

Your committee is doing a tremendous service in carrying out the Wilderness Bill assignments which are unquestionably in the best public interest.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS A. CHERBENEAU.

MILE HIGH CHAPTER,
IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA,
Denver, Colo., February 22, 1968.

HON. FRANK CHURCH,
*Chairman, Public Lands Subcommittee,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: The Public Lands & Wilderness Committee of the Mile High Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Denver, Colorado, wants to go on record with your subcommittee in favor of the Washakie Wilderness Proposal now being considered. This is S. 2630, introduced by Senator Clifford P. Hanson of Wyoming.

We strongly support the formal proposal because we have studied it and the members of our committee are familiar with that part of Wyoming. These lands are certainly eligible to be a part of the permanent Wilderness System.

We do want to urge your committee to favorably consider including in the Washakie Wilderness those additional areas recommended by the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish. These perimeter areas would add about 50,000 acres more than the Forest Service proposes. This additional acreage is recommended by several citizens' groups—groups which have made serious studies of the land. These groups are composed of people who live in that part of Wyoming—they are not crack-pots.

The Washakie Wilderness area will then cover 725,000 acres if your committee will combine the proposals of the Forest Service and the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish. Posterity should be deeply thankful for your thoughtfulness in passing S. 2630 in this form.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

LOU CHERBENEAU,
Chairman, Public Lands and Wilderness Committee.

BELLINGHAM, WASH., February 16, 1968.

Re S. 2751.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to you regarding the hearings you have scheduled on the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area February 19. I would appreciate your including this letter in the record.

I was born and spent a good part of my life in the Central Oregon area which is the reason for my concern regarding this legislation. Wilderness classification is a type of zoning that eliminates for all time the possibility of using these public lands for any other purposes. I therefore believe that wilderness areas should not include large amounts of land that contain valuable resources that are good for other known uses. I therefore urge you and your Committee not to increase the size of this wilderness area greater than the acreage as set forth in S. 2751.

Thank you very much.

WILLIAM V. CATLOW.

SIERRA MADRE, CALIF., February 12, 1968.

SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
*Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

GENTLEMEN: I am writing to urge support for the proposal to establish the San Gabriel Wilderness by enlarging the present Devil Canyon-Bear Canyon Primitive Area in the Angeles National Forest.