

BERKELEY, CALIF., February 22, 1968.

HON. HENRY JACKSON,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Please add my statement as follows to the official hearings record concerning the Proposal to establish a Washakie Wilderness.

I support this proposal being aware of this area's outstanding Wilderness features of certain National importance.

I strongly urge, however, that this proposal be amended to permit additional outstanding Wilderness lands be added to the Washakie Wilderness in order to create an even more substantial true Wilderness area.

Such amendment to add some 70,000 acres to this proposal. Bringing the Washakie Wilderness proposal to some 267,000 acres.

I also support the proposal to add such area to the current Absaroka Wilderness area. However, I urge that this Absaroka area be increased to some 550,000 acres in order to preserve valuable Wilderness lands adjacent to this Wilderness area boundary. A total Wilderness area of some 817,000 acres.

A buffer zone to surround this Wilderness is necessary.

Also a full Wilderness Plan concerning this entire region is essential.

Sincerely,

JOHN R. SWANSON.

CASPER, WYO.

SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.:

I, Mary Nicolaysen, 52 years a resident of Wyoming and granddaughter of the late Ex-Governor, B. B. Brooks, am opposed firmly to the creation of any additional federally controlled lands in Wyoming. We already have over 52% of our state area in the jurisdiction of one or another government agency or bureau.

These lands are not being developed by private enterprise nor bringing any tax moneys into the state in which they are located.

I think any state should have a fair share of its land set aside for enjoyment of the public but in Wyoming this long ago passed all fairness and reason.

My grandfather believed in moderation and the progressive development of this state but we have been robbed of many of our most beautiful and potentially profitable lands.

It is not just to strip any state of more than half of its area and try to make it a dependent, helpless ward of a government colossus—We in Wyoming, most of us, want to be strong and independent and run our own affairs and Washington would do well to encourage desires like this in other states, too.

Sincerely,

MARY HESTER NICOLAYSEN.

DUBOIS, WYO., February 13, 1968.

SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: We should like to go on record as favoring Senate Bill S. 2630, to establish the Washakie Wilderness Area in the Shoshone National Forest, in Wyoming, and as also favoring the amendments sponsored by Senator Gale McGee to add the East and West Du Noir areas and the Lincoln Point area.

We should also like to go on record as favoring modification of that part of the Forest Service proposal which would move the wilderness area boundaries back to the tops of the escarpments, instead of using the present primitive area boundaries. In the case of the Wiggins Fork-Frontier Creek area, with which we are personally acquainted, it is the forested faces of the escarpments, and the canyons in between, which provide the important scenic and recreational values of the area. On this point, we refer you to the opinions expressed by many Dubois residents at the Forest Service hearing in Riverton, Wyoming, in early December 1966, and to our subsequent letter to the Forest Service for inclusion in the record of that hearing.

Sincerely yours,

C. LAWRENCE HAINES
 MARGARET M. HAINES.