

Please let the richest nation in the world be able to preserve this lovely area for the future. The timber interests have no inherent right to devastate this scenic wilderness which will always be of significance to our national pride.

Yours truly,

RONALD J. BECK, M.D.

REDDING, CALIF., February 19, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I strongly urge that your subcommittee recommend immediate Senate approval for establishment of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Certainly S. 2751, incorporating the Forest Service final report, proposes the minimum acreage adequate to protect this wilderness portion of the Cascade crest and surrounding subalpine meadows and timbered avenues. The commercial value of the timber on the lower slopes must not be allowed to obscure the necessity for preserving distinct forest types and uncut access corridors for the narrow crest region as part of the Wilderness zone. And surely the urgent need to preserve now as much untouched wilderness as possible for the enjoyment of this and future generations is well-recognized today and need not be defended or explained.

May I also urge very careful consideration by your committee of those additions proposed by citizen conservation groups. These additions would add valuable buffer zones to help insulate the wilderness core from man's influence, and this buffer value must be carefully weighed against the value of any planned development, whether for timber or commercialized recreation.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. CATHERINE BARR.

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

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Please consider my strong plea that your subcommittee recommend immediate approval of Senator Kuchel's bill incorporating the Forest Service's proposals for the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Several factors make this acreage a valuable addition to the System: its location so close to the center of Los Angeles, the unique and exciting qualities of the San Gabriel mountains, marked primarily by dense chaparral and steep crumbling slopes, and the lack of potential for commercial development of lumber, minerals or other private uses. Early action in approving this Wilderness proposal is most appropriate to considering the unanimous support given the Forest Service proposal by interested citizen conservation groups.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. CATHERINE BARR.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PHIL MILLER

DUBOIS, WYO., February 29, 1968.

PHIL MILLER,
Ranger in Charge of Timber Sales,
Dubois, Wyo.

DEAR PHIL: Your article in the Wyoming State Journal of February 26, summarizing and defending Forest Service policies under the Multiple Use Concept, is a fine piece of work, giving a broad over-view in general terms. I believe you would find little opposition to the general policies as you have expressed them.