

you are talking about a very small portion, less than 1 percent of the total land area, that are presently in in-holdings, that we ought to go ahead and establish the park, get our management set up and our development program going and acquire the in-holdings as we go along rather than making it a condition precedent.

Mr. ASPINALL. If the in-holdings were just the ordinary in-holdings that might be all right, but what if they find a deposit like the Climax molybdenum deposit there? Or what if they should come up with a gold deposit in this area? This Congress has been pretty good to this area in the years past in the establishment of all kinds of natural resource programs. We want to be pretty sure that we can rely on your figure of approximately \$3.5 million and not find ourselves with a possibility of \$35 million or something like that.

Secretary UDALL. Mr. Chairman, you fully realize under the law whatever existing valid claims there are would have to be recognized. You are raising the possibility there might be extremely valuable deposits. This, in turn, raises several other questions that I don't think I need to go into at this time, but I do think that if we decided to wait to establish the park until we could ascertain the full extent of the mineral values, this would be a very substantial delay and we would strongly feel it would be better to go ahead and let this problem work its way out as it usually does and is doing today with most of our national parks and national monuments.

Mr. ASPINALL. Do you have any idea of what the administrative cost is going to be in order to invalidate certain of these claims and to purchase the others?

Secretary UDALL. I would think in terms of the number involved that the administrative cost would not be high. As the chairman well knows, it is a matter of manpower basically to check out claims and to determine their validity.

Mr. TAYLOR. You mentioned a \$35 million total development cost over a long period of years.

How will that be spent? What are the development plans?

Mr. HARTZOG. Mr. Chairman, I have an overlay which has the plan on it.

In brief there would be access from Ross Lake by way of a lift to Arctic Creek.

Mr. SAYLOR. By way of a lift?

Mr. HARTZOG. A lift; yes, sir.

Mr. SAYLOR. What kind of a lift?

Mr. HARTZOG. We haven't designed it, Mr. Saylor. Our belief is, of the more modern ones that are used for transportation rather than just the ordinary ski lift is the kind that should be done here.

We have reached the point in planning for parks where we have concluded that roads and trails, which have been the historic and traditional access to parks, are just not relevant in the North Cascades and there must be some other access or we will destroy the very values that we are trying to save. The automobile has simply crowded us out of the business of relying wholly on roads. What we have proposed is a ferry service along Ross Lake where there would be various stops. Here there would be an access where the people could then take these trails.