

CASCADE POLE CO.,
Tacoma, Wash., February 15, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: We want to go on record as strongly favoring the U. S. Forest Service recommendations regarding the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area in Oregon.

It would not be prudent land management to increase the size of this area as has been proposed.

One and a third billion feet of merchantable timber is included in the present plan. This is all that the people of that area who depend on timber for their livelihood should be asked to sacrifice perpetually in the interest of recreation.

Yours very truly,

G. L. MONAHAN.

VISALIA MEDICAL CLINIC,
Visalia, Calif.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Let me add my support to those advocating designation of the San Gabriel Wilderness area. (S. 2531).

We need to preserve what primitive area which still exist because of the great danger that soon they will be lost. This is especially important in areas near to population centers. People in a city need a place to escape to.

R. W. MONTGOMERY, M.D.

COLORADO OPEN SPACE COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.,
Denver, Colo.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
*Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Our 1,200 members of the Wilderness Workshop of the Colorado Open Space Coordinating Council strongly support the establishment in Wyoming of the Washakie Wilderness and its addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System, as proposed in S. 2630.

From nearby Colorado, many of our members have made substantial use of the area for wilderness purposes and are familiar with it. We agree wholeheartedly with the Wyoming Wildlife Federation and The Wilderness Society that the following additional areas should be included in the Washakie Wilderness:

Area J. (East and West Forks of Upper DuNoir Creek—30,240 acres), Area D. (Bear Basin—8,130 acres), Area 3. (Wiggins Fork—3,117 acres), Area 4. (Lincoln Point—326 acres), Area F-1. (West of Wiggins Fork Creek—2,000 acres), and Areas H. (Headwaters of Five Mile Creek—700 acres, and I—1,300 acres). These areas have been used for wilderness purposes and are important, particularly the DuNoir drainage, as undisturbed habitat and migration routes for elk.

We support also the inclusion of the following areas in the Washakie Wilderness as recommended by the Forest Service:

Area A. (South Fork of Wood River—1,472 acres), Area B. (East and West Forks of Six Mile Creek—3,296 acres), and Area F. (Horse Creek—2,598 acres).

We believe that the wilderness values in these areas are paramount, and that the Washakie Wilderness, thus constituted, would best provide for the needs of our Nation now and in the future. With the aforementioned additions, we urge prompt approval of S. 2630.

Please make this letter a part of the record of the hearing being held by your Committee today on the Washakie Wilderness.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. MOUNSEY,
Chairman, Wilderness Workshop.