

There had to be an overall term for it. So we pointed out the difference between the definition as it is used at the Federal level and what the committee had in mind when they gave this terminology to it.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Catherine, I, too, would like to commend you on a very fine statement. I know personally of your interest and zeal in this matter. I find myself surprised, frankly, that both yourself and the Governor and this committee seem to be enthusiastic about the inclusion of the Okanogan area as a wilderness area. It is currently under the Forest Service. I assume there are some normal activities such as timbering, grazing, et cetera, which, of course, would be eliminated or certainly limited. Are you saying in this that the Forest Service has done a poor job in their administration of this area?

Mrs. MAY. No, no. We would have to go back to the hearings. Were you at the field hearings?

Mr. STEIGER. No, I was not.

Mrs. MAY. I am sorry I don't have the testimony from the hearings as to the basis on which they made this decision. It has to do with the topography and the fact they felt it still could be managed in this way for its top use. There was a lot of pressure to put it under this area.

Mr. STEIGER. I am concerned because of the experience we have had in the wilderness areas in Arizona in which it has become very apparent that the preservation, the desire to preserve means the exclusion of use. I really don't think that is the intent of the committee. I don't think it is your intent. I don't think it is your Governor's intent or that of his committee. It seems to me we are putting an awful big chunk of ground in here under the wilderness area. I am honestly not familiar with the details of it. I am sure Mr. Meeds could also inform me on it.

Mrs. MAY. May I interrupt?

Mr. STEIGER. Yes; please do.

Mrs. MAY. Let's go back to the makeup of this committee that the Governor appointed. He made very sure that every diverse interest in the State of Washington sat on this committee and a really representative voice, whether it was a lumber interest or recreational interest or the sportsman's interest or the Sierra Club type of interest, this sort of thing was represented. Now, these people worked meeting after meeting, studying the area, and they were the ones that agreed, with only one dissenting vote.

Mr. STEIGER. Do you know what the one dissenting vote was, what interest he represented?

Mrs. MAY. The Sierra Club.

Mr. STEIGER. I see. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MEEDS. Mr. Chairman, may I say I may have created a misunderstanding here.

Mr. TAYLOR. In the absence of objection, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MEEDS. In the taking of the proposal, that is, the total proposal by the Governor, it appears to be much larger than the proposal in my bill. It is indeed about 350,000 acres larger but it is not 700,000 acres as the figures would indicate. He has included in the total recreational area of his proposal the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area which is presently a wilderness area.