

(b) Upon the filing of the legal descriptions and maps as provided for in subsection (a) of this section the Pasayten Wilderness and the additions to the Glacier Peak Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act and thereafter shall be subject to the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 604. Within two years from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall review the area within the North Cascades National Park, including the Picket Range area and the Eldorado Peaks area, 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 unsuitability of any area within the park for preservation as wilderness, and any designation of any such area as a wilderness area shall be accomplished in accordance with said subsections of the Wilderness Act.

ANALYSIS OF BILL

Section 101 establishes a North Cascades National Park consisting of about 570,000 acres as depicted on a map on file in the office of the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The park will extend from a few miles below the head of Lake Chelan northwestward including the Stehekin Valley, the Eldorado Peaks area, the Thunder Creek drainage, the Picket Range, and Mount Shuksan. At no other place in the United States do such unique and unparalleled mountain masses occur so close to metropolitan areas. The physical qualifications of the area are such that it will become one of the outstanding units of the National Park System and will deservedly attract nationwide attention. Over 99 percent of the lands within the proposed boundaries of the North Cascades National Park are already in Federal ownership.

Section 201 establishes a Ross Lake National Recreation Area of about 100,000 acres which includes portions of the Skagit River and Ross, Diablo, and Gorge Lakes and surrounding lands as depicted on the map referred to in section 101 of the bill. This is an area of outstanding scenic, scientific, historic and other values, and one which will offer a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. The recreation benefits associated with the magnificent mountains, forests, and waters within the area include camping, picnicking, boating, hunting, fishing, and many other activities. Over 98 percent of the lands within the proposed national recreation area are already in Federal ownership.

Section 301 sets forth the methods by which the Secretary of the Interior may acquire property within the boundaries of the national park and recreation area. Lands owned by the State or any of its political subdivisions may be acquired only by donation. This section also transfers the National Forest lands within the boundaries of the park and recreation area to the Secretary of the Interior for administration as part of such areas.

Section 302 contains the property exchange provisions that have been used in all recent national park and recreation area bills.

Section 303 makes clear that if the Secretary acquires any property used on the date of this Act for agricultural, single-family residential, or commercial purposes compatible with park and recreation use and development, the owner may retain a right of use and occupancy for a lifetime or for a fixed term of not more than 25 years.

Section 401 provides for the administration of the North Cascades National Park under the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4), which governs the administration of all national parks.

Section 402 provides that the Ross Lake National Recreation Area will be administered so as to provide for public outdoor recreation benefits, conservation of the scenic and other values of the area, and for the management, utilization, and disposal of renewable natural resources. In addition, the section permits the leasing of minerals under the Public Land and Acquired Land Mineral Leasing Acts, and the leasing of minerals that would otherwise be subject to location, entry, and patent under the mining laws if the Secretary finds such disposition would not have significant adverse effects on the administration of the national recreation area. It also provides that hunting and fishing will be