

FEBRUARY 17, 1968.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I am writing to express my full support for S. 2531 to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

My convictions concerning this area and its desirability for inclusion in the Wilderness system was recently strengthened by a tour through much of the San Gabriel Mountains, in particular, the Big Bear Area. So much of this mountain range is now greatly overdeveloped and poorly kept. There has been an obvious lack of planning concerning construction and it is clear that the very small portions of the range represented by the San Gabriel Area and the Cucamonga Area and should continue to be increasing valuable in providing complete recreational coverage for this range. It seems obvious to me that all should not be developed into a "hot dog stand" type of resort. Please make this statement of support part of the record.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN G. PIERCE.

KLAMATH FALLS, OREG., February 19, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I wish to support the Wilderness Society's proposals for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness area in Oregon, and for the San Gabriel Wilderness area in California, and the Washakie Wilderness in Wyoming.

Thank you for your invaluable work on these programs.

Sincerely yours,

NINA PENCE.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF., February 15, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Senate Interior Committee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I believe there will be a public hearing, February 19th, by the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and that the bill introduced by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (S. 2531) to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System, is to be heard.

Although we live much further north, we are quite familiar with these mountains, and the present Primitive area, particularly. Such a variety of growth, from the chaparral which covers much of the low elevations, to the majestic Jeffrey and sugar pines at the high altitudes.

We have long felt the Primitive area should be enlarged, and are very glad that the bill Senator Kuchel is introducing advocates this.

I believe the proposed 33,647 acres which would comprise the San Gabriel Wilderness would be administered by the Forest Service under the Wilderness Law of 1964.

Mr. Pfeiffer and I urge that this wilderness designation be made.

Will you please have this letter read into the official hearing record?

Sincerely,

Mrs. PAUL PFEIFFER.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
Los Angeles, Calif., February 14, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Senate Interior Committee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. JACKSON: I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 2531, which establishes the San Gabriel Wilderness Area within the San Gabriel Na-