

COLORADO OPEN SPACE COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

Denver, Colo., February 23, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Please make this statement a part of the record of the hearing held on February 19, 1968, by your Committee on Senate Bill 2751 to establish a 96,000-acre Mount Jefferson Wilderness in Oregon.

Our 1,200 members of the Wilderness Workshop of the Colorado Open Space Coordinating Council strongly support S. 2751 to establish this Wilderness Area and add it to the National Wilderness System.

We urge, however, that the Oregon conservationists' recommendations for a 125,000-acre Mount Jefferson Wilderness be given favorable consideration, and that S. 2751 be amended to include the greater area. We believe that this additional Forest Service land, mostly on the west side, should be given wilderness protection to provide more width and remoteness to this already very narrow area. For best management purposes, the width of a wilderness should come as close as possible to matching its length. Also several beautiful natural lakes are in these proposed additions. Wilderness should not only include the high barren peaks. It should also encompass the liberal cross section of wild country from the scenic natural lakes in the valleys to the high mountain tops.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. MOUNSEY,
Chairman, Wilderness Workshop.

THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C., January 31, 1968.

Hon. THOMAS H. KUCHEL,
U.S. Senate,
Old Senate Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR KUCHEL: We are pleased to offer our support for S. 2531, a proposal to establish a San Gabriel Wilderness of 36,137 acres as set forth in the Secretary of Agriculture's recommendation of August 11, 1967, to the President.

Sincerely yours,

KENNETH B. POMEROY,
Chief Forester.

THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C. January 31, 1968.

CLIFFORD P. HANSEN,
U.S. Senate,
New Senate Building,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR HANSEN: We wish to offer our support for S. 2630, a proposal for a Washakie Wilderness of 679,520 acres as set forth in the Secretary of Agriculture's recommendation of August 11, 1967, to the President.

As you know, we are deeply interested in this subject because of our Trail Riders of the Wilderness program. This year three of our expeditions will penetrate the Teton and Yellowstone areas under the guidance of Ted Frome of Afton. Walt Lozier of Cora will lead three more trips into the Bridger Wilderness.

The Forest Service is exercising good judgment in the Washakie proposal by placing boundary lines on ridges and water courses that can be identified clearly. We agree with inclusion in the wilderness of the South Fork Wood River, 1,472 acres; East and West Six-mile Creek 3,296 acres; and Horse Creek 2,598 acres. This action is desirable because these areas are valuable primarily for their scenic beauty.

It also is sound planning to exclude areas mainly valuable for other uses such as mining, development of recreation sites, timber production and special use