

OLYMPIC PARK ASSOCIATES, INC.,
Everett, Wash., February 18, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: The Olympic Park Associates supports two proposals for inclusion into the Wilderness System—the Mt. Jefferson area and the San Rafael region.

First, we support the proposal to add Mt. Jefferson area to the Wilderness System. However, we feel that the U.S.F.S. proposal should be added to. These additions must include Square and Long Lake area, Marion Lake Scenic Area, and the west side of the wilderness zone.

Secondly, we would like to see San Rafael a part of the Wilderness System and urge adoption of S. 889 as a worthy compromise bill for this area.

Sincerely,

PHILIP H. ZALESKY,
President.

SHOUP HALL, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO,
Moscow, Idaho.

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

DEAR SIR: As conservationists, my wife and I are deeply concerned about the continual depletion of wilderness areas throughout the United States. In particular, we are concerned about the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area classification—Senate bill S 2751. There are still approximately 29,000 acres which should be added to the Mt. Jefferson area.

The importance of preserving as much land as possible for wilderness area cannot be over emphasized. As Henry David Thoreau wrote: "In Wilderness is the Preservation of the World." We might scoff at this now, but our children and grandchildren will surely pay for it later, if we do not take action to preserve some of our treasured land now.

I would like it to be included in the hearing record that I endorse the proposals regarding the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area as put forth by the National Sierra Club. It is time the U.S. government listened to a vested interest group with a non-economic basis. It is time legislators recognized the sanctity of unadulterated nature.

Very truly,

MONTE D. WILSON.

AUBURN, WASH., *February 25, 1968.*

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: While there is still time I would like to express my view in regards to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Proposal. Having camped and studied in this area I am aware of its value if left in its wilderness state. I approve of the Citizens Conservationist Additions which are needed to make this one of the outstanding wilderness areas in our country.

Respectfully yours,

L. DENNIS WHITE.

FEBRUARY 13, 1968.

Re: S. 2531.

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

DEAR SIR: Everyday I look out at the rugged San Gabriel Mountains and remember the freedom I found hiking through them. It is my wish that the