

"park". It's obvious to me that at the currently observable pace there will be little left of value in twenty years except the Mountain itself.

Opponents of wilderness proposals often state that only a few "crack pots" visit wilderness areas. That the public doesn't really know they exist. Well, from personal experience I can assure you the public knows about and uses the Jefferson Area and particularly Jefferson Park. On a summer weekend an observer in the park will note a steady stream of single hikers, families, youth groups and others threading their way into this unparalleled mountain meadow. Most use great care to protect the treasure they have come to inspect, yet their very presence takes its toll on land. Help is needed and needed fast to protect what remains. The addition of area 14-b will help to decrease some of this population pressure and will at least diffuse it over a wider area.

I respectfully request that you take prompt action to protect this priceless few acres in Marion County.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES W. GALE, *Director.*

DESOMOUNT CLUB,
Los Angeles, Calif., February 15, 1968.

PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE,
Senate Interior Committee,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: At the San Gabriel Wilderness hearing, conservationists, with a single exception, unanimously supported the Forest Service proposal for the wilderness.

The population pressures in southern California are so great that every available facility for release from tensions in the great out-of-doors is needed to accommodate the vast numbers who there seek relief. The San Gabriel Mountains virtually at our back door, are invaluable.

We urge that the wilderness classification be accepted as presented by the Forest Service.

Respectfully yours,

EVELYN GAYMAN,
Conservation Chairman.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
Philadelphia, Pa., February 14, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I would like to support the recommendations of the Wilderness Society concerning the additions of certain pieces of adjacent land to the proposed Washakie Wilderness Area in Wyoming.

The total acreage of any or all of the recommended areas is small compared to the total area being considered but these are important regions from the point of view of protecting unaltered stands of forest around the higher barer areas to be included. The tree covered slopes and valleys are important components of the scenic game ranges and fishing streams which give the area wilderness value. The inclusion of these small fringe areas will be a positive contribution to the whole.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH ANN MORRIS GELL, Ph. D.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
Chicago, Ill., February 19, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Public Land Subcommittee, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I would like to add my unqualified support of Senate Bill 2630 for the establishment of the proposed Washakie Wilderness Area.

Although I am a resident of Illinois, I am intimately familiar with the area from visits to it over the past more than ten years. I feel that the areas which