

Mr. Chairman, we are hopeful that you and other members of your committee will give consideration to the views my colleagues and I have expressed. Your consideration will be appreciated and I wish you success in formulating a sound and practical Wild and Scenic Rivers bill.

Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you.

I judge that both of you are satisfied with the provisions of the Senate bill S. 119 as it applies to Idaho.

Senator CHURCH. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are.

Senator JORDAN. Yes, we are, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. That places a section of the Salmon River and a section of the Clearwater River in the wild river category and a section of the Salmon River in the study state.

Senator JORDAN. That is right.

Mr. TAYLOR. You have before you a copy of the House bill S. 8416. It also places sections of both of these rivers in the category to be designated as scenic rivers. It describes them usually in different language. Will you comment as to, or maybe point out the differences as to, why you prefer the Senate version?

Senator CHURCH. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. You can use the map.

Senator CHURCH. I would be glad to do that.

The main fork of the Salmon River is depicted here in yellow, that is, that portion of it running from North Fork to its confluence with the Snake.

The middle fork is depicted in blue.

Now, the bill that originally passed the Senate 2 years ago included the middle fork and the main stem from the North Fork all the way to its confluence with the Snake. In the bill that passed last year, on which Senator Jordan and I reached full agreement, the middle fork was included in the initial system, but the main stem from North Fork to the point of confluence was placed in the study category for further consideration by the Idaho Water Resource Board and the other study groups.

The House language in the bill before you, Mr. Chairman, is still a little different. The House language would include the middle fork, which we have included, but it would also include the main stem from the North Fork to Riggins.

Let me say that my personal hope and expectation is that, after all the studies are made, it may prove feasible to include this stretch of the river in a wild river system, but we would hope that the House would place this segment in the study category as we have done in the Senate, so that further consideration can be given to the use of the river.

As Senator Jordan said, this is very important to Idaho, a very important resource. We want to be sure of its best use, and for that reason we would hope that you would place this segment of the river in the study category.

Mr. TAYLOR. In regard to the Clearwater River are we in agreement?

Senator CHURCH. Yes, we are in full agreement.

Senator JORDAN. We are in agreement on the Clearwater.

Mr. TAYLOR. Have any other members any questions?