

ica. The support for park bills has come from uninformed, misinformed and in some cases, emotionally motivated people; not the citizens who have made a study of this area or who are directly affected.

Seventh, the state has two national parks, neither of which has been developed as to original plan because of appropriation lack; why a third park? Certainly, to place the area as completely "protected" would entail purchase of the 97 valid, patented mining claims; purchased by the National Park Service to avoid exploitation. Mining still continues in national parks if the claims are patented and valid prior to the park establishment.

Eighth, a park which consists of more than one unit neither conforms to park criteria, as it is considered too difficult to manage, and this two unit park is bisected by the North-Cross Washington State Highway. Perhaps a small, one unit park would have a lesser impact on the state. S. 1321 calls for a re-evaluation within two years from the Picket Range portion of the park as to "wilderness" classification. Why not leave it as wilderness under the U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction?

Ninth, wildlife management in national parks is already notorious: witness Yosemite, Yellowstone, Olympic and Mt. Rainier with big game herds of deer and elk creating problems for which the National Park Service has no solution?

Sincerely,

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