

While timber is this state's largest resource, I can't help but wonder if the 29,000 acres, which many have proposed to be added to the Jefferson Wilderness, is really of great importance to the state's lumber interests. There seems to be plenty of timber available, provided we stop shipping our greatest resource to Japan. Because of sustained yield and other improved forest practices, the future seems bright for timber availability and in areas where roads already exist.

I sincerely doubt that there is a time in the next 100 to 200 years when the 29,000 acres in question will be crucial to the survival of the lumber industry in the state of Oregon. Therefore, I would like to see the extra acres added to the Jefferson Wilderness area in order to take the pressure off the area as it is today and permit the area to grow gracefully with the increases in population, which the state of Oregon is just beginning to experience.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. MILLER.

FEBRUARY 17, 1968.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR: I am writing for myself and my wife (Dr. Marian Hayes Miller) to urge improvement in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness as follows:

Inclusion of the Square and Long Lake area; inclusion of the Marion Lake Scenic Area; inclusion of the west side wilderness zone.

Both my wife and I have hiked in this area but are of an age when that is no longer practical for us. However, we feel that this whole area is of incomparably more value in a wilderness state than in any other classification and we strongly urge your support to the inclusion of the areas as mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

FRED N. MILLER.

FEBRUARY 17, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Public Lands Subcommittee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am writing this letter to voice my strong support for adding approx. 29,000 acres to the western side of the proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area, as outlined in detail by the various conservation groups. It is my understanding that the Forest Service does not want to include this land in the proposed Wilderness.

I have hiked and camped in this area a number of times and cannot see any real reason for saving this land for timber production. It is steep and rocky and would be economical to log only if the buyer got a real bargain in the price he had to pay for this timber. I as a taxpayer and part owner of this land don't want to give it away and lose its cushioning effect on the relatively narrow alpine land to the east (the Wilderness Area). There is plenty of low altitude land for timber production without getting into the heart of the Cascades.

Please include this letter in the hearing record.

Sincerely,

PHILLIPPE MEANY.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY,
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE,
Corvallis, Oreg., February 16, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I would appreciate your including this letter in the hearing record on Senate Bill S 2751, concerning the addition of land areas to the Mount Jefferson Wilderness. I have personally hiked into the Jefferson Park region of the wilderness on a number of occasions and am becoming increasingly alarmed over the mounting intensity of use this fragile region is receiving. Presently access roads lie too close to the parkland, and the addition of the White-water Creek section to the Wilderness would diminish such excessive use and preserve the parkland for future generations. The same holds for the Square Lake