

tional Forest adjacent to the metropolitan area of Los Angeles. I am enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County on July 19, 1966, prior to the public hearings held within the local area.

We cannot emphasize too much the need to establish controls on the rapidly diminishing natural wilderness areas so near to the heavily populated area of Southern California.

Your support in this effort would be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RONALD F. PAIGE,
Chief Deputy.

(For and in the absence of N. S. Johnson, Director).

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Whereas the total population of Los Angeles County has reached seven million people; and

Whereas Industrial, commercial and residential requirements to service this population is rapidly diminishing available space for outdoor recreation; and

Whereas the close proximity of the Angeles National Forest to this metropolitan region has created exceptionally heavy demands on Forest Service recreation areas for day use and overnight recreational activities; and

Whereas the ever-expanding pressures for additional services, recreation developments and public roads within Forest Service boundaries is jeopardizing the preservation of natural beauty and the precious heritage of mountain wilderness: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors does endorse and support the recommendation by the United States Forest Service for the creation of a 36,137 acre Wilderness Area within the Angeles National Forest, as proposed on June 10, 1966; and be it further

Resolved, That this Wilderness Area be administered in accordance with all provisions of the Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577, dated September 3, 1964, and the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, C.F.R. 251.70-25.84.

DALLAS, OREG., *February 20, 1968.*

Re S. 2751, Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area.

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

DEAR SENATOR: I am writing this letter so that my views on the proposed Wilderness areas may become part of the permanent record of the Public hearings on these bills. My views are as follows:

I think the present 96,462 acres specified in this bill for Wilderness Status should be increased to 117,000 acres as proposed by various Conservation groups. This increase in acreage is a vital point to the whole of this area and includes the following:

(1) Square and Long Lakes in Southeastern corner of designated area and adjacent to Santiam Highway (U.S. 20). Approximately 1600 acres, these undeveloped lakes should be kept in this state, as a valuable part of the Wilderness setting rather than the intensive recreation use as intended by the Forest Service. These lakes are quite accessible from U.S. 20 via a short picturesque hike and provide quiet, serene and tranquil wilderness experiences to the older people and also to the youngsters. These lakes and lands in between also act as a vital buffer and transition zone prior to ascending into the higher country.

(2) Marion Lake and approach from Big Meadows, Approximately 1,596 acres, west side proposed site should also be an integral part of this Wilderness Area. It is one of the few truly Alpine lakes available in this area for preservation, as a part of the wilderness. The Forest service proposal to allow a four mile non-wilderness corridor into the heart of the wilderness should not be permitted. By the inclusion of the area into the Wilderness area this type of encroachment will be eliminated.

(3) Entire west side of area, from the North Fork of Breitenbush River south to southwest corner near Junction of U.S. 20 and Route 22. Including portions