

been too narrow to accomplish its assigned task—preservation of a high-value, fragile, natural wild area. This becomes increasingly true as road heads are pushed to the boundary, as numbers of users increase, and as the dedicated areas come closer and closer to being the total of all of the wilderness-type recreation areas.

We have hiked, climbed, hunted, and ridden horses over a great deal of this area. In our parties have been teenagers, folks over 65, neophytes and seasoned campers. We've seen high school girls who minced along on blistered feet rather than leave the magic of the Pacific Crest Trail in this glorious country; teenage boys who found they could shoulder a man's job when the trail, terrain, and group required it; and grown men re-evaluate their values and their judgment of others as they labored on the mountain slope and gained a new perspective.

The impersonality of the computer age, the greater intensity and number of sensory stimuli that impinge on man's perceptors, our crowded earth, the threat of defeat and loss of face in the everpresent competition of all facets of society: these conditions require opportunities for the re-creation of man if he is to keep pace with technology.

Therefore, we implore that the Mount Jefferson Primitive Area with additions as recommended by the Oregon Cascades Conservation Council and the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs be reclassified as a Wilderness Area promptly.

Sincerely,

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FEBRUARY 15, 1968.

Hon. Senator FRANK CHURCH,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: My children and I wish to urge your support of the San Gabriel Wilderness Bill introduced by Senator Kuchel (S. 2531), which could designate this area as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you.

Mrs. RUTH E. NYE.

EUGENE, OREG., February 21, 1967.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Public Lands Subcommittee, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I wish to support the creation of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area as proposed in S. 2751, but request that additional lands approximating 20,000 acres in extent, as recommended by the Sierra Club and Wilderness Society, be included.

The Forest Service proposal would make a good Wilderness, but the additional lands, particularly those forested lands along the west side which are designated as "14" in the Proposal, would make a very much better one. These lands are involved in controversy over timber and wilderness values. I believe that they are of much greater value to not only the people of Oregon but to those of the United States if they are designated as Wilderness. When one considers the timber on these lands in terms of jobs over a 90 year period, it sounds like a lot. When one considers that it represents the order of one tenth of one percent of the timber in the Pacific Northwest, it becomes a very small sacrifice, indeed, to save it.

The "14" additions to the wilderness will make a much more viable unit better capable of remaining true wilderness. An ideal wilderness is round or oval in shape and, although this will still be an exceedingly stretched out oval, it would have for its narrowest width a distance of about 4.5 miles rather than the 3 of the present time. At the same time, these additions would contain aspects of wilderness, in the sense of untouched-by-man areas, greater than in many other parts of the Wilderness. They can also provide general protection to the wilderness, always fragile, will need more protection and people-dispersal as more and more people wish to use it.

I hope it will be possible to close down the upper portions of the Whitewater Creek road. This is especially important in order to give protection so urgently needed in the Jefferson Park area.