

Washington, the cost to the Government of building roads to areas for timbering purposes versus the retrievable cost in the sale of the timber.

I believe I am correct that the staff of this Interior Committee has asked within the past 3 or 4 days that a rapid, rough study be made with specific reference to the DuNoir Valley. The results of that study, and I have read it and I am going to try to quote it as best I remember it, were that essentially 7 miles of roadway would be needed to harvest the DuNoir Forest, the area that we are talking about, area J. This 7 miles of roads would be paid for by the Government. It would cost, I believe, \$145,000 to build the road, an additional \$25,000 would be spent to build a bridge which is necessary, roughly a total cost, then—and this is a quick estimate by the Forest Service here in Washington—of \$165,000 to \$170,000 to put in this 7 miles of road. At the maximum price they would retrieve \$60,000 for the timber that they would sell. This does not seem to me to be good economics.

Now, it will be argued that if the road is built in there, and after they have gotten everything they want out of it, the road will remain and it will be a Government-owned road. I have yet to see anyone other than in general terms saying to what use that road would be put.

I, and I think the majority of the citizens of Dubois, Wyo., support the Washakie Wilderness bills with amendments essentially as recommended by Senator McGee.

I believe that is all, Mr. Chairman. I thank you very much for the opportunity as a citizen to appear.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator Hansen, do you have any questions?

Senator HANSEN. I don't have any questions. I just want to thank you for coming back and testifying, Mr. Miller.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you.

I would like to put at least one statement into the record. The Wilderness Act, with which I am somewhat familiar, having done a little work on it, says:

The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within ten years after the enactment of this Act, review, as to its suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as wilderness, each area in the national forests classified on the effective date of this Act by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Forest Service as "primitive" and report his findings to the President. The President shall advise the United States Senate and House of Representatives of his recommendations with respect to the designation as "wilderness" or other reclassification of each area on which review has been completed, together with maps and a definition of boundaries. Such advice shall be given with respect to not less than one-third of all the areas now classified as "primitive" within three years after the enactment of this Act.

I hope that all that has been lived up to by the Department; but we all know it has not happened yet.

These three bills are San Gabriel, 36,137 acres; Mount Jefferson, 94,462 acres; and Washakie, 679,520 acres, a total of 810,019 acres. San Rafael added 143,000 acres with a total there of 953,019 acres.

This should have been done some time ago. It is not being done by the Park Service. This is entirely by Agriculture. The Interior Department, I suppose, should have done this long ago. The act is pretty plain. I hope it might be observed.

I would hope that the staff would call to the attention of the Department of the Interior that this has not been fulfilled. There was a series of questions asked by the staff of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. I hope this can be put in the record. We have to