

SEATTLE, WASH., August 1, 1968.

Hon. WAYNE ASPINALL,
Chairman on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

Relative to pending North Cascades National Park bill, respectfully point out this is an extremely hazardous and dangerous area from the standpoint of adverse weather, storms, avalanches and even land slides during stormy weather which can come up at a moment's notice. In the upper of eastern part of the proposed area on many occasions during the year, it simply is unsafe for unsuspecting people to enter such an area.

As you also know, Mother Nature endowed this area with quite a variety of metals and minerals which are important now and which will become important to our country's welfare in the future.

I am a small minerals operator who has made my living and spent my life in this area. I now have certain mineral claims mainly of silica and talc which I am now working. Aside from these claims being my livelihood, these silica and talc minerals are vital to existing and future industry to the State of Washington. I have every legal right to operate these claims on a going concern basis inasmuch as I have been in the area for several years. This North Cascades Park project is not economic or in the interest of Washington State, the taxpayers or the country in any form. However, if Mr. Udall and company pressures your committee sufficiently to pass this bill, in the name of justice, common sense and the future welfare of the Pacific Northwest, I respectfully request you consider specifically omitting such minerals as silica, talc, gold, silver and copper from the bill. This would fairly allow us citizens who have spent a lifetime in this area to continue working for the good of our community.

Respectfully submitted.

H. P. SCHEEL STONE Co.,
 By H. P. SCHEEL.

SPOKANE, WASH., July 29, 1968.

Hon. WAYNE N. ASPINALL,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

The Northwest Mining Association restates its unalterable opposition to the establishment of the North Cascades National Park under any of the pending bills. In view of the overwhelming opposition to all of the proposals which exists any further action should be deferred.

NORTHWEST MINING ASSOCIATION,
 ESKIL ANDERSON, *President.*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE,
 Washington, D.C., July 29, 1968.

Hon. WAYNE N. ASPINALL,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ASPINALL: The Institute would appreciate having the enclosure on the North Cascades proposals included in the hearing record should the Committee decide to incorporate statements from other than members of Congress and federal agencies.

Like many national conservation organizations, the Institute is hopeful that a significant amount of the undisturbed North Cascades country can be designated for wilderness protection under both national forest and national park administration. The national recreation areas that are contemplated in conjunction with wilderness protection will provide suitable access to the wilderness sections and will accommodate the non-wilderness kinds of recreation and development normally requested in areas of that kind.

Sincerely,

DANIEL A. POOLE, *Secretary.*