

AUBURN, CALIF., February 18, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I should like this letter included in the official hearing record as regards to Bill S. 2531, designating the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I am a citizen conservationist, and am strongly in support of this measure.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. ELDER.

EUGENE, OREG., February 17, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: I feel that it is vital to the future of our nation that areas like the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area in Oregon, the San Gabriel Wilderness in California and the Washakie Wilderness in Wyoming be set aside as wilderness areas as introduced in Senate bill 2751 and Senate bills 2531 and 2630 respectively. I do not feel, however, that the areas contained in these proposals is sufficient.

Senate 2751 is for 96,462 acres of wilderness. I feel that NOW is the time to increase this area by the additional 28,000 acres made up of the Marion Lake section on the north, the Square Lake and Long Lake areas to the south and a tract of some 25,000 acres west of the Cascade Crest.

In my opinion there should be a compromised version of S. 889 which provides for inclusion in San Rafael Wilderness of up to 2,000 acres additional.

In the case of the Washakie Wilderness I feel that the fringe area of utmost importance to the elk herds be added to the proposed area of 679,520 acres. This would increase the acreage to 727,000.

I trust that you will do all in your power to protect these areas from being destroyed for all time. The timber on it is not of that much importance.

Yours truly,

M. A. EGLAND.

FEBRUARY 16, 1968.

Hon. Senator FRANK CHURCH,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: We strongly support S. 2531 introduced by Senator Kuchel which will include San Gabriel Wilderness in the National Preservation System.

FRANK and JOSEPHINE DUVECK.

RICHLAND, WASH., February 17, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: As a resident of the West and one who enjoys wilderness hiking, I would like to present my views on S. 2751 and S. 2630. Please include this letter in the record of your hearings on these bills to be held on 19 February.

MOUNT JEFFERSON WILDERNESS AREA (S. 2751)

I support the intention of S. 2751 to confer Wilderness status on the area described in the bill, but urge that the area be enlarged by inclusion of the following:

- (1) About 1600 acres including Square and Long Lakes
- (2) About 1600 acres including Marion Lake
- (3) About 25,000 acres along the entire western boundary of the area described in the bill.

WASHAKIE WILDERNESS AREA (S. 2630)

I likewise support S. 2630, but again urge enlargement of the area described in the bill. In particular, I would like to see the following additions made:

- (1) About 30,000 acres including East Du Noir Creek and West Du Noir Creek