

Mr. GUTERMUTH. I am not concerned in this case at all, because I, as I brought out in a simple little prepared statement of only a page and a quarter long, stated that we from the beginning regarded this as two separate and distinct units. We saw fit, in putting them together in one bill, to set both areas aside as wilderness and felt they would be companion areas, but we regard them as separate and different.

One, the M. Hartley Dodge unit, is primarily a wooded area; the other is more an open meadow-type area. They are quite ecologically different, the topography is different. We felt they were separate and distinct units.

In my concept we have a road between because they are two separate and distinct units. I think you will find that the people who visit the area for the primitive aspect will go to the one area and those interested in bird life, marsh ecology, that type of habitat, will go to a separate and distinct unit. So I regard them as separate and distinct areas.

Senator ALLOTT. Your explanation is entirely logical, but I hope you will agree with my premise that it is unwise. While you may be able to justify the road in this particular instance, based upon the topography and the ecological differences, I am sure that you can easily envision in our own mind that somewhere down the road there is going to come a proposition to the Congress of the United States to widen the rules a little bit. I am sure you will be the first to agree with me that we want to be very careful about breaking down the criteria we placed for the wilderness areas.

In other words if they are not actually adaptable to wilderness areas, I can easily imagine where you could extend this situation over to another where it is not really adaptable. In that case we should make it a national recreational area, or a national park, or a bird and wildlife refuge, whatever it is.

But let's start—this is as good a chance as any—getting these things into the right classifications so that the Interior Department, Park Service, and Agriculture know what we are doing and so that we have very clean, clearcut lines that we can utilize when considering these various areas. This is my only concern.

Mr. GUTERMUTH. That is right and I agree wholeheartedly. I have testified here before in behalf of the original wilderness bill, and the separate individual ones, and I would be the first to agree that we do not want roads in these wilderness areas, we want to keep them as wilderness and we don't want to get into all of these various forms of development and that sort of thing.

I do see this slightly different only because of location and because, as Dr. Gottschalk brought out, the intensive use which is going to be applied to areas of this kind. And there we are going to have to treat things slightly different. But whatever we do, let's make this a clear-cut distinction. We are talking about this kind of area in a densely populated part of the East as related to our vast wilderness system that is going to be established in the great Western States.

Senator ALLOTT. Thank you very much.

Senator METCALF. Senator Hansen?

Senator HANSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am sure that we have a number of things in common, Mr. Guter-muth, one certain is our mutual regard and high esteem for the late Dr. Olaus Murie. I happen to have known him and his talented and