

land conservation fund moneys where the Government has made money available to the States and the States have matched and provided a wild or a scenic river or a natural river, and I presume that most of the Feather would come under the category of a wild river for the most part, because, being familiar with the area, it is quite rugged in there and most of the adjacent lands are Forest Service lands, and there is not too much in the way of roads in there.

I do not know why the State has never moved ahead with this, with land and water conservation moneys, because this has been No. 1 on the minds of many people in the State to provide for a wild river on the Middle Fork and the Feather.

I am wondering if your organization had ever approached the State on moving ahead, because the land acquisition there is not too much, and I am sure there would be cooperation between the Forest Service and the State of California, through the fish and game department. There is a considerable amount of money going in California from the land and water conservation fund moneys and what the State has matched. I am sure they can spend everything they can get, but this has been on a high priority list, because the legislature has taken action.

Mr. BOVEY. I cannot positively say that our California Council—we have four chapters with the council coordinating their efforts—I cannot positively say that they have attempted to work with your fish and game people to get these moneys, but I would strongly suspect that they have, because there is no more alert, active, dedicated group of Trout Unlimited members anywhere in the country than in California, particularly in the San Francisco Bay area section. So I would suspect that is true. I shall certainly make inquiries as to whether it is or not.

Mr. JOHNSON. That is all.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any other questions?

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Idaho.

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. Chairman, I just want to say something which I am sure does not need to be said to this gentleman, that we do in the State of Idaho have many hundreds of miles of gin-clear rivers flowing unmarked and unobstructed through beautiful country.

Mr. BOVEY. You do indeed.

Mr. TAYLOR. I would say to the witness, a time or two, I have made the statement that we have the finest trout fishing in the Nation in my district. I ran into trouble with the gentlemen from Colorado and Idaho and several other places.

Mr. BOVEY. I expect to be fishing in your district, sir, at the end of April.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you very much, Mr. Bovey.

Mr. BOVEY. Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. Our next witness is Spencer M. Smith, secretary, Citizens Committee on Natural Resources.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as the chairman of the subcommittee must return to North Carolina this afternoon, I ask unanimous consent that the presentation and the questioning be limited to not more than 15 minutes on each of the witnesses from here