

Mr. TAYLOR. Copper Creek is a tributary of the Skagit River?

Mr. NELSON. Copper Creek is a small creek, sir. It is just used to identify a location. The creek that is principally concerned as far as a definition of the wild river boundaries was, I believe, Bacon Creek, which we are suggesting as being the upper limit of the area that should be included for study.

Mr. TAYLOR. Skagit River is in the study stage. Do you request that we take in that river up to Copper Creek, but leave it out?

Mr. NELSON. We are suggesting that you include the Skagit River from whatever points you start downstream up to and including Bacon Creek, which is a rather substantial tributary of the Skagit. Our use of the term Copper Creek is merely to identify a location of a proposed dam and that is the only significance that that word has.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Kansas.

Mr. Skubitz?

Mr. SKUBITZ. No questions.

Mr. TAYLOR. Does anyone have any questions of this witness?

If not, Mr. Nelson—

Mr. KAZEN. Mr. Chairman, may I ask one question, please? Let me see if I understand your situation. You want that stretch of the Skagit River from Bacon Creek to Newhalem excluded from the bill?

Mr. NELSON. This is our request; yes, sir.

Mr. KAZEN. I see, thank you.

Mr. MEEDS. I realize I am not a member of this subcommittee, but I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mr. Nelson here, and to inform the committee that I have been working with him on this problem, and have advised counsel of the problem which the Seattle City Light faces, and I hope that proper consideration will be given to it.

Mr. TAYLOR. Is this in your district, Mr. Meeds?

Mr. MEEDS. Yes, it is.

Mr. TAYLOR. Do you share his views?

Mr. MEEDS. Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you very much.

Mr. NELSON. Thank you very much.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. James A. Fretwell, Los Alamos, N. Mex. Without objection, the entire statement of Mr. Fretwell will be placed in the record.

STATEMENT OF JAMES H. FRETWELL, EXPLORER POST 20, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mr. FRETWELL. Thank you.

It is a privilege to come before this House committee to present opinions favorable to a national scenic river system, and particularly one including designated portions of the Rio Grande.

My name is James H. Fretwell, committee chairman of Explorer Post 20, Boy Scouts of America, Los Alamos, N. Mex.

My Explorer Post 20, which consists of young men ages 14 through 17, has as its own special activity the exploring of wild rivers of the West. These wild rivers are one of the few remaining frontiers of our Nation that remain in the same condition as the early pioneer explorers