

religion is the identification with the total natural environment and then the watershed. This is why they have asked for the watershed itself.

Now, 48,000 acres includes some land in blue on the other Forest Service map and the white area and the Rio Lucero Valley, and perhaps if the committee would look at this plastic relief map you might have a more convenient feeling for the area.

Senator METCALF. Show it to Senator Anderson.

Senator ANDERSON. I know it very well.

Mr. SCHAAB. I think Senator Anderson is certainly familiar with the area. This is the Rio Lucero. This area from here up is in the wilderness area. By looking at this and checking against the Forest Service maps you can see what they are. Rio Lucero is in a separate watershed. It is a very high ridge along this line. The Rio Pueblo flows through the Pueblo here and down through Blue Lake and this is the boundary of the Rio Pueblo watershed.

This is the area, this principal segment. There are shrines here along Taos Peak, a holy mountain near the Pueblo, but over the Rio Lucero area, as you can see, it is extremely steep. There is no timber in this area.

Senator METCALF. This map will be a part of the files for the record of the committee. We can't print that in our record.

Mr. SCHAAB. Now, if I may, let me proceed briefly to a summary of the history of this long claim, and for purposes of making a convenient record I will read a couple of documents to the reporter.

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Chairman, if I might interrupt—

Senator METCALF. Do you mind being interrupted?

Mr. SCHAAB. No, not at all.

Senator METCALF. Go right ahead.

Senator HANSEN. If I may, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make an observation. Yesterday afternoon I think perhaps only Senator Anderson and I were present when Mr. Greeley concluded his testimony before the committee. I know how interested the chairman is in all of this testimony and in the bills presently before the committee and it is in that spirit that I would like to observe that Mr. Greeley of the Forest Service did talk about some other uses to which he felt part of the area proposed for inclusion under H.R. 3306 might be put.

I would hope that my distinguished colleague from New Mexico will set me straight if I mistake myself, but as I recall Mr. Greeley's testimony I think he spoke about the possibility of the development of some commercial timber cutting along the eastern side of this tract. That would be along—what is the range of mountains on the east?

Mr. SCHAAB. It is the county line really.

Senator HANSEN. Yes, right in through there. He spoke also about the possibility of better range management practices which would include fencing and cross fencing to create some pastures, the opportunity that the Forest Service might have to increase the grazing in this area. He also spoke about what could be done to increase the visitor use dates of the area.

I say that, Mr. Chairman, because I don't believe you were here. I wanted to make that observation because I felt what you were saying was relevant and pertinent to that testimony and I didn't want to have the opportunity pass without my making that observation.

Mr. SCHAAB. Thank you, Senator.