

It seems to me that any sane approach to national priorities demands that we conserve as much of these remaining areas as possible. At best, we have far too little area in wilderness classification.

The 29,000 acres that I urge you to include in this wilderness classification will bring in the remainder of the Firecamp Lakes region, the northland south forks of Breitenbush River, the Marion Lake region, Square and Long Lakes, Woodpecker Ridge, Camelia Creek, Minto Mountain, Bingham Ridge and Big Meadows. As testimony before your committee indicated, about 350,000 acres of wilderness type land under Forest Service management have gone to timber harvest since 1950. Our national priorities demand that this trend be reversed.

Thank you for consideration of this correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES P. HARRANG.

LAKE REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY,
Lakeland, Fla., February 17, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Public Land Subcommittee,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:

We urge consideration by the Public Land Subcommittee of the additions proposed by conservationists to the proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness. These would be changes in the boundaries as recommended by the Forest Service and covered by S. 2751.

Where there are differences between the plans submitted by the government agencies and by citizens' groups, we want to feel that the Subcommittee will be guided by the merits of the several plans and will alter the language of the administration bill accordingly.

Very truly yours,

HARLAN B. HERBERT, *President.*

LAKE REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY,
Lakeland, Fla., February 17, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Public Land Subcommittee,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:

We have become aware of a difference in the proposed boundaries of the Washakie Wilderness as embodied in S. 2630 and in the proposals of various conservation organizations.

We have not conducted an on-the-ground study of the merits of the differing proposals. We are concerned with the unwillingness of the Forest Service to give serious consideration to citizens' views about proposed Wilderness boundaries. In reading the Wilderness Act of 1964, we come to the belief that it was the intent of Congress that the suggestions of citizens be solicited and heeded when they had merit.

We ask that the Public Land Subcommittee listen to the boundary proposals of conservationists. If these proposals have merit, we ask that the Subcommittee include them in S. 2630.

Thank you for your consideration.

HARLAN B. HERBERT, *President.*

MISSOURI VALLEY CLINIC,
Bismarck, N. Dak., February 20, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: I would like to add my personal hearty support to that of the North Dakota Chapter of the National Wildlife Federation regarding Wilderness preservation for the San Gabriel primitive area.

The location of this wilderness area to a large metropolitan center is of special importance.

Sincerely,

G. M. JOHNSON, M.D.