

the tribe to be the ones who benefit financially by it, and perhaps some employment could be provided to the Indians, and the tribe would be the ones to profit.

Incidentally, Mr. Chairman, the Forest Service turned down an offer of 19,000 acres of real prime multiple-use land just east of the forest boundary in exchange for the timber rights within the forest, and I don't know if this came over to the permit area or not, but, anyway, because it was within the 50,000-acre claim, the Forest Service turned this down. This was to the detriment, as far as my organization would be concerned, of the public.

I must point out, Mr. Chairman, it has been said earlier that the Forest Service is pushing this multiple-use business. Well, if my organization weren't cognizant of the religious needs of the Indians in this area, we would be very much critical of the Forest Service for neglecting and doing just the opposite of the multiple use. They didn't take this trade. They discourage recreation. They haven't built any access area or roads. The area is closed. They haven't any timber cutting there. The grazing is only available to a special-interest group, at no cost, on forest land. These policies are definitely opposed to the multiple-use concept.

There are many miles of fishing streams in there that, if we were selfishly pursuing our interest, we would be insisting that the Forest Service go in there and make these things available to the fishermen, to the hunters, and that the trash-catcher dam and stream accouterments and so forth be put in. This we haven't done.

The Forest Service is doing it elsewhere, and the game department is doing it elsewhere, but the recreationists, and I represent the largest and oldest group of recreationists in New Mexico, don't feel this should be done in this area.

At the same time, we think that the conservation needs of the area are so vital that no chance should be taken with them. They should be left in the care of the Forest Service, the best agency to do it, and everything we can do—we have acquiesced in every little petty demand or dispute that the Indians have brought to us. We have given in, and the history is full of it, when there are disputes. The Forest Service has acquiesced, short of giving them title.

I think the public interest is not in giving them everything, but we should continue to do everything, as we have done for 60 years. We have bent and yielded and done everything, and I think that is correct, as far as their religious needs are concerned.

I hope the Forest Service is left with the administration, even to the denial of the recreational use of the area, but that their religious freedom be protected, and their privacy protected.

Senator METCALF. Senator Anderson.

Senator ANDERSON. Nothing.

I appreciate his testimony. It is a very fine organization that, to my knowledge, at least, has done a good job.

Senator METCALF. Thank you, Senator Anderson.

Mr. Little, I also appreciate your testimony.

I do want to suggest that as far as the lawyers that are here, and as far as the Indians that are here, and as far as the Secretary of the Interior is concerned, they have demonstrated the highest possible purposes, and integrity in carrying out a belief that they want.