

Mr. MEEDS. All presently existing private uses, Mr. Chairman, could be continued so long as they were not inconsistent with the purposes of the recreation area.

Mr. TAYLOR. That would include harvesting of timber, hunting and fishing, grazing, mining, and skiing?

Mr. MEEDS. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. What private uses would you recommend continuing in the national park?

Mr. MEEDS. I think it is going to be necessary to have facilities for people to stay. I think it is going to be necessary to have accommodations for campgrounds, for overnight facilities. As I said in the statement, Mr. Chairman, this is a magnificent area, but you have to get up to really appreciate it. Therefore, I think it is essential that we have a lookout point for viewing the Pickett Range, designated here by Mount Challenger, which I think is probably the most dramatic range of mountains in the entire United States.

The gentleman from Arizona flew over recently with us and I am sure he recognized them for their great scenic value.

Then, Mr. Chairman, down here on Ruby Mountain, another lookout point. These I would envision, Mr. Chairman, as established by tramways, so that the least disturbance of the area that is possible consistent with getting people up there to see that could be done. This overlook would give a commanding view of the Eldorado Peaks area, again a very, very dramatic area, which has some of the largest glaciers within the continental United States or the coterminous States. This area can be viewed very well from Ruby Peak and the development plan envisions that.

Mr. Chairman, there are also some other things within the development plan which would allow another lookout, and perhaps a tramway system, so that a view of Mount Shuksan in the far western corner of the park could be had. Then the development of the road between Austin Pass and Baker Lake about which I spoke, hooking up and coming down so there could be an entry through Whatcom County.

Mr. TAYLOR. You mentioned hunting and we heard a lot of testimony about hunting and testimony from hunters. Did you mean recommend hunting in the national park or just in the wilderness and recreation area?

Mr. MEEDS. It can be done at present under all the laws in the wilderness area and in the national recreation area. I am suggesting that the Park Service seriously consider the question of a controlled hunt in the North Cascades National Park. I think this should be studied carefully. It should be compared to other parks where they have had hunts. I have not heard what I consider to be objective testimony about a controlled hunt in this area. It has a different nature. The hunt that I talked about is primarily a high Cascades deer hunt which is 2 or 3 weeks in length at the most. It would occur at the end of the summer when perhaps the usage of the park would not be so great.

It would occur in areas away from the places that people ordinarily get. That should be studied. It should be studied to determine whether it is feasible.

Mr. TAYLOR. Your bill would not appreciably change the uses that are made of the wilderness areas?

Mr. MEEDS. Not at all. As a matter of fact, it would just add these