

Combining the enlarged Stratified Primitive Area and the existing Absaroka Wilderness into one administrative unit appears to be an excellent idea.

WYOMING OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION,
February 12, 1968.

Senator CLIFFORD P. HANSEN,
U.S. Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HANSEN: Since receiving your letter of February 2nd, I have contacted the Directors of the Wyoming Outfitters Association in regard to your invitation for this Association to submit a statement on our position on the Washakie Wilderness proposal at the hearings before the Senate Interior Committee January 19th.

With the unanimous support of the various local Outfitters and Guides Associations in 1966 and again in 1967, the Wyoming Outfitters Association resolved to firmly support the Washakie Wilderness proposal with boundary additions as advocated by the Bonny-Sierra Club Study and I am enclosing a copy of our statement as delivered for the record at the Riverton hearing.

In continued firm support of our resolution, and in acceptance of your kind invitation, we have chosen Les Shoemaker of Dubois, as spokesman for the Association to appear before the committee Feb. 19th and present a statement for the record.

As he is intimately familiar with the acreage under consideration, conversant with the problems and temper of the Dubois locality and a Director, Charter Member and Past President of this Association, Les was the unanimous choice of the Officers and Directors to represent us on this proposal and he will appear before the Committee with the complete support and indorsement of the Wyoming Outfitters Assn.

To promote better public understanding of the plan and purposes of this Association and to solicit further popular support for our resolution on the Washakie Wilderness proposal, I have made a press release which is intended to be of benefit to all and injurious to none.

In these turbulent times I know there are many urgent demands on your time and talents, and I sincerely appreciate your consideration of our views and your invitation to appear before the Committee.

Recently, I have been in touch with all the available Officers and Directors of this Association and several of the local Associations, and it is certainly the consensus that we are indeed fortunate to have a man of your background, capability and integrity to represent us.

Sincerely,

GEORGE N. CLOVER, *President.*

WYOMING OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION,
Moran, Wyo., December 8, 1966.

To: Washakie Wilderness hearing, Riverton, Wyo.

GENTLEMEN: The Wyoming Outfitter's Association enthusiastically endorses a proposal of the United States Forest Service to combine the old Stratified Primitive Area with the established South Absaroka Wilderness Area, thus forming a new entity to be known as the Washakie Wilderness Area.

It is historically and poetically proper that this proposed wilderness be named for that great Shoshone, Chief Washakie. We call attention to the adjoining and long established Absaroka Wilderness Area and applaud that discernment which would thus represent and honor the two outstanding aboriginal mountain and high plains peoples—the Crow, or Absaroka, and the Snake, or Eastern Shoshone. We believe that is altogether fitting that names representative of these two American Indian Nations should be indelibly placed, side by side, in designation of that region which they both so dearly loved and which they so fiercely contested, one with the other.

But we can not use, we can not borrow the name of any great and wise man for any use without reflection upon how that man, being present, would appraise the particular use intended. We believe that Chief Washakie, if he were here at this meeting, would be the first to acclaim the proposal presently under consideration. But we also believe that that chief, famed for a wise and discriminating