

National Wilderness Preservation System. All of these Wilderness acres are essential as part of our National public areas so needed for the benefit and spiritual uplift of all peoples.

Sincerely,

Miss FLORENCE L. BIXBY,
Member Sierra Club; Wilderness Society; Save-the-Redwoods League;
and National Parks Association.

ARKHOLA SAND AND GRAVEL Co.,
Fort Smith, Ark., February 16, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I am writing to advise you that many area citizens are most interested in seeing the Buffalo River become a National River.

I was born and reared a short distance from the Buffalo River. I have fished the stream, camped on its banks, and spent week-ends at the Buffalo River State Park facility. I have walked over the areas adjacent to the banks and bluffs of the stream.

This is beautiful, undisturbed country. This kind of setting is rapidly disappearing from America. But it should not disappear. The youth of our land yearns for the quiet and peace such an area affords. Adults, and even the aged appreciate the serenity of this area. Few have been here just once—they generally return.

Perhaps our imaginations are too limited to gaze into the future a half century or even a century from now. We all know that such a place, so blessed with the many wonders of nature, would be truly a National River for the entire country.

I believe, as do many others in this area, that the best interests of the area, state, and nation can be served by declaring the free-flowing Buffalo River a National River, and developing it on this basis.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BLAKE BERRY.

RENTON, WASH., February 18, 1968.

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

On two occasions during the past year I have had the opportunity to hike through some of the territory in the vicinity of Mt. Jefferson.

This letter is in reference to Marion Lake and I would appreciate having it made a part of the record.

One aspect of 'lake recreation' is the fact that unless a considerable portion of a shoreline is kept in its natural state, the wildlife no longer approaches the lake. Thus a distinctive part of the lake value is lost.

For this reason I would be in favor of having Marion Lake included in the Wilderness Proposal.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. BECKER.

PUYALLUP, WASH., February 18, 1968.

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

SIR: The Mt. Jefferson wilderness area in Oregon must be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System as soon as possible. Road building and logging have already nibbled dangerously on this unique portion of the Cascades.

Anyone who has some knowledge of this area realizes the 25,000 acre west side wilderness zone is necessary for completion of the Jefferson Wilderness area: moreover, the Square and Long Lake, and the Marion Lake additions as proposed by citizen conservationist groups should also be included.