

are proposed for inclusion in the wilderness area and all that it implies should be preserved in this fashion. We are very short of virgin lands in the continental United States. We should not make the error of failing to preserve these last few acres in a state and condition which will permit them to be useful for great numbers of people through the decades and centuries ahead.

Failing to preserve these areas will be a total loss for all time for the people of the United States.

Please do everything necessary to preserve these areas within the Wilderness Concept.

Very truly yours,

ELMER F. GLABE, *President.*

FOOD TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
Chicago, Ill., February 22, 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: Please refer to my letter of February 19, regarding Senate Bill 2630.

To clarify my intent, please understand that I urge including in the Washakie Wilderness area *all of the land areas* proposed by the following *in addition to* those proposed by the U.S. Forest Service:

Wyoming Wild Life Federation

Wilderness Society

All Cooperating Conservation Groups

All of these areas should all be preserved, and all logging and mining activities therein should cease.

Very truly yours,

ELMER F. GLABE, *President.*

JOHNSON, JOHNSON & HARRANG,
Eugene, Oreg., March 4, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Public Lands Committee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am writing concerning the above bill and classification matter and ask that this letter be included in the hearing record. Your committee has been urged by witnesses you have heard to add approximately 29,000 acres to the 96,500 acres proposed by the Forest Service. I believe and recommend that the 29,000 acres be added for the following reasons:

It has been pointed out to your committee that of about 273 streams and valleys over 5 miles in length in the National Forests of the Cascades, only 7 remained unroaded or unlogged. The Whitewater Creek Valley is one of those that has partially been logged and roaded on the west side of Mount Jefferson. However, a substantial part of this creek-shed remains and is of inestimable value in its nature condition. This area lies at the very foot of Mount Jefferson on the west side and contains breathtaking views of Mount Jefferson. It is a saddening experience to pass through this area and at the same time traverse the clearcut units that have already been taken out there. In addition, the logging that occurred there was one of the most glaring examples of waste of wood fiber in the Cascades that I have ever seen. In a clearcut unit all standing timber is felled and in these areas that I am speaking of so many logs were left on the ground that it was difficult to believe that any had actually been removed. The logs lay in the area like boulders on a river bank. It was explained to me by one Forest Service employee that these logs were not removed because they were hemlock and that market prices at the time of the cut could not economically be transported to the mill.

I have climbed and hiked a great deal in the Oregon Cascades since returning from World War II. I have seen the tremendous increase in the use of this recreational high country. Many of these areas, and Jefferson Park is one of them, are presently being overused and to fail to add the additional 29,000 acres here under consideration will only aggravate the problem of overuse.