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"To secure the support of the people and the government in the protection and preservation of scenic, scientific, wildlife, wilderness, and outdoor recreational resource values in the North Cascades..."

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#1 - DR. WILLIAM R. HALLIDAY, Seattle, Wash. - Chairman Conservation Division, The Mountaineers (Seattle).

"As a whole, the 1959 Glacier Peak Wilderness Area proposal of the Forest Service is a mockery of the idea of wilderness as history tells us the Forest Service so conceived it during a past of wilderness leadership. Certainly it is a mockery of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area originally contemplated 20 years ago, to assure many future generations of chance to experience at least a fraction of our national heritage. Tragically, current Forest Service administration feels called upon for the perpetuation of little more than an eroded shell. The present proposal is a piecemeal hodge-podge with easy, hiking wilderness all but eliminated."

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#2 - GEORGE WALL, Manson, Wash. - President, Chelan Box and Manufacturing Co.

"It is obvious that the people who want all of this low lying land locked up are against good management, protection and the use of natural resources as carried on by the U. S. Forest Service. Nothing is a resource or raw material until you find a use for it.

"We are growing tired of the folks from the East and the South who continue to view the State of Washington as a colony that should be dictated to by the Congress with the advice and consent of those professional wildlifers who are to be found in our national capitol. We insist that we run our own State and set our own policies."

#3 - JAY GRUENFELD, Tacoma, Wash. - Individual

"I feel sorry for people who regard virgin timber as the only beauty in the same way that I feel sorry for those people who like adults but can't stand children.

"Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Krushchev and other prominent Communists, have stated that the ultimate conflict between communism and other ways of life will very possibly be an economic conflict, that our system of democracy is most vulnerable along economic lines. With this economic cold war in mind I'm sure Mr. Krushchev would like to see the entire Cascades Range plus the Sierras put into one huge wilderness area."

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#4 - MRS. JACK YEAROUT, Yakima, Wash. - Conservation Chairman, Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs.

"...we do not agree that desirable low camping spots must always be opened to roadside camping. We feel that those families with children should have easily accessible, superlative wilderness camping available.

"...most of our women do not feel that timber that is saved for posterity to enjoy is wasted. They consider wilderness areas, including the timber, as public assets and look with pity on areas in the east which cannot boast such assets.

"...most of these women do not ordinarily have a chance to express their opinions, but almost always they feel that if we have a wilderness it should be preserved.

"...the February, 1959 proposal for the establishment of the Glacier Peak Wilderness is unacceptable and we urge reconsideration with ALL approach valleys and the Lyman Lake area to be included in a truly cohesive Wilderness Area.

"...we greatly prefer supporting Wilderness Area status to the alternative of support for inclusion of this area in the National Park System."

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#5 - DR. MARION E. MARTS, Seattle, Wash. - Individual.

"I have not been impressed in my years as a hiker by the multiple-use approach on the west side, and I consider it strictly multiple-use logging and little more than that.

"...the proposal of the Seattle Mountaineers' Club is a well thought out excellent analysis, and I am glad to see that it includes some of the very magnificent area north of the Forest Service proposal."

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#6 - MISS NAOMI BENSON - Individual.

"...I feel that from the standpoint of the people and not from so much the capitalists, we will benefit."

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#7 - MRS. GLENN BOLTON, Wenatchee, Wash. - Individual.

"I feel that many of us here in the Northwest especially at the gateway of some of this stupendous alpine scenery, the most wonderful in the world, have become too familiar with our scenic resources.

"We simply can't afford to lose any of this wonderful mountain country. We need it for ourselves and we need it to share with others all over the country who are becoming more and more crowded.

"...if we let these forested corridors to the high Cascades be ruined by what I would call shortsighted economic considerations, we will deprive ourselves and our country of irreplaceable values and also deprive ourselves of many visitors we could have if we would save a place for them, some of these lower valleys where you can take the children and really old people, who enjoy getting out to these places."

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#8 - DR. GLENN BOLTON, Wenatchee, Wash. - Individual.

"I can say that it costs perhaps from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week to spend in backpacking in the mountains, and it is not being used by the wealthy.

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#9 - DR. LESLIE V. WOODS, Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"...I feel the necessity of this hearing is an outrage to the integrity of the United States Forest Service and degrading to this great body....If the area is closed each of us will have our school and county taxes raised.

"...the wilderness area proposal would forever stop the growth of our area economically as well as destroy some very active businesses now pumping money into not only our town but our county. The most healthy payroll in our community would disappear as soon as the wilderness area proposal would be approved...and create disaster for many businesses including my own.

"...even this hearing is costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars, is taking up the Forest Service time, along with that of the many business men who have to leave their work to try to protect that which they have built over the years, while a few individuals flatter their own vanities...

"...anyone would concede to these mountain climbers the tops of our mountains as being unproductive for anything but that which they do - climb."

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#10 - EDWARD P. FERRIS, Chelan, Wash. - President, Chelan Chamber of Commerce.

"We feel that the natural resources that are abundant to us on the west side and in this primitive area from all natural aspects will always be a wilderness without setting up a fence around it.

"We feel that to adopt something that will bankrupt the community, and we feel it would in Chelan, by an administrative act of the Forest Service rather than by careful consideration of our Congressional leaders who have had this same problem in their laps, is foolhardy."

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#11 - OWEN SAWYER, Peshastin, Wash. - Peshastin Lumber and Box Co.

"A very conservative cruise of White River, Panther Creek, and Indian Creek drainages shows that we would lose over 120,000,000 board feet of inventoried, merchantable timber if the boundaries were established in accord with the February, 1959 Forest Service recommendation, which we protest.

"If the Wilderness Area boundaries were to be established in accord with the North Cascades Conservation Council and Sierra Club proposals, which we protest, we would have to close our operations completely."

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#12 - GEORGE D. ZAHN, Methow, Wash. - Washington State and Okanogan County Cattlemen's Association.

"...the reason that the Cattlemen are giving approval to your proposal lies in the premise of taking that amount, realizing full well that that land will be there forever in its wilderness status, whether you take any action or whether any action

is taken by any other department of government, or in the Congress or otherwise, but they would rather have that limited area than to have legislation enacted by the Congress that will become a football of contention for the next 100 years, or to have the graver threat of a national park imposed in that area that would strip North Central Washington of its economy completely.

"The route that North cross-state highway is to go over has been established by the State Department of Highways in conjunction with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Public Roads as being the best possible outlet for a highway to Tidewater from north central Washington. To open up and allow produce from eastern Washington to flow freely to the coast for defense consideration and for many other considerations, this road is a must and any group that attempts to prevent this by establishment of primitive areas is doing the State and Nation a distinct dis-service. That highway should be built at the earliest possible moment. It will mean hundreds of thousands of dollars in our tourist trade, and it will mean the ability to place hay, green apples, and other products from eastern Washington, as well as dairy products from the coast back and forth across the mountains, so that road is a must and should not come into this hearing in any form."

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#13 - GLENN A. WOODS, Wenatchee, Wash. - Manager, Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce., also represented Spokane and Quincy Chambers of Commerce.

"I would like also to call attention to a statement, of which a copy was sent to me, by L. A. Markham, General Manager of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. 'Applied to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, the Chamber urges that any designation of this area be deferred until after the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission reports to Congress in 1961...that the management of the area be maintained on a multiple use basis by the United States Forest Service.'

"There is also another statement by the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, along the same lines, which I am going to ask to have introduced."

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#14 - MRS. JANET FISKE, Belfair, Wash. - Individual.

"...on a two week trip the most outstanding view was from Miners Ridge looking down into the land which is not included in this wilderness area now, looking down 4,000 feet into the Suiattle River valley, looking down onto a carpet of green. If this is not included, if this is not protected I would hate some day to stand on Miners Ridge and look down upon the patchwork of brown and green. Looking up above, you would see Glacier Peak, but you would not have the feeling of isolation, you would not have the feeling of a wilderness, so I believe that these corridor valleys need to be included."

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#15 - W. ROBERT MURRAY, Cashmere, Wash. - Chelan County Commissioners.

"We feel that the revised boundary of the proposed Glacier Peak Wilderness Area will make the area more accessible, and more attractive, to a greater number of people who love and respect the more primitive areas of our great outdoors, and at the same time provide adequate safeguards for the perpetuation of the area."

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#16 - C. A. GREENLEAF, Darrington, Wash. - Mayor of Darrington.

"...the Mountaineer proposal would take up areas in the Forest Service which would decrease the annual allowable cut. This would mean dollars out of the United States Treasury, County schools, County school districts, and the County road districts, and any logging operators that are in the area. Also any mills dependent upon Forest Service logs would be affected. Many people would thus be affected immediately by the Mountaineer proposal.

"The Forest Service proposal, at the present time, would not change the annual cut because it is now a limited area."

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#17 - JIM FORTNEY, Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"Why are these hearings necessary? Isn't the National Forest capable of meeting the issues? Why do businessmen have to leave their businesses to come down here and take a part in a political hearing in order to keep a group of nature lovers and bird watchers from putting a biting control on the natural resources of our State, tying them up to the extent that it affects the economy of one of the greatest states in the Union.

"Why do you have to sit there listening to the pros and cons of an idiotic issue? You have the power and authority to settle this without heavy expense to the taxpayers. When are you going to start telling those politicians and pressure groups just who is running our National Forests?

"It is not impossible that you gentlemen sitting here representing the National Forest Service might be listening to your obituaries read for the funeral, caused by a pressure group of politicians, with the United States Department of Interior acting as your pall bearers."

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#18 - WILLIAM PAULSON, Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"Take away the small amount of lumber available, close the area to stock raising, restrict the communications and transportation capabilities for all except the relatively few who have the time and finances to use a wilderness area, and we have practically choked off the possibility of growth or even of survival as an economically balanced business community."

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#19 - MRS. TED VANNEBO, Chelan, Wash. - Manager, Credit Bureau of Lake Chelan.

"We cannot be certain, at this time of the content of minerals in this area and surely can't close an area to any possibility of future development which could provide employment for a great number of people. I feel that even now, it would be harmful for the many individuals who have mining claims for a spare time occupation.

"I understand that firearms would not be permitted in a wilderness area. Our people should have the privilege of getting game from their lands, and not have it go to waste."

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#20 - GLEN HARPER, Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"I would like occasionally to fly into a mountain lake. If I wish to do that I don't want somebody to tell me I may not because after all it is my neck."

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#21 - LESLIE STEURER, Entiat, Wash. - Secretary, Entiat-Ardenvoir Parent-Teacher Association.

"Our club would like to see these boundaries left as they are and not extended in any way since our Entiat School receives money from Forest Service sales as well as taxes from the Forest Industry in our area."

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#22 - DR. RONALD MILLER, Cashmere, Wash. - Chairman, Chelan County Development Council.

"...wise use of the commercial stand of timber is actually to the best interest of the timber itself, allowing penetration by roads and mechanized equipment for its protection from fire, insects and disease.

"We believe that "CONSERVATION" means "WISE UTILIZATION" - Not the locking up of the natural resources in a given area with unnecessary and artificial restrictions.

"...these wilderness areas are unnecessary and are extremely detrimental to the full development of the resources of not only Chelan County, but will, in the long run, be detrimental to the nation as a whole."

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#23 - DR. DON FAGER, Wenatchee, Wash. - President, Alpine Roamers.

"...some of the reasons the conservationist is not satisfied are the following facts found in "Timber Resources for America's Future," forest resource report No. 14, U. S. Department of Agriculture, January 1958:

1. The forest industries have available for their use 98.6% of the state's standing volume.
2. The forest industries have available for their use 99.1% of the state's commercial forest land.
3. The forest industries have available for their use over one billion board feet of annual mortality (annual mortality is 2.1 billion board feet of which less than 50% is salvaged).
4. The forest industries have available for their use 2.94 million acres of non-stocked or poorly stocked commercial forest land. This represents 1.7 times an area larger than all nine wilderness recreational areas in the state.
5. The forest industries allow an actual growth impact loss (which is the sum of mortality and growth loss) in each three year period of a timber volume equal to that on all nine wilderness recreation areas of the state. This annual growth impact loss is 1.8 times greater than the total commercial timber volume in the recently proposed Glacier Peak Wilderness Area.
6. In Washington the annual harvest of forest products exceeds the annual growth by 2.1 billion board feet.

"Some obvious questions based on the above facts would be:

"If the forest industries cannot successfully operate with the land and resources now available to them, how would the sacrifice of the little remaining wilderness area be of any permanent value?"

"Does not the economic future of the forest industries of the state depend on their wise use of available resources and their successful conversion to second growth management of forests?"

"Would not the 2.94 million acres of non-stocked or poorly stocked commercial forest land be more productive for forestry than the 1.72 million acres of wilderness area?"

"Would not the 64,500 miles of planned Forest Service road in Region 6 be adequate for future roadside recreation?"

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#24 - REV. REILLY JOHNSON, Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"We are a republic, probably only the basic strong republic economically left in the world. If we are going to fight the insidious attacks of Marxist philosophy we are going to have to do it with our full potential and strength.

"I should remind you that it was pointed out by the Communist leaders that the way they could destroy our free republican system would not be by war but by the slow economic destruction of our society.

"...there is a kickoff already in the Department of the Interior to try to get back some of the property they lost in the days of F.D.R., that this is the first step and only the first step toward a national park system and toward an obvious economic injury to our county."

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#25 - JOHN MCLEOD, Cheilan, Wash. - Individual.

"As far as this Mountaineer group going up and yodeling on a mountain and what-not, I don't think that is the big portion of our population that we should consider.

"I say the higher area will always be there and the Mountaineers will always have it. but why not open up this lower area so that the majority can enjoy it."

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#26 - E. R. ASTON, Omak, Wash. - Vice President, Washington State Forestry Conference, - also represented Omak Chamber of Commerce.

"...be it resolved that no change in administration of the uses of these lands now set aside as wilderness areas be made until the National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission appointed by President Eisenhower have made their full report and have had reasonable time for study thereof.

"We believe that wilderness areas are necessary and desirable but should be limited to areas that do not include any appreciable volume of natural resources.

"To me, in traveling over a logged over area, a well cut or well harvested stump by far is more beautiful than a dead snag or a rotten tree. It becomes beautiful because it represents a use to mankind. It represents wealth for our people and comfort for the living of all of our people and certainly locking up a resource and denying it from being used by our people cannot in my mind add beauty to anything."

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#27 - J. D. BRONSON, Yakima, Wash. - President, Western Pine Association.

"It seems to me that the law (30 Statute 35; 16 U.S.C. 475) permits multiple use as an added benefit to commercial timber and water production but does not allow for single use to the exclusion of a basic use.

"...our cruise and study revealed:

1. There are substantially greater volumes of commercial timber involved than indicated by available Forest Service data.
2. Disease, insects and overmaturity are breaking up old growth stands and showing them to be badly in need of management.
3. The report that logging is unfeasible in the Panther Creek drainage is not borne out by our on-the-ground survey.
4. Miles of hiking would face wilderness enthusiasts before the rugged back country could be reached.
5. Including commercial timber stands as proposed would serve no useful purpose in the wilderness area scheme.

"...our changes would reduce the east side area from 223,605 acres to 186,652 acres. Included in our proposed area would be 127,313 acres of forest land."

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#28 - CONGRESSMAN WALTER HORAN, Washington.

"Right now we are in need of every revenue we can get for the Federal Treasury, and one of these sources of revenue is the proper selective logging of east side lumber."

"...I am actually on the side of those who want to do proper regulated logging on our watersheds. I am one of those who suffered financially in the flood of 1948. One of the reasons we suffered downstream in Omak because some of our watersheds, the forest cover was too dense and contributed to the runoff.

"...the forest belongs to those who use it best, and in my opinion wise logging is not a detriment to the watershed nor to the forest.

#29 - EDSON DOW, Wenatchee, Wash. - Individual.

"Now they speak of establishing it for one use. Actually a wilderness area is not a one-use establishment. For instance, if anything, it lends to our watershed protection."

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#30 - JACK STEVENS, Manson, Wash. - President, Recreation Unlimited.

"The way towards economic security is found through tourist promotion and adequate resort accommodation development. A genuine interest in preserving the unique scenic attractions of our unspoiled Cascades should be of prime importance to safeguard and insure expansive resort investment."

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#31 - MRS. YVONNE PRATER, Ellensburg, Wash. - Individual.

"This is from A. W. Peterson, who is a resident of the Stehekin area. 'When one walks up the Agnes Creek Valley he feels like he is in an immense forest, but on the ridges looking up the valley he sees it is a very narrow valley that could rapidly be logged out. When it is all logged out what is to sustain the economy of the Chelan merchants? For what little gain it would be, it would be sheer folly to destroy these majestic trees and leave a mass of stumpage.'"

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#32 - C. M. HARRIS, Entiat, Wash. - President, C.A. Harris and Son, Inc. (Ardenvoir).

"We are the largest single employer in the Entiat Valley area. In our area the average recreationist is concerned about reaching areas that they can enjoy by roads. We build these roads for the Forest Service in connection with their timber sales."

"The proposed boundaries lock up in the Entiat area 64,225,000 feet of operable timber volume. Our firm protest the inclusion of these commercial stands which total 500,000,000 feet in Chelan County alone."

"The Mountaineers proposal is to actually destroy three mills the size of ours."

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#33 - RAY DAVIS, Beaverton, Oregon - Individual.

"As for the access to the mining claims around Plummer Mountain, some arrangement could probably be worked out for entry while the mines are in operation, with wilderness status being returned to the area once the mines are closed down."

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#34 - A. B. METCALF, Wenatchee, Wash. - Association of Washington Industries.

"For this minority some wilderness areas may be appropriate. It should be small in area - - to be proportionate with the numbers who can use it."

"...if a Glacier Peak Wilderness Area is established, that its boundaries be adjusted to eliminate commercial (i.e., economic to harvest) forest stands and that all other legitimate uses of land within the wilderness area be protected."

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#35 - MRS. MARIHA ANN PLATT, Portland, Oregon - Chairman, Conservation Committee, Mazamas (Portland).

"Suiattle Corridor. This is where the 1957 preliminary proposal seems superior in that the boundary is at Canyon Creek. We feel the heart of this area is not Glacier Peak, but is the apex of the watersheds at the head of the great Suiattle drainages - the Suiattle Pass-Cloudy Pass area."

"Some drainages, like the Whitechuck, because of superlative timber values, have been modified. This seems to be sound planning."

"Recreation development along the Agnes Gorge would be desirable. Road development to provide easier and quicker access to the high country would certainly increase use and enjoyment by more people. It is recommended that logging be kept to the minimum.

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#36 - WALLACE BARTHOLOMEW, Seattle, Wash. - Individual.

"I don't like a couple of things that have been said here. One is the reference to the minority pressure groups. No one knows who is a minority. We haven't counted noses. We can't count noses on who want what in this vast land or even in this part of vast land.

"...the State of Washington, we must admit, has no real cultural attraction or traditions, no great art galleries, no ruins of ancient civilizations and no great cathedrals or castles. Our real distinction lies in our natural wonders which are mainly forests, mountains and seashores, and mountains and seashores lose value without forests.

"A wilderness area will never produce the income that a commercial operation will, but then we do not ask ordinary museums to show a profit either, and this wilderness can be one of the finest possible living museums.

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#37 - BILL BARTHOLOMEW, Seattle, Wash. - Individual. (Roosevelt High School sophomore)

"I am now 15 and have been camping for 12 years which is long enough to know that the only place to get away from the heavily populated areas is to get into the deep forests where no roads go or on top of some mountain. And by the time our "civic" minded business men and loggers get through, there will be only one place to go - the rocks on the mountains.

"Do you think that the adult of tomorrow will like it if you remove what is left of Washington's natural wilderness? No! They wouldn't like it! They will want to see the things you got to see and do the things you got to do."

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#38 - MRS. PAULINE DYER, Seattle, Wash. - Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

"...our ancestors only two and three hundred years ago would have found it difficult, if they thought about it at all, to realize that this once vast virgin land would be whittled down to the few remnants left.

"On May 22, 1934 your Regional Office wrote to The Mountaineers that this Glacier Peak Recreation Area was "to all intents and purposes a Primitive Area". This intent was also acknowledged and appreciated by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in 1931.

"However, when it was so positively stated at the time of establishment that the primeval character would be maintained, one cannot help wondering if such assurances are good only until the original guarantors are gone, and, conceivably, the statement long since forgotten. That it could seem this way is evidenced by specifically omitting the remaining virgin Whitechuck River Valley up to Kennedy Hot Springs from your final Glacier Peak wilderness proposal.

"The other spot concerns that "diamond solitaire" on Miners Ridge (and, not the diamond drill of Kennecott!). This is the natural gem of Image Lake! Much has already been said about its scheduled deletion from wilderness. Need I say more of this planned tragedy?"

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#39 - PAUL R. TSCHIRLEY, Eugene, Oregon - Individual.

"In 1956-57 I carried out research leading to a Master of Science thesis entitled: "The Resource Potential for Recreation in the Stehekin Watershed". I feel that we are a rich nation and can well afford to set aside some resource of commercial value in the interests of a balanced, ecological wilderness. I would like to see our thinking transcend the bounds of local considerations in the interests of long range benefits for the nation, region, and state.

"The exclusion of the Agnes Valley is equally distracting. This removes one of the scenic cores. The main value here lies not so much in walking through the Agnes forest but rather viewing it from easy to reach vistas like Coon Lake Ranch."

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#40 - MRS. BETH ANN DOLE, Seattle, Wash. - Individual.

"In just the next ten years the population of the United States in age group 15 to 35 years will increase by 50 percent to over 50 million. These people in this active phase of life will require much vaster areas of human restoration than any now available or even envisioned.

"If some vast magic carpet could transport the Cascade wilderness area to some place between Detroit and New York City this gymnasium would be jammed with supporters for making it all a wilderness area."

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#41 - MRS. NORMA JEAN BARNETT, Twenty-five Mile Creek, Lake Chelan, Wash.-Individual.

"The wilderness, unspoiled as the Creator left it, has had a valuable definite part in my spiritual growth and understanding. It was my birthright, and except it is sold for a mess of pottage, a few years of timber removal, this unsurpassed wilderness of unspoiled beauty could continue to be the birthright of untold generations to come."

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#42 - JOHN D. WILSON, Cashmere, Wash. - Individual.

"The point I'm slowly trying to make is that these lands we are considering are National lands - owned by this nation and its people.

"...everybody in the entire country, who should be disappointed in the sacrifice of these timbered valleys and slopes to the small benefit of a fraction of the local business interests.

"The second group of people who should be disappointed are the local people, who should be highly concerned with protecting forested watersheds which slow the runoff in the spring and augment it in the late summer and fall when it is needed.

"This brings up the last group of people, and by far the largest - the people who will be affected in the future by decisions taken now. We have already mortgaged the income of your kids, and mine; are we also going to hand them a debit in irreplaceable natural resources?"

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#43 - JOHN GOLDMARK - Okanogan and National Forest Service Committees.

"Similarly when you do put land in wilderness status that it is not dedicated to a single status alone. You still retain grazing, watershed, mining and so forth.

"We think that in our area too, where we have a primitive area, that preservation of the wilderness will be one of the most valuable things in generations to come, not only for the people of the United States, who, of course, have the paramount interest, but also for the local people who will have this kind of resource in

addition to their other resources.

"...on the subject of the North Cross Highway, I would like to say a little bit more, because it is important whenever the Mountaineers' proposal comes into the question, because that is virtually proposing to block off the North Cross State Highway."

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#44 - BILL OBERTEUFFER, Oswego, Oregon - Individual.

"In the first place this area couldn't be used for a single purpose if we wanted to do it. I can use some trees on the stump much better than I can off the stump. Cutting such trees as are found in these valley corridors benefits a few men now. Saving them on the stump benefits many people over the long run.

We have the opportunity now to plan for the future. Trees cut can not be uncut. Trees saved can be used in the future for any of several purposes, including cutting, if we get that close to the bottom of the barrel.

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"I don't believe the Glacier Peak area belongs to the people of Washington or Oregon or the United States of America. I believe and I teach that we are temporary users, renters if you will, of this land. Will the citizens of the year 2000 say that we used the land well or will they complain about our mistakes, as we do of the mistakes that have gone before us?"

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#45 - MRS. I. H. SEVERANS, Lake Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"To leave out the lower valleys or corridors would be comparable to logging off Yellowstone Park and leaving the geysers for the people.

"Chelan Valley is largely dependent upon apples, not on lumber."

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#46 - MRS. G. E. ZWIGHT, Entiat, Wash. - President, Entiat Women's Club.

"A logger enjoys and appreciates nature as much as anyone, perhaps more, because he is working every day for its betterment, using it for something worthwhile, as well as just for a passing fancy, for a thrill of a beautiful view which lasts for only the moment."

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#47 - EMMETT SMITH, Omak, Wash. - Omak Fish and Game Club - Game and Conservation Club of Omak.

"It is our opinion that a forest wisely harvested will produce more game and recreation than a stand of stagnant timber."

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#48 - BURR SINGLETON, Lake Chelan, Wash. - Individual.

"We seem to be getting up steam. My statement is highly critical. This forest cover is necessary for the maximum of sustained water yield; and the avoidance of peak runoffs and resulting destructive floods. Denuded mountain slopes increase erosion, silt and pollute streams and lakes.

"The following is taken from the bulletin of Forest Service research: "There is enough soil precariously perched on our hillsides to fill all the lakes and reservoirs in existence or yet to be built. We manage water largely by managing the land on which it falls; over which it flows; through which it percolates."

"To this end, logging and grazing is mismanagement.

"Again from the bulletin: "reservoir life has no value after 80% of the storage

space has been lost."

"The power and reservoir potential of the Columbia is being threatened. All streams flowing from the Cascades should be kept from silt and pollution.

"Every cubic foot of sustained runoff should be fought for.

"Before cutting more forest cover in the public domain, the Forest Service should avail itself of the studies of the reports of the President's Water Resources Policy Commission.

"It should be kept in mind that logging and grazing on one hand are incompatible to the uses of water resources and recreation on the other. The dominant use should be water resources. The need for water is doubling every 15 years. The bottom of the barrel is now being dipped."

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#49 - MISS DINA PETERSON, Manson, Wash. - Individual (14 year old high school student)

"I am a 14-year old high school student. I have spent every summer of my life and one complete school term in the Stehekin valley. I am afraid that unless the Forest Service or some agency or law helps us protect it the beauty will not remain as it is now. But even more important than the beauty aspect is the flood danger as I saw it in the fall of 1955. It's easy to see that the terrain in the Stehekin watershed causes unstable river conditions now. Any commercial logging might be disastrous to both personal property and the beauty of public lands."

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#50 - MRS. BARBARA STEVENS, Manson, Wash. - Individual.

"...lack of tourists we have had in contrast to Banff. Investors are badly needed to provide accommodations and guidance to the tourists but they will never respond without assurance that that country will always remain in a primitive state, free of industrial activities such as logging and mining.

"In a superlative area such as this, scenic roads should not have to be financed by timber sales."

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#51 - HARVEY R. GLASCOCK JR. - Forest Counsel for Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

"We wish to state the principle that this Wilderness Area, or any other withdrawal of forest lands for special use, should not include significant acreages of commercial forest land."

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#52 - JOHN CRAWFORD, - Individual.

"Also there is the idea that only the well-do-do can travel in wilderness country. I have back-packed for a week in the rough Cascade primitive area at a cost of under just \$5.00.

"A young sailor who had come out from the East was sitting next to me. He looked out the window, and he pointed, and he said, "Who planted those trees?" For a moment I was speechless, but here was an individual who had never seen a tree that wasn't planted by the hand of man.

"I think it is well to remember that every time some important unit of our national heritage has been reserved, somebody was temporarily hurt by it. I am sure that when the great Sequoias of California or the Redwoods of California were preserved, or pitiful stands of our hardwood forests in the East were preserved, that somebody took a financial bite there."

#53 - GLEN C. REED, Spokane, Wash. (Bear Creek Mining Co.) - Individual.

"I have been closely associated over a period of years with the exploration of certain mining claims in the Miners Creek Area at Snohomish County, Washington, owned by Ridge Mining Corporation. I strongly oppose any recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area on the grounds that such action is highly restrictive, discriminating in character and in no way in the public interest.

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#54 - S. E. JEROME, Spokane, Wash. (Bear Creek Mining Co.) - Individual.

"The present Glacier Peak Wilderness proposal would be less innocuous if there were not in the background pressure by a vocal group to establish a national wilderness preservation system. If such a system should come about the area in question would, if classified as wilderness, inevitably pass into that system. Any development for other than recreational use would be prohibited except under most unusual and unlikely circumstances.

"...the areas in the Western United States that offer the best geological conditions for new ore discoveries usually are on public lands. The Glacier Peak area is no exception. Any restriction preventing the development of such land inhibits the search for new deposits."

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#55 - RUSSELL CHADWICK, Spokane, Wash. (Bear Creek Mining Co.) - Individual.

"A few years ago we suddenly found that we badly needed selenium, uranium, lithium, beryllium, and I can't and I don't think anyone else can, possibly predict what we will need next year. It is entirely possible one of the world's greatest mineral deposits is present in the proposed area.

"...it is entirely conceivable in my mind that very cheap fuels might very well permit taking what is now worthless basalt and breaking it down into its constituent metals and other elements. If this were feasible the mining companies might very well have no interest in any remote area. Basalt is a very common igneous rock that is found throughout the West and you could practically pick the place that you wanted to get your raw material from and process it there."

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#56 - EDSON S. FISKE, Seattle, Wash. - Individual.

"...the only thing I would like to point out, is that I think at the moment foresight is the thing that we need, and I think that foresight demands that we set aside actually more property than actually we can foresee needing at this time."

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#57 - WILLIAM C. FIX, Spokane, Wash. - Spokane Mountaineers Inc.

"...probably the greatest scenic climax of this whole area is Cascade Pass, and that is just out of the area. To give an idea of just some of the high points of what we would like to see in an additional area or one that would be included in this area, I would name Eldorado Peak, Cascade Pass, Boston Peak and Glacier Park Creek, which is in this area, Trapper Lake, and the upper Stehekin watershed."

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#58 - JESS V. SAPP, Sedro Woolley, Wash. - Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce.

"...we in our group are opposed also to the Wilderness Area as now set up.

"No one in the group today has said one word about the replacement of taxation which, of course, you would have to have if you cut out and strangled the income of many of these people who depend upon these forest products and mineral products and the raw products of these acres if they are impounded.

"I will admit I can't see anything spiritually uplifting in a logging truck going by with a bunch of logs on it, but I can also admit that same logging truck makes it possible to pay taxes, to pay wages, to build many things you want to build as a community, to enable you and I to live a much better life."

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#60 - DAVID R. BROWER, Berkeley, Calif. - Executive Director, Sierra Club (San Francisco).

"The Sierra Club commends and supports fully the carefully studied proposal made by the Mountaineers for a Glacier Peak Wilderness.

"This pitiful (Forest Service) proposal is in itself proof that the national interest requires that other skills be brought into this controversy, to assure at long last a comprehensive study of the Northern Cascades unit that will assure a broad and long-range perspective.

"We share the inference that is being forced on conservationists all over the country that the Forest Service does not dare see such a study made.

"...there is no more important challenge in scenic-resource conservation before the nation today than the challenge posed in the Northern Cascades in this, the last opportunity, to see that the needs of all the nation and all the future are served here, and that the nation's primary scenic resource is not gouged for its stumpage and low-grade ores for short-term benefits and long-term deprivation.

"We believe that the economy exists to serve society, and that our timber technologists should not determine public policy on the forests, but should carry out their part of the policy after the public has determined it.

"We consider it to be blind progress to attempt to destroy the opportunity to enjoy the unspoiled Northern Cascades before the world has yet had a fair chance to learn that they exist.

"The Tacoma-Seattle-Everett metropolis of the future can be absolutely the most magnificent in its setting of any--especially if our government agencies should choose to cooperate and allow this area to be the center of a golden triangle of national parks benefitting all the state.

"At the heart of any scenic resource preservation program, the very essence of it, is the setting aside of a truly adequate core of wilderness. In California, it is the wilderness core of our great national parks and monuments - all four and a half million acres of it - that keeps people coming to California to see it.

"The kind of person who would measure the value of wilderness by the number of footprints he can count in it is, to say the least, not a very imaginative person. He is the kind of person, perhaps, who would try to compare Beethoven with Elvis Presley and prove it by last year's record sales, as a friend of mine put it.

"There are precious few places where any sizeable amount of wilderness is left. Washington is one of the few places, in all the world, where it is magnificently displayed, and where by accident or design there still remains to us the opportunity to save enough of it.

"We must speak out in opposition when there seem to be dangerous indications of a trend from Forest Service to timber service, when multiple-use seems all too clearly to mean timber production plus anything else that is compatible with stumps."

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#61 - DAVID SIMONS, Springfield, Oregon - Individual.

"The area proposed for wilderness dedication by the Forest Service has shrunken and withered to a remnant resembling a badly erroded snowbank.

"The Forest Service does not and cannot yet know just what this effect on water resources will be, by its own admission. In a letter from the office of the Regional Forester signed by O. E. Spaulding, and dated August 4, 1959, it is stated "Our watershed management research program did not get started in the Pacific Northwest until 1955. The intervening period has been too short and the data too limited to warrant conclusions."

For the further quote "because of the fact that the effects of logging, road building and stock grazing on sedimentation and runoff are often obscure, or clouded by other factors and are difficult to evaluate, it requires considerable time and much equipment to appraise them properly."

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#62 - LAWRENCE PEASE, Corvallis, Oregon - for Grant McConnell, an individual.

"The greatest failure is inadequacy of planning. The studies made have been superficial, one-sided, narrow in extent and have apparently been subject to commodity pressures to an undue extent.

"The second greatest failure is an inadequacy of policy...The other policy is multiple-use, a policy with little specific legislative foundation, one indeed on which it would be difficult to formulate legislation that would not leave very large scale discretion in the hands of changing administrators. This policy is a very convenient one for administrators who do not wish to be subject to accounting under specific law or regulation.

"The third most serious failure is the entire deletion from the present proposal of any suggestion whatsoever for the conservation of the area north and east of the Stehekin River and extending northward to the power development of the City of Seattle on the Skagit.

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#63 - PATRICK D. GOLDSWORTHY, Seattle, Wash. - President, North Cascades Conservation Council.

"...the relative positions of basic lumber and other manufacturing as major industries of Washington have been completely reversed over the past one-third of the century.

"I would like to quote a brief excerpt from a letter addressed to Mr. J. Herbert Stone from A. F. Hartung, President of the International Woodworkers of America: 'It is my position that the proposal of the Mountaineers should be the all inclusive boundary to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area. The money made by companies cutting the timber would not be of any lasting benefit to the community nor would they create any lasting employment. A few million board feet of timber can and probably will be logged out in two or three years. It would ake at least 75 years to get any size-able new growth.'"

