

FEBRUARY 19, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

SIR: Concerning the Washakie Wilderness area, I would urge your full support to conservationist proposals for extending the area beyond that of S. 2630 (Senator Hansen). Specifically, these involve areas J, D, E, 3, F, F-1, and H; also A, B, and F.

Note areas 1, and C, and G, and 2, and 6 are excluded as already being unfit for wilderness. While the economy must of course be considered, the health of a wealthy people unspoiled lands for spiritual renewal. Recall that decisions made now cannot be reversed later if the land is already destroyed.

BRUCE MACBRYDE.

VANCOUVER, WASH., February 22, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: I am writing to urge you to seek favorable votes for addition to the Jefferson Wilderness Area in Oregon of 28,000 acres by the Forest Service to the Jefferson Primitive Area. These additions are: Square and Long Lakes—southeastern corner adjacent to Suntain Highway (U.S. 20). Marion Lake and the approach to it from Big Meadows Road should be included. Entire west side of area from North Fork of Breitenbush River south to southwest corner near junction of Route 22 and U.S. 20. Includes portions of Firecamp Lakes area. North and South Fork of Breitenbush River, valley of Whitewater creek, Woodpecker Ridge and Pamela Creek, Minto Mountain, Bingham Ridge and Big Meadows. Also request that conferees agree to compromise version of S. 889 which provides for inclusion in San Rafael Wilderness of 2,000 acres which conservationists want added to that area.

Yours truly,

GUY E. McNUTT.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR: Being a primary school teacher, it is impossible to be present at the hearing February 19. Conservation is one of the most important phases of our government. Definitely, I favor Senator Kuchel's bill introduced (S. 2531) to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation. However, the House version, which includes 2000 additional acres will in my opinion be the better form. I have so written both Senator Kuchel, and Congressman B. F. Sisk.

Thank you for giving attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Miss NORMA McNATT.

ROSEBURG, OREG., February 15, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR: I wish to make known my support for the proposed inclusion of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area in the National Wilderness System. I particularly want to emphasize the need for inclusion of adequate buffer areas of alpine and subalpine timber and some lower level timber.

For the past six years I have lived in Douglas County Oregon and have been able to observe first hand the effects of logging in alpine and subalpine forests. I have, for example, visited areas north of Diamond Lake near Saw Tooth Mountain. Bulldozers had pushed broken stumps and mounds of pumice to the very edge of what had been the year before a beautiful and isolated Alpine Lake (Lake Calmut). The irony of these destructive operations is that in this case this type of logging is not economically productive in a long range sense. This is the opinion of forest service personnel with whom I have talked and it is immediately evident by an inspection of this type of logging op-