

We must persuade these legislators it is supreme idiocy to compete with those smokeey industrial sites when our natural bent is as center of the Nation's rapidly disappearing outdoor vacation lands. Recreation, not logging, is Oregon's industry of the future.

Sincerely,

CHARLES COLEMAN.

OLYMPIA, WASH., *February 26, 1968.*

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I am writing concerning the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness hearings. I will address myself only to the problem of Jefferson Park. The Forest Service is courting trouble by inadequate protection of this particular area. It is already *heavily* overused, and will be inundated with recreation seekers if more protection is not afforded it. The alpine meadows of this area cannot stand such heavy use.

Unless the upper Whitewater Creek is included in the Wilderness (putting to bed the road of necessity) the Forest Service will be guilty of mismanagement of Jefferson Park because the latter will be literally "loved to death" and ruined by recreation seekers.

I realize Oregon politicians back the Forest Service on this issue. They are interested only in logs. Nobody, including the Forest Service, seems interested in the critical recreation situation at Jefferson Park. The Forest Service boundary is drawn with logging, not wilderness protection, in mind. It strikes me that Congress, and the Forest Service are fooling themselves if they do not do something to rectify the overuse of Jefferson Park.

I realize too that your office is most anxious to accommodate the Forest Service. Such is the political price for the North Cascades and the Northern Redwood Purchase Unit. However, Jefferson Park is in critical need of protection. I urge the inclusion of upper Whitewater Creek in the Wilderness.

Please make this letter part of the hearing record, and send me a copy of that record when it becomes available. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. COLE.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
Los Angeles, Calif., February 13, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Senator for the State of Washington,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: We have been informed that SB 2531, which would include the creation of the "San Gabriel Wilderness", Angeles National Forest, California, is set for hearing before the Senate Interior Committee. Please consider this letter and attachment as continued support for the proposal. It is wholly consistent with recreation planning for the Southern California Region.

Very truly yours,

O. K. CHRISTENSON,
Director of Planning.

JULY 19, 1966.

Subject: Proposed San Gabriel wilderness in the Angeles National Forest.

MR. WILLIAM T. DRESSER,
*Forest Supervisor,
Angeles National Forest,
Pasadena, Calif.*

DEAR MR. DRESSER: The Regional Planning Commission, at its regular meeting of July 19, 1966, reviewed the Forest Service proposal for the San Gabriel Wilderness to be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and endorsed the project as recommended.

This area is identified as the Devil Canyon-Bear Canyon reservation area on the Los Angeles County Regional Recreational Areas Plan. The reservation category of the "Plan" identifies areas with unique natural characteristics, and urges