

THE NORTH CASCADES

Part III

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:05 a.m., in room 1324, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Roy A. Taylor (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. TAYLOR. The subcommittee will come to order for the purpose of continuing hearings on H.R. 8970 and pending bills establishing the North Cascades National Park.

The first witness this morning is the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Udall, we welcome you.

STATEMENT OF HON. STEWART L. UDALL, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; ACCOMPANIED BY DR. EDWARD C. CRAFTS, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR., DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. ASPINALL. Before we get into the questioning of departmental witnesses, after the Secretary and his group have made their presentations, could we have the representatives of the Department of Agriculture come up and make their presentation, and then question them all together? I know Secretary Udall has to leave and that is all right.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Secretary, you may proceed.

Secretary UDALL. I have Dr. Crafts, of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and Mr. Hartzog with me this morning.

I have a brief statement which I will read and try to make our presentation as brief as possible this morning.

It is a particular pleasure for me to have this opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of legislation which would create a North Cascades National Park, two national recreation areas, and one Forest Service wilderness area in the State of Washington. This proposal ranks among the four or five most far-reaching and significant of the conservation proposals before the Congress this session. I am grateful, Mr. Chairman, to you and other members of the committee for the attention you are giving to it.

Use of the North Cascades area has been the subject of great interest by many groups and individuals for well over 30 years. Several studies