

"The lands involved in such areas should be acquired in fee unless, in the judgment of the head of the administering agency, other methods of public control are sufficient to assure their use for the purpose for which they are created."

We concur in the amendments to section 3 of the bill suggested in the report of the Department of the Interior relating to designation and classification of the components of the National Scenic Rivers System. These amendments would provide that the boundaries of components of the national scenic rivers system could include no more than 320 acres per mile on both sides of a river. Rivers would be classified in accordance to the types referred to in subsection 2(b) of H.R. 8416 as soon as practicable after they are included in the system.

Subsection 3(3) of the bill outlines the administrative arrangements for the Salmon River. The river segment described lies almost entirely within or adjacent to national forests, and would be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. Accordingly, we recommend that subsection 3(3) be amended to provide that the Salmon River would be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Sections 4 and 5 of H.R. 8416 relate to the procedures to be followed and the scope of studies to be made in connection with addition of rivers to the initial scenic rivers system. Section 4 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to make needed studies and from time to time submit proposals to the President and the Congress for additions to the system of river areas and sites which, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, qualify for such designation. Copies of the Secretary of the Interior's proposed reports would be submitted to affected Federal agencies for review and comment.

Section 5 lists rivers which are designated, without prejudice to others, as candidates for potential addition to the system. It would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study these rivers in cooperation with the States and their political subdivisions. However, no study could be undertaken in the case of any stream which the Governor of the appropriate State certifies the State is prepared to and does study to determine its suitability for inclusion in the system.

The bill transmitted by the Secretary of the Interior on February 18, 1967, with the concurrence of this Department, provides that where National Forest lands are involved the Secretary of Agriculture would be responsible for studies of river areas to be proposed for additions to the system. That provision gave recognition to the responsibility of this Department for managing the National Forests. We believe that the language in this respect jointly developed by our two Departments should be retained. We recommend that sections 4 and 5 (other than the identification of the river segments listed for study) be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture where national forest lands are involved, after consultation with interested Federal agencies, are directed to consult with the Governors and officials of the States in which the rivers or river segments listed below are located to ascertain whether a joint Federal-State plan is feasible and desirable in the public interest to conserve these rivers and segments thereof. They shall submit to the President their recommendations for or against designation of any or all of them as components of the national scenic rivers system, and the President shall submit to the Congress such recommendations, including draft legislation, as he deems appropriate. Recommendations with respect to not less than one-half of such rivers shall be submitted to the President within five years after the date of enactment of this Act, and the recommendations with respect to the remaining rivers shall be submitted to the President within ten years after the date of enactment of this act:

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"(b) In all planning for the use and development of water and related land resources, consideration shall be given by all Federal agencies involved to potential components of the national scenic rivers system and all river basin and project plan reports submitted to the Congress shall discuss any such potentials. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall make specific studies and investigations to determine which additional rivers within the United States shall be evaluated in planning reports as potential components of the national scenic rivers system.

"(c) The Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture where national forest lands are involved, shall also submit to the President from time