

diversified economy should be allowed to become dominant and dictatorial, it is most damaging to an area for special interests to start cutting each other to pieces through fear or malice.

There's no group in the diverse Fremont county economy not under business pressure of some kind. It's harder to get in business, more difficult to show a profit in business, than ever. From the argument over expansion of the Washakie Wilderness area one could conclude that some people think the country would be better off if timber cutting stopped and more of the Shoshone Forest was partially sealed off as a wilderness area.

Those holding to either point of view aren't going to be swayed from their taken positions between now and the hearing next Monday in Washington.

We would like to make the observation that the stated alternatives merit amendment. Those fearing the timbering of the Dunoir convey the impression that they think the Forest Service is going to be party to the desecration and ruin of a beautiful valley.

The only way to save it from this fate, say the anti-timbering groups, is to lock it up as wilderness. Many people don't really want it as wilderness, but have lined up with those making the request in hopes their united stand will block the timbering.

The Forest Service has been studying for years way to open up the DuNoir Valley for the enjoyment of more people. The foresters admit past judgment errors in the manner timber sales have been offered, trees cut and the cutover areas left. So has forest regeneration been uneven. But so have lessons been learned. So is the pressure from recreation keenly felt by the Forest Service and the responsibility for multiple use better understood than ever before.

About the interdependence: a town needs year around payrolls to maintain itself, and be there, complete with the businesses and services the vacationer demands. A county needs a railroad, which currently depends upon the volume of freight that comes from the timber industry. The county needs the airports and the airline service, which timber, tourists, outfitters, people of all kinds help support. It takes people to make possible such necessities as a doctor, a dentist, a hospital, a school, a church, a business, a recreation center.

The chronicle of interdependence goes on, but it should be better understood than it is. Work needs be done to perfect compatability of diverse interests, because a shrinking, diminishing community freezes everybody out. With reason prevailing, there should be room for diverse interests within this vast county, including our national forest.

Senator HANSEN. If I may, could I ask that the record be kept open for 15 days in order that other individuals or organizations who might like to submit statements could have those statements included?

Senator ANDERSON. Without objection, that will be done. That will be 15 days. We will not have this bill reported for at least 15 days.

Senator HANSEN. If I may, Mr. Chairman, this morning Tom Bell, from Fremont County, testified. I believe Mr. Bell has a few corrections to make in his testimony; is that right, Tom?

Mr. BELL. Yes, sir.

Senator HANSEN. May he be recalled to the witness stand, Mr. Chairman, to make some brief corrections in his testimony?

Senator ANDERSON. He may.

FURTHER STATEMENT OF TOM BELL, WYOMING COORDINATING COUNCIL AND WYOMING WILDLIFE FEDERATION, LANDER, WYO.

Mr. BELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. Go right ahead.

Mr. BELL. Thank you. I do this with my humble apologies to both you and to the U.S. Forest Service. Since this morning when I made my testimony, I have been appraised of a statement which I made which was in error, and which does a disservice to the U.S. Forest