Field 'Hearing' Held on Proposed
Deadman Creek Recreational Area

A field "hearing" on the proposal by the Forest Service to develop the Deadman Creek section as a recreation area was held Tuesday with more than 40 interested persons in attendance.

The session started at 10 a.m. at Crestview with a preliminary outline of the field trip by W. S. Davis, supervisor of Inyo National Forest.

R. D. Bonnett, recreation specialist of the San Francisco Region office, outlined the project, which would include several sections for summer homes, organization camps, public campgrounds, and trailer parks. One spot on Deadman Creek is tentatively reserved for a small lake for the State Department of Fish and Game. Plans also call for a store site, for furnishing supplies to campers.

The section, a short distance southwest of Crestview, is served by Glass Creek, and contains interesting geologic formations, such as glass flows, Inyo Crater, and other attractions.

The tree cover in the area is primarily lodgepole and Jeffrey pine and red fir, and the upper basin provides attractive vegetation and terrain for hiking and riding.

Davis explained that preliminary to making a recreation area of Deadman Creek, a small percentage of the trees that are dead or dying from old age, rust, and insects should be removed in order to make the area safe for human use and occupancy, and to reduce partially sources of infection. He said the Forest Service proposes to remove by very careful commercial logging the dead, dying and hazardous trees. (Marked trees in two sample spots were viewed by the touring party later in the afternoon.)

Davis also explained that areas adjacent to Deadman Creek will be needed in the near future to relieve the overcrowded camping conditions in the Mammoth Lakes and June Lake Loop areas, and to furnish recreational opportunities for the growing population.
population of California.
A very careful cleanup of scars and debris will be made in the
area adjacent to the campground
section. In the remaining areas,
many of which will not be needed
for recreation use for 20 to 25
years, cleanup will be limited to
that needed for fire protection and
to areas adjacent to roads and
trails.
John Haddaway of Mammoth
was given the opportunity to pre-
sent his arguments against the
proposal. He showed slides of
excellent slides taken of scenic
attractions of Deadman Creek and
its adjacent areas, and also slide
maps pertinent to the subject.
Some slides showed the forestlands
in a torn-up condition following
logging operations. Main objec-
tions were that the residents of
Mammoth wanted the Deadman
area left in its natural state, and
they saw no need for the so-called