preservation of a precious natural resource in its still undisturbed primeval character, it will at the same time promote sound conservation practices and equally sound economic development in the area. Despite any past tragic history to the contrary, we know now that these seemingly conflicting purposes are not mutually exclusive.

Senator ANDERSON. You then support the recommendations of the Forest Service?

Mr. QUIGLEY. Yes, Mr. Chairman; this is our position and our recommendation.

Senator ANDERSON. Has it been proposed in any bill that these other lands be added?

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I am not so sure I heard you.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator McGee has offered such a bill.

Mr. QUIGLEY. I believe Senator McGee has suggested some possible addition, including the additions of the areas J and D that I had reference to in my prepared statement.

We agree with the Forest Service, that this is not a sound recommendation, and that because one of the areas was logged over in the past, because a road exists in the other area along the jeep trail, we feel that, any other considerations aside, that these areas are not primeval in character, and as such, however beautiful they may be, whatever steps should be taken to preserve and protect their scenic