

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Port Townsend, Wash., February 16, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: It is my strong hope that the Senate Interior Committee, in its consideration of the proposals for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness, will give serious thought to the suggestions of Oregon conservationists to include, as deserving additions to the 96,462-acre wilderness designated in S. 2751, the areas surrounding Square Lake and Long Lake, the Marion Lake area, and a buffer zone along the entire west side of the presently proposed wilderness. All three of these additions would give to this already rather narrow and easily accessible wilderness the additional protection it will need in the coming years when wilderness use of this area, which is already known to be the most beautiful of all the areas along the Oregon Cascade Crest, will be much heavier than it now is. This addition of some 28,196 acres will, I am sure, prove to be a wise investment in wilderness for the future, as over against whatever short-term gains would be had by continuing to allow logging in these areas.

May I also put in a word for the necessity of maximum wilderness protection for the San Rafael Wilderness, since the decision on this is evidently going to set something of a pattern in application of the Wilderness Act. I would hope that the Senate Interior Committee will see the wisdom of including at least a major portion of the 2,000-acre addition to S. 889 that is being urged by conservationists. It ought to be known what will be sacrificed if the Forest Service's insistence on fuel breaks is allowed to be a factor in determining the boundaries of the San Rafael Wilderness. Here again, present expediency should give way to wise wilderness preservation-planning for the future, if the Wilderness Act itself is to have any force and validity.

I would appreciate your making this letter a part of the official transcript of the February 19th public hearing.

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. BURGER, *Vicar.*

BERKELEY, CALIF., February 18, 1968.

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

Urge you to support Forest Service proposal for San Gabriel Wilderness.

Dr. and Mrs. ARTHUR BURCH.

CORVALLIS, OREG., February 18, 1968.

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

HONORABLE SIR: This is a request for the inclusion of areas 14-b, 14-c, 14-d in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area Classification in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. I wish this letter included in the hearing record.

Sincerely,

MAURICE L. BULLARD.

REDMOND, OREG., February 26, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: As a local resident of the Redmond, Oregon area I can appreciate the need for extending the boundaries of the proposed Mt. Jefferson Wilderness. The area receives a great deal of pressure from visitors from central and eastern Oregon as well as travelers from the western portions of the state. This pressure is even more intense when one considers people vaca-