

Mr. TAYLOR. Let me interrupt for just 1 second. We understood yesterday that the Secretary had to be at the White House by 11:30. When you feel you should, you may leave, Mr. Secretary.

Secretary UDALL. I would ask the indulgence of the committee. I have a personal appointment with the President. I would only ask under those circumstances. It is not any ordinary meeting.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Hartzog and Dr. Crafts can stay and we can continue asking them questions.

Secretary UDALL. They have already demonstrated their ability to answer them.

Mr. SAYLOR. Tell him for me if he wants to see a scenic rivers bill he should get on the telephone and straighten out the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Secretary UDALL. Maybe I will do that myself.

Mr. SAYLOR. I don't care how it is done, I would like to see somebody get him the word because apparently he has missed it.

Dr. CRAFTS. Do you wish me to continue, sir?

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes.

Dr. CRAFTS. The Senate modified the administration's proposal by expanding the recreation area up Thunder Creek to accommodate the proposed location of the Thunder Creek Dam site and reservoir.

So the answer, to my knowledge, is that with the Senate-passed bill the answer to the question is no.

Mr. McCLURE. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. ASPINALL. Would my colleague yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. I yield to the Chairman.

Mr. ASPINALL. We have a letter here under date of July 12 from Mr. John M. Nelson, superintendent of lighting, about this very matter.

The last part of the second paragraph reads: "However, since no description of the boundary is given, other than the graphic illustration, we wish to go on record as requesting that no part of the line designating the Ross Dam National Recreational Area go below the 1,850 contour as it crosses Thunder Creek and McAllister Creek." Would that be acceptable?

Dr. CRAFTS. This is the first time I have heard of this letter, Mr. Chairman. I don't know just where the 1,850-foot contour is.

Mr. ASPINALL. Of course, I don't think that the author of this letter knew, either, because we can't tell from the maps that we have. But he knows that a 1,850-foot elevation perhaps is necessary for the construction of this reservoir for the city of Seattle.

Dr. CRAFTS. Mr. Hartzog mentioned a different thing, if you will pardon me. He is talking about the proposal to raise the level of Ross Lake. This is accommodated in the national recreation area. I believe from what the Chairman read, the proposal is that he wants to be sure that this area is large enough to accommodate the proposed Thunder Creek Reservoir.

Mr. ASPINALL. The new one. The old was found to be infeasible. So now they are proposing a smaller one.

Dr. CRAFTS. Higher up.

Mr. ASPINALL. Upstream?

Dr. CRAFTS. Upstream.

Mr. ASPINALL. That is right.

Dr. CRAFTS. I have no idea how far upstream they want to go.