

areas from logging. Not that logging per se is detrimental but it apparently has been the experience of the Wyoming Game Dept. that logging roads *are* detrimental, especially to small, isolated, resident herds.

Areas H and I have been excluded from the Washakie proposal apparently because of the small amount of merchantable timber located there. I think it about time that we begin to make some decisions as to validity of the standard argument whereby *any* economic benefits of exploitation take precedent over non-exploitive, esthetic values. We need reasonable areas of "merchantable" timber in many of our wilderness areas. This is especially true of the Washakie Wilderness where the major portion of the official wilderness is to be a high mountain massif largely devoid of vegetation. The additions of J, B, H, I, E, and D, as proposed by several conservation groups would add considerable and important "edge" to the Proposed Forest Service plan and result in a more meaningful and ecologically diverse Washakie Wilderness.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. LYON.

MOUNT VERNON, IOWA, *February 19, 1968.*

SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am in complete agreement with the U.S. Forest Service regarding their proposed classification for the San Gabriel Wilderness. The Forest Service is to be commended for such a well-thought-out and progressive proposal; in establishing the boundaries the Service has done a fine job in avoiding existing developments but at the same time providing protection of the wilderness from fire by establishing the necessary management requirements outside the border of the wilderness.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. LYON.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, *March 8, 1968.*

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

DEAR SIRs: Concerning the Forest Service proposal Senate Bill S. 2751 for the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area in the State of Oregon, I feel that the Forest Service is presently falling rather short on the amount of acreage proposed for this wilderness area.

I urge the committee to consider and support the citizens conservations organizations view for the addition of approximately 29,000 acres more to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area, which is located on the west, south, and northeast boundaries of the present Forest Service Wilderness proposal.

This 29,000 acre addition would make the whole a more viable wilderness by making it less narrow and would give the protection of distance to many of the upland fragile areas.

I strongly urge your support for this addition which will round out and make this an outstanding wilderness area.

We must act now while there is still time. Present and future generations will be grateful for our foresight.

Please enter this letter in the hearings record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

VERNON A. LUTHMAN.

BERKELEY, CALIF., *February 18, 1968.*

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I strongly support the bill introduced by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The Forest Service's proposal seems completely adequate in this case, and it is difficult to foresee any reasonable objection to the bill.