

spoiled portions of controversial areas than we would otherwise protect. Therefore I should like to support the *additions* proposed by them above and beyond those of the Forest Service.

In this connection and in the hope that it will help to set an important precedent—even though it is not before your Committee at the 19 February hearing—I should like to mention the San Rafael Wilderness proposal. For a long time, many of us have believed that the extra 2000 acres (2200 actually) about which you undoubtedly know *should* be included in the proposed Wilderness. The reasons for exclusion given by the Forest Service do not seem persuasive, and the fact that citizen groups have been pushed aside at the stage of Congressional consideration makes it all the more important that the citizen views be given the final nod. It is in the power of the Senate conferees to do this, unless I am misinformed.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

R. W. VAN WAGENEN.

Mt. Hood, OREG., *February 19, 1968.*

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

GENTLEMEN: May I urge you to include the additional boundary lands of approximately 29,000 acres to the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area. These areas have been recommended by several conservation groups and for valid reasons. We no longer have untouched lands for the people to see, let us save what remains of the near untouched. Hopefully there may yet come a generation not dedicated to materialistic gain and unrestrictive *crud*. The least we can do is to leave them a small portion of their rightful heritage.

I've lived in Oregon 28 years and a good part of each of those years has been spent in our beautiful mountains, during which time they have been slowly hacked to pieces and overrun for the most part by an uncaring don't give a damn public. It is now almost too late.

Do you care?

PHIL TYLER.

WEST COVINA, CALIF., *February 11, 1968.*

SENATE PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: Following review of the Forest Service proposal for the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area and Senate Bill S. 2751 I am submitting the following comments which I desire to be included in the hearing record as developed for this bill.

Increasingly the values of wilderness to today's society is being recognized. Under the opportunity of the Wilderness Act and the deliberation of proposals such as this jointly by citizen groups and the cognizant legislative committees it is possible to take the great leap forward to preserve the required wilderness lands for our nation's future needs for this resource.

The Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Proposal as prepared by the Forest Service has an apparent weakness due to the penetrability of the very thin northern neck. As there are lands on the western edge suited for addition the maximum addition should be accomplished. Specific recommendations for addition are:

1. Add to the Northwest Corner the Firecamp Lakes and the South Fork of the Breitenbush River. This area should be added for use as a wilderness recreation area.
2. Add the Valley of Whitewater Creek to add desperately needed widening of the narrow dimension of this region of the approach to the foot of Mt. Jefferson.
3. Add Woodpecker Ridge, Pamela Creek, and Minto Mountain to provide additional forested acres and some cutover lands of recreational worth. Cutover lands are presented as having capability of recovery.
4. Add Bingham Ridge, Marion Lake, and Big Meadows. This addition would add considerable area suited for wilderness camping and includes in