

tigation of the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Bureau of Mines in the 801,000-acre North Cascades primitive area, until the results of this study are published so that they will be readily available not only to Congress but to the public as a whole.

No. 2, that no action be taken on proposed legislation until a similar Federal investigation is ordered and completed on the remaining 400,000 to 900,000 acres in the rest of the area being considered for classification.

Finally, I would like to point out mining and outdoor recreation need not be mutually exclusive. There is no reason why mining and recreation cannot both be accommodated in the 1,200,000 to 1,900,000 acres of land in the area under consideration.

Mr. TAYLOR. Your 5 minutes is up.

Let me ask you just one question. You suggest that no action be taken until the results of a study are completed and published. Do you have information as to when that will be?

Mr. HUNTING. No, I have not, except in a general way. Sometime ago it was reported that the report would be available on open file sometime this fall and would be published early next year. I understand that there is an effort being made to speed up that schedule.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any other questions of either witness?

Chairman ASPINALL. I have some questions. It is my understanding, Messrs. Cole and Hunting, that this matter has been studied off and on since 1960. This might mean that perhaps the studies have not been too inclusive. It might also mean that perhaps it is time to do something soon. Or it might mean that much time having elapsed, we should not be too hurried in our decision. Actually, some studies on the general issues go back several decades.

Mr. Hunting, how much activity has the State of Washington put into studying the values of this area in the last 62 years?

Mr. HUNTING. A considerable amount. I first started working for the State in 1940 in a study of this area in connection with a proposal at that time to create a park that would extend over a much larger area. Now, the results of some of these studies have been published. Just very recently we have completed a study of part of—all of Whatcom County, which includes part of the North Cascades.

Chairman ASPINALL. May I interrupt to ask you if you would furnish to me the details that you have in mind. We can place them in the record in answer to that question?

Mr. HUNTING. I will be glad to do so.

Chairman ASPINALL. It is commonly known, is it not, throughout the State of Washington, that a national park facility is largely a single use facility. Is that correct?

Mr. COLE. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman ASPINALL. There will be no hunting; there will be no grazing beyond limited grazing, at least; there will be no commercial activities in the national park facility other than concessionaires. There is no way at all by which we can establish a different policy at this time. Is this correct?

Mr. COLE. I understand under the Federal statutes there is not.

Chairman ASPINALL. We could establish it as an exception to the general rule, but we are loath to do that. Just recently we had the Canyonlands National Park in Utah. Those who proposed it wanted