

to time their recommendations for designation of any other river or segment thereof as a component of the national scenic rivers system. The President shall submit to the Congress such recommendations, including draft legislation, as he deems appropriate.

"(d) Recommendations submitted to the President under this section shall be developed in consultation with the States, those Federal agencies which normally participate in the development of recreation plans and comprehensive river basin plans, any commissions established pursuant to interstate compacts the assigned responsibilities of which would be affected, and commissions or other bodies which may be established for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan for the river basin within which the contemplated component of the national scenic rivers system would be located. Each such recommendation shall be accompanied by (1) expressions of any views which the agencies and States consulted pursuant to the foregoing may submit within ninety days after having been notified of the proposed recommendation, (2) a statement setting forth the probable effect of the recommended action on any comprehensive river basin plan that may have been adopted by Congress or that is serving as a guide for coordinating Federal or Federal and State programs in the basin, and (3) in the absence of such plan, a statement indicating the probable effect of the recommended action on alternative beneficial uses of the resources of the basin.

"(e) Whenever it is proposed to designate a river or segment thereof as a component of the national scenic rivers system, and the river or segment runs through predominantly non-Federal land, the appropriate Secretary shall include in his recommendations to the President the views of the Governor of each State concerned with respect to its addition, and with respect to whether it should be wholly or partly acquired, protected, and managed pursuant to exclusive State authority. The views of the Governor shall be accompanied by or based upon a general State plan which assures the effectuation of the purposes of this Act in perpetuity. The President shall include in his recommendations to the Congress, with respect to the designation of such river or segment thereof as a component of the national scenic rivers system, specific recommendations on the administration of such component by State authority.

"(f) Any recommendation for designation of a river as a component of the national scenic rivers system shall indicate the extent to which land will need to be acquired by the State and by the Federal Government, and the extent to which the acquisition of scenic easements or other interests in land may be used in lieu of acquisition of a fee title.

"Sec. 5. Components of the national scenic rivers system designated by subsequent Acts of Congress shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, except that when the component is wholly within, partly within, or closely adjacent to, a national forest such area shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture unless it is also partly within, or closely adjacent to, an area administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in which event the component shall be administered in such manner as agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, or as directed by the President."

The above suggested amendment to subsection 4(a) does not specify the rivers to be studied under section 4. We would have no objection to the list of "study" rivers presently contained in section 5 of H.R. 8416.

On page 12, line 24, the word "designed" should be "designated."

To clarify the status of lands within the National Forests acquired by or transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture for scenic river purposes, we recommend the following sentence be added at the end of subsection 6(e) of the bill.

"Lands acquired by or transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purposes of this Act within or adjacent to a national forest shall upon acquisition or transfer become national forest lands."

Section 7 of the bill would prohibit Federal agencies from licensing or assisting water resource projects "on or directly affecting" designated components of the national scenic rivers system. This restriction would be permanent as to components designated by section 3 of the bill and temporary as to rivers designated for study by section 5.

These provisions would seriously affect the important small watershed program administered by the Soil Conservation Service of this Department. It would preclude construction of some projects outside the boundaries of a scenic river system component which are needed to provide watershed protection, prevent floods, benefit fish and wildlife, provide recreation, and provide water storage