

would be of temporary benefit to the economy of the state; however, if included in the wilderness, they will be enjoyed for generations to come. I would recommend that the forest service further protect the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness by developing campgrounds and recreation areas in the national forest, adjacent to but outside the designated wilderness area.

The Mt. Jefferson Wilderness is so small it is difficult to find on a map of Oregon, yet it and four other small areas of wilderness are all that remain of the vast wilderness that once extended from the Cascades to the Pacific. We still have extensive national forests in this state but one has only to drive through them and see the clear cuts, some decades old and still bare, to realize we have come a long way since the forests were set up on a trusteeship basis and the government assumed trusteeship on behalf of the owners, the people of the United States, to leave to future generations of this country in perpetuity the forests of the United States. Under the current policy of cutting faster than trees can grow with no mandatory reforestation, it is only a matter of time until Oregon will look like Ohio or Michigan, also once timber states. And what are we leaving for future generations? The only means available at present to arrest this rapid rape of the land long enough to assure that future generations a "second look" at land use in terms of their own needs is through designation as wilderness.

Of the 62,067,840 acres of wilderness the pioneers found when they arrived in Oregon, only 386,000 in five small separated units remain today unroaded and uncut. What of tomorrow?

It was exactly 125 years ago in 1843 that Marcus Whitman rode to Washington to save the wilderness that became Oregon. May Congress now save the small piece of it that remains today in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area.

I request that this letter be made a part of the Mt. Jefferson Hearing record.

Sincerely yours,

JEAN SIDDALL.

OAKLAND, CALIF., February 19, 1968.

Subject: San Gabriel Wilderness.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: Here is a primitive area that by all means should be preserved as wilderness. The area is within easy reach of ten million people but its primitive character would be preserved if this area is maintained and protected as Wilderness.

I strongly recommend the establishment of San Gabriel Wilderness by enactment of Senator Kuchel's bill S. 2531 covering 33,647 acres.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. SHARP.

OAKLAND, CALIF., February 19, 1968.

Re Mount Jefferson Wilderness.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area in the Oregon Cascades should be given wilderness status by the adoption of S.B. 2751 recommended by Senators Hatfield and Morse.

The area, however, should be increased by the addition of areas along the western side of the range, about 28,000 acres making the total about 125,000 acres.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. SHARP.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 4, 1968.

Re Washakie Wilderness, Wyo.

Mr. PORTER WARD,
Senate Interior Committee,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: Please add my vote to the record in favor of adding Washakie to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I also strongly urge extending its