

expressed at hearings. I have particular reference here to the Firecamp Lakes area.

In my judgment, they have assigned competent men to this task and I believe they have done a good job. Their recommendations are sound, and I believe they should be supported.

Recognizing that this area is very close to you personally, I know that you will have a keen interest in the progress of Senate Bill 2751.

I wanted to assure you that in my judgment it is a good bill and worthy of your support.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

GARNETT E. CANNON, *President.*

SIMPSON TIMBER Co.,
Albany, Oreg., February 19, 1968.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Simpson Timber Company operates a plywood plant at Albany, Oregon which employs 241 men with an annual payroll of \$1,700,000. This plant has been in continuous operation since 1941 and is presently 100% dependent on government timber sales for raw material. A volume of fifty million board feet of Timber Sales annually is required to supply logs of a type used in this plant.

The proposed addition to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area results in a reduction of ten million board feet in the allowable cut for the North Santiam working circle. This represents 20% of the timber sales required to operate our plant.

The Department of Agriculture has spent a great deal of time with qualified people in their study of this area. The study considered recreational values as well as timber values and I am confident that their decision is equitable to all parties.

The Simpson Timber Company, therefore, endorses without change the Department of Agriculture proposal for adding the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness to the National Wilderness Preservation System as provided in S. 2751.

Sincerely yours,

C. D. DAVIS,
Manager, Oregon Timberlands.

SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE,
Washington, D.C., November 13, 1967.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Sport Fishing Institute would like to go on record in support of Senator Kuchel's bill, S. 2531, "to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness, Angeles National Forest, in the State of California." The California Department of Fish and Game supports Senator Kuchel's measure and we understand that the California Resources Agency has testified in behalf of the State at hearings held in Southern California during the summer of 1966.

Mr. Chairman, I am intimately acquainted with this area, having served as District Fishery Biologist in the Southern California area. During my 12 years of experience we found the San Gabriel watershed to be one of the most heavily utilized by nearby metropolitan outdoor recreation-seeking sportsmen. The West Fork of the San Gabriel River, which heads in the Devil Canyon-Bear Canyon Primitive Area has produced some of the finest put-and-take rainbow trout fishing in the State of California. Experiments conducted in above 1957 show the extremely heavy removal by anglers of trout—up to 96 per cent of a 3,000 fish plant in a 3,000 foot section within two days!

My point, Mr. Chairman, is that this watershed is deserving of all the protection that it can possibly receive. Reclassification of the headwater section into a Wilderness Area should be of considerable value as a protective device against intrusion of future up-stream developers.