

We appreciate your interest in moving this significant park legislation toward final approval.

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL McCLOSKEY,
Conservation Director.

The CHAIRMAN. A letter from the American National Cattlemen's Association under date of August 13, which opposes the legislation will be made a part of the record at this place. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

(The letter follows:)

AMERICAN NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION,
Denver, Colo., August 13, 1968.

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

DEAR WAYNE: It has just come to our attention that a special hearing is scheduled for September 4, 1968, on H.R. 8970 and S. 1321 which would establish the North Cascades National Park.

The American National Cattlemen's Association views with considerable alarm the classification of the North Cascades area as a national park. We feel that this area should remain under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service and classify only those areas truly suited for recreation and wilderness status. Many individuals from the State of Washington have registered their concern with us that by placing the entire area into a national park would stifle the economic growth of many small communities. They also hasten to point out that many sections of the State of Washington currently under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and other land agencies have not, in any sense, developed into their full potential.

We hope that the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will see fit to not establish a North Cascades National Park. We think the proper approach is for the multiple use theory to continue to be applied in this area in order to preserve the economic welfare of the State as a whole.

It would be appreciated if you would make this letter a part of the hearing record. Thank you.

Cordially,

C. W. McMILLAN.

The CHAIRMAN. A letter from the International Association of Game, Fish & Conservation Commissioners, which is opposed to the creation of the park, together with a copy of their resolution will be made a part of the record. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

(The letter and resolution follow:)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAME,
FISH & CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS,
Sacramento, Calif., August 26, 1968.

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

DEAR MR. ASPINALL: It is our understanding that the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will hold hearings in early September on the proposed National Park in the North Cascades of the State of Washington.

The International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners will not be able to have a representative at this hearing, but we would like to reiterate the stand that we took at our last convention, which was held in Toronto, Canada, September 12-13, 1967. After thorough consideration we passed a resolution opposing the creation of the Cascades National Park, but instead have the area remain a national forest under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. A copy of this resolution is attached. It is also our understanding that the National Wildlife Federation is opposed to the creation of the proposed park.