

SALEM, OREG., *January 16, 1968.*

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

GENTLEMEN: During the Second World War one of my sons, a meteorologist, had his own method of telling whether the day was likely to be good or not. If he could see Russian territory from his station in Northern Japan, it would probably be good.

I too have my own way of foretelling the weather. If I can see Mt. Jefferson from my windows, it probably will be good.

But, I am sorry to say, I have had no assurance that Congress will be good—and vote to increase the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area all the 30,000 acres both the Sierra Club and the Mazamas have recommended.

Will you please be sure to give this matter the consideration it deserves?

Truly yours,

E. REGINALD CRAIG.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR: We herewith urge you to continue your efforts in behalf of Conservation S. 2531. Also, hope for your support of Compromise version S. 889 concerning inclusion of 2,000 acres additional into the San Gabriel Wilderness Area.

MR. AND MRS. CORDY.

COOPER, DAVIS & Co.,
Los Angeles, Calif., February 16, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: We urge the passage of bill S. 2531. Those of us who utilize the Angeles National Forest realize the importance of preserving what little is left in its natural state. Realize, Sir, that this area lies within one and one-half hours drive for most of 7,000,000 people in the Los Angeles basin.

Yours very truly,

JAMES W. COOPER.

EUGENE, OREG., *February 22, 1968.*

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

DEAR SIR: Kindly include this letter in your hearing record on the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area Classification. I agree with the Forest Service that Marion Lake might best be given the status of Scenic Area. With its extremely heavy use it seems to me useless to consider phasing out small motors on the lake.

I feel that the upper part of Whitewater Creek Road should be closed down, to a small measure relieving the recreational use of Jefferson Park. An alpine area given the pounding of a highway campsite shortly loses its unique alpine features. The traffic that has come to all of our wilderness is devastating; it is unbelievably heavy. Only a few years ago I hiked alone around Three-fingered Jack and passed one other person.

The valley of the North and South Forks of the Breitenbush River should be added to the proposed wilderness, as well as Woodpecker Ridge, Minto Mt., Bingham Ridge, and Big Meadows.

Now that so many people have come to appreciate the same recreational values I found earlier in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area it seems imperative that we not be niggardly in planning its boundaries. I think it is amazingly shortsighted of legislators to side with lumber interests in this matter, in a state that obviously must turn more and more to recreation and tourism for its very existence. Let Minneapolis and Chicago and Flatbush retain their eminence in industry!