

The following language would appear to achieve this purpose:

Within two years from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall review the area within the Canyonlands National Park and the additions thereto authorized by this Act and shall report to the President, in accordance with subsections 3(c) and 3(d) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1132 (c) and (d)), his recommendation as to the suitability or non-suitability of any area within the park for preservation as wilderness, and any designation of any such area as a wilderness shall be accomplished in accordance with said subsections of the Wilderness Act.

This language is patterned after the similar provision in the North Cascades legislation reported by this committee and passed by the Senate. The wilderness potential of Canyonlands is equally deserving of prompt and careful consideration while the whole range of options, both for designation of wilderness areas and for provision of access routes, is open to us.

In conclusion, the Sierra Club is gratified by the progress S. 26 represents toward a Canyonlands National Park fully adequate and worthy of the canyon country. We support the proposed additions and urge that a wilderness review procedure be instituted at this time for the whole of Canyonlands National Park.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Alderson. You point out what is sort of an anomaly. The Wilderness Act was enacted just before Canyonlands was established. The Wilderness Act directed a wilderness survey in all existing national parks. Now you request that we write into the Canyonlands extension bill a requirement that a similar wilderness survey be made in Canyonlands.

As far as I am personally concerned, I think that is a good amendment, and I will certainly see that it is proposed when the subcommittee begins to mark up the bill. We appreciate your bringing it to our attention.

I think previous witnesses testified, particularly Mr. Wilson, that the intentions, at least right now, are to leave certain areas as wilderness but there may be other parts of Canyonlands that might also be designated as wilderness and left in that state.

Mr. ALDERSON. Yes, sir.

Senator Moss. So we appreciate your bringing that to our attention, and we are happy to have the general purposes of the bill endorsed by the Sierra Club, certainly one of the most active and vocal of our conservation organizations. Thank you very much, Mr. Alderson.

The Wasatch Mountain Club has written a letter to the committee concerning both Canyonlands and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Without objection, the letter will be included in the hearing record at this point.

(The letter referred to follows:)

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB,
Salt Lake City, Utah, July 22, 1968.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of the Wasatch Mountain Club, I would be grateful if you would enter the following comments into the records of the hearings on the Senate bills S-26 and S-27. Firstly we find the bills most praiseworthy since they will extend and define the boundaries of both Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreational Area.

However, we feel that in order to be really effective, the boundaries of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area should be extended to include the area bounded on the east by the line from Bullfrog Basin to the Boulder road; on the north by the Boulder road to the Escalante road; on the west by the Escalante road to