

The proposal in Title II of H.R. 8970 to manage lands surrounding Ross Lake, Skagit River, and related areas for multiple purposes as a national recreation area has our full support. This plan is a neat solution to potential conflicts between reservoir and highway developments versus wilderness and park values.

Title VI to establish a Pasayten Wilderness Area also has our full support. This area has always been managed for wilderness purposes and should be formally classified now for permanent wilderness use.

We approve also of Section 602 to extend the boundaries of the Glacier Peak Wilderness to include about 10,000 acres in the Suiattle River corridor and the White Chuck River.

In summary, The American Forestry Association recommends against establishment of a two-unit National Park and recommends in favor of establishment of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area and the Pasayten Wilderness under Forest Service administration.

(Whereupon, the subcommittee proceeded to other business.)