

irresponsibly in these matters, Federal proposals are especially welcome. So in this light will you please consider my overwhelming support of the proposal.

Senator Kuchel's bill would also guarantee a habitat for a decreasing California bear population. This and other wildlife species involved should be preserved for future generations.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. GOOGINS.

PORTLAND, OREG., March 7, 1968.

Re Mount Jefferson wilderness area classification.

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

GENTLEMEN: I write to ask that in making your recommendations you give close consideration to the widening of this wilderness strip.

I am not a rugged hiker, but did not find the walk into Marion Lake very rugged last year, and am deeply concerned that our West Coast population explosion coupled with the excellence of freeways (especially up from California) will continue to significantly increase the usage of our Oregon high areas.

I recently drove down to visit friends in Medford in a comfortable 4 hours, and was concerned to see an article in the Medford Mail Tribune telling of a Sacramento family's weekend trip to ice-fish at Lake of the Woods!

Accordingly please consider well. I feel and fear the future is here today. May I request that this expression of concern be included in your hearing record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS L. GOFF.

VICTORIA, B.C., February 25, 1968.

Re Mount Jefferson wilderness area classification.

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

DEAR SIR: We urge you to include approximately 29,000 acres in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area described as follows:

Add areas: 14-b, 14-c, 14-d (designated on USFS Map for proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness).

These areas would add protection to many of the upland fragile areas. I urge these areas to be included as they are truly wild and would serve to enhance the true wilderness aspect of the Mt. Jefferson Area.

Please include this letter in the hearing record.

As a Mother of three small children, I feel that today we must preserve a few of the remaining possible wilderness areas so that my children and theirs can enjoy the fragile beauty of wilderness.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) DIANE PORTER GIBBONS,
SIDNEY GORE GIBBONS,
U.S. Citizens.

BEND, OREG., February 15, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I am writing in support of the addition to the proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness as proposed by the conservationists. For years I have hiked in this area and know it rather well. I am strongly in favor of the additions, especially the Square Lake and the Marion Lake sections, and I feel the proposed buffer areas on the west are very important for the protection of the wilderness area itself.