

Mr. HARRISON. Mr. Chairman, if this were included in the park, it would be the policy to extinguish this. However, as an existing right, of course it would be continued until the Government acquired that right. It would be our policy, however, to acquire it inasmuch as it would be in a national park.

Senator Moss. In other words, the Department would attempt to secure the right either by purchase or exchange or some other manner so that there would not be any mineral rights remaining in the park?

Mr. HARRISON. This is right.

Senator Moss. Let me ask you a question about Horseshoe Canyon now. If that were acquired as part of the park, would there be a road built going from the park to Horseshoe Canyon?

Mr. WILSON. Yes, sir; a road coming from the French Spring area down along Miller Canyon and branching off to Horseshoe, with access, probably by trail, down into the canyon.

Senator Moss. You would not propose putting a road into the bottom, but just to a point where a trail could branch off.

Mr. WILSON. A road up to an overlook and then a trail down to the bottom.

Senator Moss. That is on the west side of the river. Where would a person that had been visiting the other parts of the park have to cross the river to get to Horseshoe?

Mr. WILSON. At the present time he would cross at Green River, Utah, and take the State Route 24, which would be coming down about 52 miles west of the French Spring area, travel in on a paved road for 35 miles down from Green River south, then 52 miles into French Spring and then, if he were in a jeep, about 35 miles off of State Route 24 would bring him into the canyon at Horseshoe.

Senator Moss. That would continue to be quite a remote area as far as tourists are concerned?

Mr. WILSON. Yes; I think so. If we have these scenic parkways or whatever you might call them—the Canyon Country Parkway—that might possibly come in from the east side, crossing the Green River at Ouray, and right by Barrier Canyon. If this is ever developed, this would be a route to the French Spring.

Senator Moss. The attractive thing in Horseshoe or Barrier are these great pictographs that are on the walls. Can you tell me for the record how they have been described by Dr. Brew, former director of Peabody Museum at Harvard University, or others who have been in there to look at them? I mean as to quality and interest and so on?

Mr. WILSON. Dr. Brew described them as the best and most perfect Indian rock gardens on the North American Continent.

Senator Moss. They are tremendous panels, aren't they?

Mr. WILSON. Life size and some even over life size, 6 to 7 feet high, in red, in white, and a touch of blue in some of them. Then, in contrast, an inch-and-a-quarter-size bird with perfect feathers done in color. Some of them also are petroglyphs, which are incised pictures on the rock; but the main panel in Barrier Canyon is painted or pictographed in red.

Senator Moss. There has been at least one attempt to pry off a layer of rock with some of these figures on them; has there not?

Mr. WILSON. We haven't any proof that this was actually tried; but from the evidence on the face of the wall it looks as if somebody tried to take a slab with a pictograph on it.