

Marion Lake a superb example of a substantial Alpine Lake in the Alpine Environment of the Northwest.

Inherent in the additions to the western border is the incorporation of certain exclusions from the primitive area as recommended by the Forest Service.

Sincerely,

Mrs. RUTH M. TAYLOR.

WEST COVINA, CALIF., *February 15, 1968.*

PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: The wilderness proposal as submitted for the San Gabriel Wilderness in Senate Bill S. 2531 is recommended for enactment at the earliest opportunity.

The area included is suited for day use by the casual hiker or for a more complete wilderness experience for those so desiring.

I respectfully request that these comments be entered into the hearing record.

Sincerely,

Mrs. RUTH M. TAYLOR.

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

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

GENTLEMAN: The following comments on Senate Bill S. 2751 to found the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area are respectfully requested to be included in the hearing record for this subject bill.

All lands proposed for wilderness status by the Forest Service are accepted as being properly classified and should be admitted to the National Wilderness System.

The basic quality of the area is recognized by virtue of the wilderness proposal. The wilderness character is however placed in jeopardy due to the narrow dimension of the northern extremity.

This pronounced weakness (narrow dimension of north limb) can be corrected by effecting additions of the areas including Firecamp Lakes and the Valley of the South Fork of the Breitenbush River, and the Valley of Whitewater Creek. These additions are regarded as critical.

Certain other contiguous lands would if added enhance the quality of the wilderness proposal. These are Woodpecker Ridge, Minto Mountain, Pamela Creek, Marion Lake, Bingham Ridge, and Big Meadows. All land is not virgin but is regarded as being capable of recovery.

Only by including now all lands of wilderness quality in wilderness units will we have any hope of satisfying tomorrows needs.

Very Truly Yours,

LYLE A. TAYLOR.

WEST COVINA, CALIF., *February 15, 1968.*

PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am submitting herein my comments on the San Gabriel Wilderness proposals as presented in Senate Bill S. 2531. Please include the comments in the hearing record as presented.

The proposed wilderness of some 36,137 acres is of adequate quality for wilderness status and should be so designated. The area of the San Gabriel Mountains is so crisscrossed with roads and other works of man to preclude consideration of enlargement of the area as proposed by the Forest Service.

The proposed wilderness is heavily used by youth groups and family groups seeking a convenient wilderness experience. The area contains significant wildlife and provide terrain suited to provide for the persons seeking physical challenge or esthetic enjoyment of our out of doors.

Your earliest action to approve wilderness status will be in the best interest of the public.

Very truly yours,

LYLE A. TAYLOR.