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April 26, 1934

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The Director, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

The present interest in scenic and recreational areas and public attitude toward conservation encourages the belief that a proposal to include the five outstanding snow peaks and certain rugged wilderness sections of the Cascade Range in the State of Washington into one magnificent national park may not be considered too ambitious and it is therefore recommended that the project be given at least preliminary study.

The area proposed includes the Mount Baker Recreational Area, the Lake Chelan and Glacier Peak primitive areas, and the Mount Adams and Mt. St. Helens Recreational primitive areas, all under the present administration of the National Forest Service and Mount Rainier National Park. The recreational and primitive areas include high country adjacent to the peaks and lake mentioned, and it is believed they are considered by the National Forest Service as more valuable as recreational and wilderness areas than for their forest cover. They all contain rugged mountains and alpine scenery of the highest order with the general flora and fauna all up to national park standards.

From time to time during the past year, since outdoor recreation has become popular, there have been suggestions and attempts made to have some of the areas, particularly Mount Baker, designated as national parks. At the present time efforts are being made to obtain approval of the Mount Baker Region as a national park, and it is believed that popular opinion in this State will approve the idea.

In line with this thought Associate Landscape Architect, Mr. E. A. Davidson, and I have discussed the Five Ice Peaks National Park proposal and feel that it is at least worthy of your serious consideration. In order that you may have an idea of the territory that the proposed park would include, Mr. Davidson has shown rough outlines of the various areas on a map of the State of Washington. Brief descriptions of these various areas are attached to the map for reference.

Associate Landscape Architect Davidson and I recommend this proposal be confidentially considered as soon as possible with a view to determining whether it is advisable to attempt the project.

Sincerely yours.

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May 29, 1934.

Mr. C. A. Tomlinson, Supt., Mt. Rainier Mational Park, Five he Peals

Bear Mr. Pomlinson:

Longnire, Washington.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter of April 26 with reference to the proposed Five Ice Peaks National Park.

This matter is being studied very carefully and as there are several matters of policy involved, we do not feel ready to make a decision at this time.

Sincerely yours,

(EGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

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