

facilities of a national park with a minimal effect on hunting and fishing opportunities. Attached is a copy of Resolution No. 14, adopted during our annual convention earlier this year, which expresses this principle. (See resolution on p. 934.)

Mr. KIMBALL. I should like to close this statement with one additional observation. The National Wildlife Federation admires and respects both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. We believe that both the park system and the forest system are administered efficiently by dedicated personnel capable of carrying out mandates of the Congress in manners which are credits to the Federal Government. Since the area is already under U.S. Forest Service Administration, we think it both logical and in the overall public interest to continue the present custodial agency which is capable of implementing congressional directives.

Again, I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity of making these remarks. I truly hope they are useful to the committee in its deliberations. It is in that context that these recommendations are made.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Kimball.

As I understand your statement, it is to the effect that as far as you are concerned it is a matter of jurisdictional administrative responsibility and you favor the Forest Service for the area as presently constituted. But if the committee and Congress decide otherwise, you would like to see the park limited only to the picket range which is the alpine area, is that right?

Mr. KIMBALL. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Let me ask you this question: What are the hunting values that are involved as far as this area is concerned? We have had some testimony to the effect that there is not too much hunting within the area concerned.

Mr. KIMBALL. In the proposed park the information I have, which I think was obtained from the Washington State Game Commission, in the north half of the proposed park for about 6 man-days of hunting used, the annual harvest was about 200 deer, 25 mountain goat, 25 bear, 400 grouse, annually. On the south half about 3,100 man-days of hunting, 800 deer annual harvest, 15 mountain goat, 100 bear and about 2,500 grouse.

The CHAIRMAN. This is not a very heavy harvest, is it, compared with other areas of the United States?

Mr. KIMBALL. No, it is not considered to be rather heavy.

The CHAIRMAN. On the other hand, this does not discount the fact that there are several thousand hunters who do frequent the area, is that correct?

Mr. KIMBALL. That is correct. I think the important point here, Mr. Chairman, is the fact that wherever we have our larger national parks in the West invariably there does develop a problem of overpopulation, particularly of the big game animals, which necessitates some type of removal.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, when that happens, Mr. Kimball, the National Park Service does permit a limited kill. Is that correct?

Mr. KIMBALL. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. They do in the Grand Teton, do they not?