

for a study category, an enlarged study category to preserve our option to protect the rivers in this section.

Mr. McCLURE. If the agencies are to make these studies of the so-called instant category rivers, when are they to make these studies?

Mr. WALDROP. Prior to their being included in this instant category. I see examples of such studies in the maps displayed around the room. I understand the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has done quite a bit of research on these rivers.

Mr. McCLURE. It would be your understanding in making this recommendation, then, that such overall evaluation has been made prior to the recommendation for inclusion in the instant category?

Mr. WALDROP. Yes, sir; most definitely.

Mr. McCLURE. And that if such a study had not been made, then your recommendation would not be the same?

Mr. WALDROP. I would want to see all the details of the river worked out in a public forum, a hearing, a public hearing, but having had the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation go into great detail the specifics of administration, the boundaries, the need for acquisition, if any, and so forth, for each instant river.

Mr. McCLURE. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from California.

Mr. JOHNSON. No questions.

Mr. TAYLOR. Has counsel any questions?

Mr. WITMER. No questions, thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Waldrop, we thank you very much.

Mr. WALDROP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. Now, the National Reclamation Association, James Sorenson, president.

STATEMENT OF JAMES F. SORENSON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY CARL BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. SORENSON. With your approval, I would like to ask Mr. Brown to join me.

Mr. TAYLOR. Glad to have you, and Mr. Carl Brown. He was here yesterday. I am sorry we didn't get to you.

Mr. SORENSON. My name is James F. Sorenson. I appear on behalf of the National Reclamation Association. I am the president of that association, and Mr. Brown is the executive director.

Mr. Chairman, the National Reclamation Association opposes wild or scenic rivers legislation because the concept does not conform to the principles of multipurpose development which we have long supported. Further, we feel that some of the provisions of the bills before the committee may lead to future conflicts over uses of water.

Any river, or segment of river, to be designated wild or scenic should have had the benefit of comprehensive study—before designation—to reveal its value for other purposes. Lacking comprehensive study of the benefits to be forgone, no river or segment about which there is controversy within a State should be designated wild or scenic, or in-