

I recognize the gentleman on our committee from Idaho. I know he has the same concern and interest in this as you have.

Mr. McCLURE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First let me say that I am very proud this morning to have the Senators from my great State appear before this committee to make the presentation that has been made. I don't think that any introduction of either of these gentlemen needs to be made to this committee or to the persons within this hearing room.

Senator Church's position in the field of preservation of natural resources has been well known for a number of years. I am certain that Senator Jordan's preeminence as an authority in the field of water development and water use in the United States is equally well known.

I did have one or two questions I would like to direct.

Senator Church, you mentioned in your statement the need for a balanced development of all of our resources, including water resources. Would it be correct to say that this would require a balancing of the economic factors with respect to the use of segments of a river, a wild river, as compared to other uses to which it might be put within the State or within the region?

Senator CHURCH. Yes, I think the economic impact is certainly one of the important factors that would have to be considered in any evaluation of any river.

Mr. McCLURE. And you would agree also, wouldn't you, that in the study section, these rivers which are under study, that this would be one of the very important factors to be included within those studies?

Senator CHURCH. Yes, I would agree with that. I would also point out that there is great economic value in the recreational use of rivers, and that in Idaho in the past 10 years the fastest growing industry has been recreation and tourism. It has jumped from about eighth place to third place as a money earner for Idaho people. So I do think that the economic impact of the use to which any river is put is one of the very important factors in any evaluation. But our recreation attractions have an economic impact of very considerable importance.

Mr. McCLURE. Senator Jordan, you referred in your statement to the Battelle report that you had studied. Were these reports made available to your office?

Senator JORDAN. No, they were not. In the two sessions that we were discussing the wild rivers legislation in the Senate, I never had access to the Battelle report. I saw it for the first time within the last 30 days. It is a very superficial report.

Mr. McCLURE. Did you make attempts to obtain a copy of that prior to that time?

Senator JORDAN. I asked upon what basis the studies were made and I never could get any satisfaction.

Mr. McCLURE. What is the relationship of these various boards you are referring to in resource development studies in Idaho, the Water Resource Board, Pacific Northwest River Basin Commission, the Western States Water Council particularly?

Senator JORDAN. The relationship of these various boards engaged in resources development studies in Idaho is that they are trying at long last to inventory the water resources of the area, and to try and arrive at some recommendations as to their greatest and highest use.