

The Hozomeen development is in the Ross Lake Recreation Area. There would be lodges and stores. There would be dropoff points along the lake, and along the highway also, with short inroads into it. There would be a development at Price Lake where we propose another lift, in order to get people into this area.

There would be a lift on Ruby Mountain which would permit people into the El Dorado Peaks area. Our proposal would be to rely on the existing commercial establishment at Stehekin to take care of the users in Stehekin. There would be visitor contact points still to be worked out with the Forest Service along the national forest approaches to these recreation areas.

Mr. TAYLOR. How many are in the recreation area and how many in the national parks?

Mr. HARTZOG. Of what?

Mr. TAYLOR. The lifts you mentioned.

Mr. HARTZOG. The Ruby Mountain lift is in the national recreation area. The Arctic Creek lift is partly within the Ross Lake Recreation Area and partly within the national park itself, and with respect to the one at Price Lake part is in the national park and part in national forest.

Mr. ASPINALL. It seems to me that the National Park Service has frowned upon this kind of development in other areas.

Mr. HARTZOG. We still frown on it, Mr. Chairman, if its objective is to afford a thrill, rather than to serve a utilitarian need. Here we proposed them in lieu of roads.

Mr. ASPINALL. That depends upon the age of the participant, Mr. Hartzog.

Mr. TAYLOR. What are your figures with regard to visitor participation?

Mr. HARTZOG. The visitor-days of use at the end of the first 5 years is estimated at 1,100,000; and, at the end of 15 years, at 2,900,000.

Mr. TAYLOR. Now, you mentioned lifts. Do you have other development plans, administration buildings, and visitor centers?

Mr. HARTZOG. Yes, sir; and these are at the points that I indicated in terms of a visitor contact station here, along the North Cross-State Highway, and a campground and trailhead in this vicinity.

Lodge, store, marina, visitor center, campground, horse and transportation concession, and administrative area at Stehekin, and here to coordinate it with the Forest Service because of the administrative needs in connection with the Glacier Peak Wilderness—these are campground and trailhead installations.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Mr. Secretary, it seems to me that there is a slight difference of opinion. If it is your choice between no park at all and the May bill, would you be satisfied with the May proposal?

Mr. HARTZOG. I would be very reluctant to be faced with such an alternative, but in that event I would prefer no park.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Why is it necessary that we take this up as a complete package, a national park, a national recreation area, and a wilderness area? Why not discuss each one of them, rather than the total package?

Secretary UDALL. I think the answer to that is that this whole area was studied by this Interior-Agriculture team. We started 5½ years