

Mr. TAYLOR. This finishes our testimony on North Cascades. In the morning we will hear Secretary Udall at 9:45 on North Cascades. The Democratic caucus that was planned in the morning, I understand, has been canceled.

In the absence of objection, I would like to place in the record a letter from Thomas L. Kimball, a letter from Charles H. Callison, a letter from John M. Nelson, a letter from George B. Hartzog, a letter from Robert L. McCarty, and a statement from the American Forestry Association.

(The documents follow:)

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION,
Washington, D.C., July 24, 1968.

HON. WAYNE N. ASPINALL,
Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a copy of the Committee's press release of July 19, 1968, announcing that restricted hearings will be held July 26 upon bills to create a North Cascades National Park in the State of Washington.

The announcement indicates that the hearings are exclusively for the purpose of receiving testimony from Congressional witnesses and representatives of affected Federal agencies. This procedure, of course, excludes private citizen-type organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, which did not appear in the field hearings because of an understanding that an opportunity would be afforded later in Washington, D.C.

If this is an informative hearing, one designed to develop additional data, and public witnesses will be heard later, the National Wildlife Federation's position need not be expressed at this time. However, if this is an action type of hearing which may result in Committee "markup" on the bills, we want to register our opposition to the project as is indicated in the attached copy of Resolution No. 14, adopted at the annual convention of the National Wildlife Federation earlier this year and have it made a part of the hearing record. Also, if this is an action type of hearing, I must register a vigorous protest against a procedure which does not allow major citizen-type organizations based in Washington, D.C., an opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

THOMAS L. KIMBALL,
Executive Director.

Inclosure.

RESOLUTION No. 14—NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, 32D ANNUAL CONVENTION,
HOUSTON, TEX., MARCH 8-10, 1968

NORTH CASCADES, WASH.

Whereas the State of Washington is experiencing rapid growth, both in population and in industrial production, and many people move to the area or visit it because of the varied types of outdoor recreation which are available; and

Whereas the North Cascades Mountains are unsurpassed for scenic beauty and offer a broad variety of outdoor recreational opportunities; and

Whereas the State of Washington has been outstanding in its successful efforts to manage game and game fish and provide quality experiences in high country hunting; and

Whereas this North Cascades Primitive Area has been preserved under the able management of the U.S. Forest Service since 1935; and

Whereas the State of Washington has the smallest land area of the western states, is second only to California in population: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Wildlife Federation, in annual convention assembled March 8, 1968, at Houston, Texas, hereby expresses its opposition to the creation of a North Cascades National Park from National Forest lands; provided, however, that should the Congress create a national park, the park should be limited to the alpine reaches of the Picket Range to offer facilities of a national park with a minimal effect on hunting and fishing opportunities; and be it further