CLAREMONT, CALIF., February 20, 1968.

Senator Frank Church, Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Senate Interior Committee, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: We wish to urge strong support of the bill introduced by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (S. 2531), designating the San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We would also like to see a compromise version of S. 889 which would provide for inclusion of at least a major portion of the 2,000-acre addition to the San Rafael Wilderness.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Yost U. Amrein.

WEST COVINA, CALIF., February 19, 1968.

SENATE PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I have reviewed the Washakie Wilderness Proposal and am submitting comments thereon.

Senate Bill S. 2630 defines lands totally of wilderness quality and all units

are concurred in as being best suited for wilderness classification.

Certain lands adjacent to the area of the Stratified Primitive Area are recommended for addition and certain exclusions recommended by the Forest Service are recommended for retention. These lands are:

1. A 30,000 acre block on the west end of the Stratified Primitive area that includes the two forks of the DuNoir Creek and Kissinger Lakes should be

added to the wilderness area.

2. Over 8,000 acres of the Bear Basin area should be included as wilderness. Both of these first two discussed areas will add wildlife habitat that is essential to be maintained in wilderness and scenic area best maintained in wilderness.

3. The Forest Service exclusion in the area of Wiggins Fork and Lincolns Point should be retained in wilderness on the basis this being the best long

term use of the area.

4. The area south of Ramshorn Peak is recommended for inclusion as wilderness as being the best use of the area. The recommended addition is less than 1.000 acres.

Please enter these comments into the hearing record.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Loretta Allen.

WEST COVINA, CALIF., February 17, 1968.

PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: The area proposed as the San Gabriel Wilderness has long been used by youth groups, family groups, and individuals seeking wilderness experience in its many forms.

The area is circumscribed by non conforming works of man so extensive as to preclude consideration of expansion of the proposed boundaries and thus the boundaries as proposed are accepted.

Entry of the area as proposed in wilderness at the earliest opportunity is recommended.

Please place these comments in the hearing record for Senate Bill S. 2531. Sincerely,

Mrs. Loretta Allen.