

iterated its endorsement of its original proposal as being more comprehensive than the Federal proposal.

The following are the refined acreage calculations for the State plan:

	<i>Acre</i>
Mount Baker Recreation Area-----	119, 640
Cascades River Recreation Area-----	17, 000
Ross and Highway Recreation Area-----	215, 092
Lake Chelan Recreation Area-----	47, 120
Total recreation areas-----	398, 852
North Cascades National Park-----	312, 320
Okanogan Wilderness-----	522, 228
Eldorado Wilderness-----	162, 956
Glacier Peak Wilderness-----	494, 497
Present U.S. Forest Service-----	458, 505
Add—Whitechuck/Suiattle-----	10, 672
Add—Northeast to Lake Chelan-----	25, 320
Total wilderness areas-----	1, 179, 681
Grand total acreage in State plan-----	1, 890, 853

Mr. Chairman, the Honorable Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, in a letter dated July 17, 1968, has confirmed again his support of the provisions of H.R. 16252, and I ask that his letter, together with his supporting statement, be included at this point in the hearing record.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, under date of July 19, I received a letter from the Washington State Sportsmen's Council which sets forth the position and concern of that organization with regard to the pending legislation. Because I believe this letter to be appropriate to our discussion here, I ask that this also be included at this point in the hearing record.

Mr. TAYLOR. In the absence of objection, it is so ordered.
(The letters follow:)

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Olympia, July 17, 1968.

Hon. CATHERINE MAY,
U.S. Congresswoman,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CATHERINE: This is in response to your request for the latest position of the state concerning the important North Cascades issue.

In the event that it was not given wide circulation in Washington, D.C., I am enclosing three copies of the statement which I gave to the Aspinall committee when they had their hearing in Seattle in April. This statement accurately conveys the series of events leading to the appointment of a State North Cascades Committee by me and the evolution of the recommendations contained in the report entitled "North Cascades National Recreation Report and Recommendations." I have not changed my position since April. Consequently, the April, 1968 statement is current and still reflects the official position of the State of Washington.

Let me express again my appreciation to you for introducing HR 16252 which embodies the recommendations of the State of Washington. I am hopeful that the committee will give this bill every opportunity to be heard on its merits.

Sincerely,

DANIEL J. EVANS, Governor.