

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

SIRS: Please support the bill by Senator Kuchel to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness area as an addition to National Wilderness Preservation System. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. MILTON KRIEGER.

TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF., February 15, 1968.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
Subcommittee on Public Lands,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I would like to express my strong support in favor of the San Gabriel Wilderness Proposal introduced by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (S. 2531) to designate this area as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I understand this bill will be before your committee shortly.

This proposal would bring one of the most unique of the National Forest Primitive Areas under the protection of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Significantly, it is located only about a two hours' drive from the heart of Los Angeles and contains a beautiful cross-section of Southern California's San Gabriel Mountains.

The area contains no commercial quality timber, no commercially significant mineralization, no private holdings and no conflicting uses.

The result of field hearings in Altadena, California on June 6, 1966 was unanimous support for the Proposal. Present at this meeting were seven regional, statewide and national organizations, 23 local organizations and testimonial by 46 individual witnesses.

We need what few remnants of Wilderness remain to the American people, as harbors of peace and solitude. Therefore I urge you to give maximum support to passage of this measure.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JOHN O. KOENIG.

WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES, INC.
Portland, Oreg., February 16, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Our company endorses without boundary change the addition of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness to the National Wilderness Preservation System as provided in S. 2751.

A more detailed statement will be forwarded early next week supporting this position.

Very truly yours,

GENE D. KNUDSON,
Executive Vice President.

DELRAY BEACH, FLA., February 20, 1968.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior Affairs,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHURCH: Having just been informed of the Washakie Wilderness proposal contained in S. 2630, I wish to express my support of the proposal, and particularly the inclusion of Area J located in the DuNoir Creek area.

As an impartial non resident, but many times visitor, I believe it is necessary to include area J to preserve it in its present or better condition as wildlife habitat, and to prevent its being opened up and logged again.

I have been over most of these 30,000 acres on foot and horseback many times, and it is my considered opinion that the wildlife and especially the soil could not stand another logging operation. The scars from the last one are beginning to heal, and enough growth is now forming to help check the erosion of this highly erosive soil. The saw logs, or virgin timber still remaining on this tract,