

Mr. Chairman, it is, I think, important to note that these tracts proposed for addition to Canyonlands are not merely attractive embellishments; in fact, they all fall within a natural geologic basin defined by sandstone cliffs which enclose the park on three sides to form a significant physiographic entity which can and should be preserved for the Nation. Few opportunities remain for the preservation of such a natural unit.

The proposed additions were recommended by the National Parks Advisory Board in April 1967, reaffirming their earlier recommendation that all lands considered by included within the park boundary.

The majority of lands we have proposed for acquisition are either in Federal ownership, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, or owned by the State of Utah. Land acquisition cost for the 80 acres of private lands within the proposed additions are estimated at approximately \$20,000. Development costs proposed for the additions are estimated at \$3,587,000 with increased annual operating costs of \$47,000.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will be delighted to answer any questions that you may have.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Bill.

Does this map we are referring to have a designation?

Mr. WILSON. Drawing No. 164-20,000.

Senator Moss. Thank you.

On that map there are blue squares that appear to be sections. Are those school sections?

Mr. BILL. They are State sections.

Senator Moss. They are State school sections, and of course Dead Horse Point is colored in blue because that is owned by the State.

Mr. BILL. That is a State park.

Senator Moss. These are the lands that would be acquired according to your testimony by exchange of in lieu Federal lands through the selection process that the State has made, is that correct?

Mr. BILL. This is correct.

Senator Moss. Mr. Wilson, could you point to the one area referred to as in private ownership, about 80 acres? It is down in the Lavender Canyon area at the southeast corner of the park.

Mr. WILSON. Yes, sir, at the head of Salt Creek.

Senator Moss. Who owns that?

Mr. WILSON. The Redd Ranches.

Senator Moss. You estimate that it would take about \$20,000 to purchase it. Do the Redd Ranches own other lands outside of the boundaries in that general area?

Mr. WILSON. Not in that immediate vicinity, but on Indian Creek, about 15 miles from this point, they do own quite a bit of land; about 4,800 acres.

Senator Moss. Does the legislation provide that the 80 acres might be acquired by exchange if that could be worked out with the Redd Ranches?

Mr. BILL. As to the provisions for the private land to be acquired, normally we would endeavor to have an option in preparation for the consideration. Negotiations are going on but they are not completed.

Senator Moss. The reason I asked is that, if they have other lands in that same county, it is possible that they might be willing to exchange this land for other lands adjacent to lands that they do own in the county that are now in the Federal ownership. If that could be worked