

and recreation will all be adversely affected if the DuNoir drainage and Bear Basin are not included in the Washakie Wilderness.

The Forest Service proposal withdraws from wilderness protection steep, timbered slopes now included within the Stratified Primitive Area, on grounds that the boundaries should be on "recognizable natural features." However, for reasons both of scenic and, therefore, recreational value and of soil stability and erosion control, the steep slopes should be given wilderness protection and the boundaries should include the entire escarpments. To accomplish this desirable objective, boundaries as suggested by the many conservation organizations should be adopted below Norton Point and around Lincoln Point and Ramshorn. In some of these areas, too, there has been some lumbering activity in the past. However, the benefits to be gained from wilderness protection, realizing that the previous signs of intrusion will soon disappear, suggest that much of the area could, and should, be placed within the wilderness boundaries. Protection of the entire escarpment should, of course, be followed in all proposed additions to the wilderness. This indicates desirable additions in the vicinity of Wiggins Fork, Lincoln Point, Ramshorn, and perhaps others.

These proposed additions to wilderness will leave ample room for development of nonwilderness recreation, roadside camping, and other such uses around the outside of the proposed wilderness. Such sites as Brooks Lake, Double Cabin, Ramshorn Basin, Lean-To-Creek, and perhaps others can serve this function, and provide fine takeoff points for the wilderness, making access easy for any who wish to use this high-quality area.

I would like to add here to this, since this was discussed at great length yesterday, not only such sites as Brooks Lake and the Double Cabin area, and Ramshorn Basin and Lean-To-Creek, are possibilities, but the need for additional camping and recreation areas near Yellowstone is quite essential. We just had a hearing last week as to the same problem in Yosemite, and the same situation exists there. There is considerable area in the northeastern portion, in the Cooke City area and along the road just east of Cooke City. I was there last August. There were four or five Forest Service campgrounds within 5 miles of Cooke City, which is just outside the Yellowstone boundary in the northeast corner, and they were almost deserted. Besides this, there is a superb area for recreation. I found it highly scenic. It is on the Cooke City-Cody road in the Crandall portion of the Shoshone National Forest.

I found this very attractive country. There are already some Forest Service campsites here. It was a fine road. It was being improved last fall. This is an excellent site, I think, for additional recreation facilities. Much of it is Forest Service land. We could also have here privately operated campgrounds. Many of these would serve the function of the need for nonwilderness recreation, and they would provide fine takeoff points for the wilderness, making access easy for those wishing to use this high-quality Washakie area.

To summarize, I urge the establishment of the Washakie Wilderness proposed by the Forest Service, with the very important additions of East DuNoir Creek, West DuNoir Creek including Dundee Meadows and Bonneville Pass, Bear Basin, and boundary revisions to include the entire escarpment and timbered slopes, especially along