

stream. Now, in my own mind anyone who comes here saying that they want to build a tourist attraction is arguing against the bill.

Now, the other question I wanted to ask you is this: Does the Tennessee Valley Authority, as such, have now the power to label a river as a scenic river and protect it as such without any action on the part of the State or the Federal Government?

Colonel BLACK. They must have because they have made a commitment and they have an agreement with the State of Tennessee the two of them will jointly develop the Buffalo River. But there is nothing in that that precludes it being made also a part of a national system.

Mr. KYL. In other words, this legislation would not be essential to the establishment of those rivers as scenic rivers?

Colonel BLACK. If the Tennessee Valley Authority saw fit under their once and for all authority granted under the act of 1933 to do so and could get appropriations for it from the Congress, I believe they could do that. They interpret their authority under the original act pretty broadly, sir. For instance, they have a big project laying between a lake, 70,000 acres, which is being developed for mass recreation and they say that is done under the authority to set up demonstrations and they could set up a demonstration scenic river very easily if they wanted to.

Mr. KYL. Do they have the authority to use power revenues to purchase land?

Colonel BLACK. No, sir; I don't think so. They would have to have an appropriation.

Mr. KYL. Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. I might add this one agency already usurps authority already granted to another agency of the Government.

Mr. McCLURE. I wonder if you could tell me if you have cost studies on other rivers or are those cost studies just those confined to your State and area?

Colonel BLACK. We have cost studies on all 12.

Mrs. RUSSELL. We have cost studies in addition to the ones we have mentioned here.

Mr. McCLURE. But you haven't done it for all the rivers under the various bills?

Mrs. RUSSELL. No, sir.

Colonel BLACK. May I say, in that connection, these three organizations do not have any paid staff, not a single one of us are paid. We do quite a bit at our own expense and we cannot make a benefit-cost study of this as could the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Interior.

Mr. McCLURE. I wanted to ask Mrs. Russell, have you been in the West?

Mrs. RUSSELL. Yes, sir.

Mr. McCLURE. Have you seen these rivers proposed for inclusion in the West?

Mrs. RUSSELL. Yes.

Mr. McCLURE. I am a little startled by the statement on page 2 and the top of page 3 where you say those designated as wild rivers should be managed as true wilderness in accordance with the concepts of the Wilderness Act and should include the entire scenic vista from the river. Are you aware that on some of these rivers in the West you can see for a hundred miles?