

were left only because the land was too steep or rough to get them out. The land hasn't changed, except to become steeper because of erosion, and the construction of roads to reach these few trees would be excessively expensive.

The expressed opinion by some interests, that the second growth timber from this high country is needed to maintain the sawmill at Dubois has no merit. In fact I feel that Dubois would be much better off without the constant pall of smoke and odor from the burning sawdust of the mill. Tourists are repelled by the obnoxious nature of the smoke and fumes, and as a result the motels, restaurants and shop must suffer.

Respectfully submitted as an impartial but interested observer.

Sincerely,

ROBERT B. KLEMANN.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., *February 16, 1968.*

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

DEAR SENATOR: The San Gabriel Wilderness as proposed by the Forest Service represents an ideal use for this primitive area. I have been a short way into it from the ridge above the Crest Highway and up the West Fork but the dense chaparral and the steep slopes make for tough going.

A compelling reason for wilderness classification, no roads or permanent structures, is the fire hazard. The severe burns along the Crest Highway show what is possible where traffic is heavy along these mountain roads so close to the metropolis.

May I respectfully urge your committee to designate this area as the San Gabriel Wilderness, under the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Thank you.

FRED W. KARL.

RING LAKE RANCH,
Dubois, Wyo., February 13, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: I wish to urge your Committee to include in the proposed Washakie Wilderness the areas known as East DuNoir Creek and West DuNoir Creek (30,240 acres); Bear Basin (8,130 acres); Wiggins Fork (3,117 acres); Lincoln Point (326 acres), West of Wiggins Fork Creek (2,000 acres); and the Headwaters of Five Mile Creek (700 acres) (1,300 acres).

It seems to me that the Forest Service proposal has not adequately taken into account the vital interests of Dubois in recreation, the slowness of timber growth at such high altitude, and the preservation of local elk herds.

Although our ranch is adjacent to the Glacier Wilderness Area, many of our visitors also come to explore, hike, and enjoy the wider area. It seems to me inescapable that the acceptance of the Forest Services' recommendation, without the inclusion of the above areas, would be a serious mistake; not only for Dubois but for those who come great distances for the type of refreshment and renewal possible in our mountain and wilderness environment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. MARGARET M. KAHIN, *Director.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., *February 17, 1968.*

Subcommittee Chairman FRANK CHURCH,
Subcommittee on Public Lands,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

DEAR SIR: We heartily endorse and urge the proposal to establish the San Gabriel Wilderness, near Los Angeles, which would bring this Forest Primitive Area under the protection of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We are hopeful that early action will be taken by Congress in considering and approving this proposal.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. L. G.) CORA JONES,
LEONARD N. JONES.