

Senator Moss. And it is lying there fractured in the canyon?

Mr. WILSON. Yes. They definitely need protection, Mr. Chairman. We can put up all kinds of signs, but I think a ranger in uniform on the job is a very good deterrent for any vandalism.

Senator Moss. Some of our people just have an urge to scratch their initials or do something wherever they see a surface, especially if it has some unusual characteristic, and this is really what is feared for these marvelous pictographs; is that right?

Mr. WILSON. That is right. There has already been some vandalism. There are actually four different panels in Barrier Canyon, and on one there has been quite a bit of vandalism by writing names and scratching.

Senator Moss. Now, about The Maze—I guess. "The Maze" is quite a descriptive term—but could you enlarge that description just a little bit? What does that look like down there?

Mr. WILSON. It is actually a maze of canyons, branching off from a main canyon called Horse Canyon. We had a lot of horses in this country, Horseshoe, Dead Horse, and Horse Canyon. To the south of the main canyon lies a fan of deeply eroded and entrenched canyons, fingering out into literally hundreds of different tributaries to this one main Horse Canyon. They are all highly colored in multicolored sandstone of red and white and also in The Maze are other pictographs, a wall of pictographs very similar to those in Barrier Canyon.

One very important discovery by Dr. Dean Brimhall, which Dr. Brew was shown and was very excited about, was a pictograph about the harvesting. It depicts two figures, one bending over with a sickle and another with a seed beater, two sticks tied together. Dr. Brew said this is the only pictograph or only indication in rock art that they have ever found of an actual harvest scene and that it is very important.

Senator Moss. Very interesting. I think Mr. Bill's testimony is that the Park Service would propose to keep The Maze, Ernie's Country, and Standing Rocks as a primitive or wilderness area with nothing but foot trails; is that correct?

Mr. WILSON. That is correct; jeep trails or let's say four-wheel drive routes up to the edge; but nothing other than foot trails or horse trails into the actual areas.

Senator Moss. So to go into the bottom a person would have to go on foot or horseback?

Mr. WILSON. That is right.

Senator Moss. When we were originally considering this legislation did the original Canyonlands National Park bill include these tracts at one time and have they later been taken out of the bill?

Mr. WILSON. Yes, sir; it certainly did. The original million-acre proposal went on this line.

Senator Moss. So that if these tracts were included now, it would just partially restore what was first considered to be desirable as a national park; is that right?

Mr. WILSON. That is correct, Mr. Chairman. This outside line on the map was approximately the original proposal. Now we have changed it slightly due to the discovery of the known oil shale lands and asphalt deposits in the basin.

Senator Moss. The line you point to on the map is one that is farther out on the west side, west of Canyonlands and west of any