

SALEM, OREG., *February 16, 1968.*

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I am writing to urge, as strongly as I can, adoption of the proposed Mt. Jefferson wilderness. This beautiful area must be preserved and I know of no other way to do it than to have it included in the wilderness proposals.

I had occasion to be in this area last year and believe strongly also that the many additions proposed by conservationists groups should be considered.

I am particularly interested in the preservation of the Pamelia Lake area. I was on this trail on a beautiful summer day last summer only to be confronted by two Honda motorcycles. I think you can see that there is no place for machinery like this in what should be a somewhat primitive area.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

THAD C. STANFORD, M.D.

PORTLAND, OREG., *February 16, 1968.*

Re S. 2751.

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

GENTLEMEN: I wish to state first my hope that there will be no question about approving S. 2751 in at least the size it presently takes. The 96,000-odd acres included in the bill for the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area are obviously worthy of Wilderness status and I am sure such status will be granted.

Please record (in the hearing record) my strong support for the proposals, set forth by various conservationists and other interested citizens, which provide for inclusion of a greater area on the west side in the area designated as Wilderness. My husband and I camped in one of these areas prior to intensive logging construction. We are dismayed at the prospect of continued encroachment of mechanization so close to the beautiful trails, lakes, and peaks in the area now designated. We are staunch believers in the necessity for buffer areas—to reduce the sounds, smells, and visual distractions which one hopes to leave behind on a trip into the old country.

Therefore, please enter in the hearing record for Feb. 19, 1968 my desire (as a citizen, taxpayer, parent, teacher of Biology, and hiker) that the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area include Marion Lake, and the Citizen Conservationist additions proposed (app. 25,000 acres) along the west side; this includes the Breitenbush areas, more area near Firecamp Lakes, Minto Mtn., Big Meadows, and other areas.

Sincerely,

ANNE W. SQUIER.

TWISP, WASH., *February 19, 1968.*

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I am writing in favor of a maximum-sized Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area.

The value of certain areas cannot be measured accurately by economic scales. The spiritual essence is what gives the rest of our way of life a higher purpose.

Commercialization would be regrettable and eventually self-defeating as to its highest use. Designating the area as wilderness will stem the encroachment of "mere" commercialization and mechanization.

Please include this statement in your hearing records.

Sincerely,

PAUL SOLLIE.