

improvements. These uses are well defined along Dundee Creek, Bear Basin, Wiggins Fork Creek, DuNoir Creek, and elsewhere.

We recommend that S. 2630 receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

KENNETH B. POMEROY,  
*Chief Forester.*

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON,  
*Eugene, Oreg., February 23, 1968.*

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

DEAR SIRs: This letter is in regard to the Mount Jefferson Wilderness area classification. I would like to recommend that areas 14-b, 14-c and 14-d be added to the present area. The addition of 14-b, 14-c and 14-d would greatly improve the area and make it a better wilderness.

Please include this letter in the hearing record.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN C. REYNOLDS,  
*Assistant Professor,  
Department of Religious Studies.*

LOO-WIT KLA-TA-WA,  
*Longview, Wash., Feb. 23, 1968.*

Senator FRANK CHURCH,  
*Senate Committee on Public Lands,  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: As Conservation Chairman of the Mt. St. Helens Club, Inc., of Longview, Wash., I have been instructed to write you and express the stand of this club in regard to a couple conservation matters. I request that if possible this statement be made a matter of record of the hearing you have just concluded—if this is possible.

The Mt. St. Helens Club believes that it is of the utmost importance to protect what is left of our wilderness areas now, as they are being eliminated so rapidly and permanently. The proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness—with important additions—is extremely important. It needs to be defined and designated now, before further logging in recommended areas are permitted.

This club recommends the addition of more area on the entire west side to serve as protection to the high wilderness areas. This is a vital point, as without it, wilderness values will be lost. As an example, I was on the Cascade Crest Trail recently opposite Marion Lake and our group was over-run by a couple totogoats racing back and forth on the trail. They were hoping to get more gas from a service station at Marion Lake—of which none exist, thank goodness. Marion Lake should be preserved as a wilderness area. We hope that Square and Long Lakes can be preserved for wilderness-type use rather than intensive-type recreation. Opportunities for the former use near civilization are all too few.

Many of us in the Mt. St. Helens Club have hiked the Cascade Crest Trail all the way from the Canadian border to the California border, and we hope these wonderful mountain areas can be preserved as wilderness for all future generations. They will appreciate it.

The club also recommends that the San Rafael Wilderness include the two thousand acres recommended by conservationists. We urge you to work for a compromise version of S.889 to include this area. We need to protect the condors, and we need to preserve features of archeological interest as well.

Going back to Oregon, we believe that the marketable timber that will be included in an adequate buffer strip is more important for wilderness than for commercial purposes. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. INEZ RINEY,  
*Conservation Chairman.*