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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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LAST CHANCE TO HELP

NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

STUDY BILLS
&
WILDERNESS BILL

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S P E C I A L M A I L I N G

TO MEMBERS AND COOPERATORS

If you don't belong to the North Cascades Conservation Council you are receiving this issue because we know you will be willing to help us.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR
or
Is That Your Tear Drop?
by Patrick D. Goldsworthy

As the first wood chip flies from the bite of the logger's axe in the forests of the Whitechuck, Suiattle and Agnes River valleys, will you shed a tear and wish that you had written that letter after all; the one you were always going to write but just didn't have the time or felt that your voice was too little to count?

There is still time for you to act, but not very much, just as there is so precious little virgin scenery left. Congress adjourns early this year because it is an election year. By the end of June, all bills which are not passed will automatically die.

To refresh your memory, the following CASCADe NATIONAL PARK STUDY BILLS are in Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the House and the Senate:

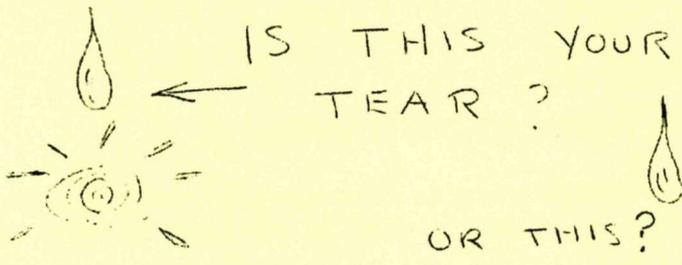
- HR 9342 - introduced by Congressman Don Magnuson, Washington
- HR 9360 - introduced by Congressman Thomas M. Pelly, Washington
- S 2980 - introduced by Senator Warren Magnuson, Washington.

The essential wording of these three identical bills is: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, is hereby authorized and directed to make a comprehensive study of the scenic, scientific, recreational, educational, wildlife, and wilderness values of the central and north Cascades region in the State of Washington lying generally between the Stevens Pass Highway and the Canadian border for the purpose of evaluating fully the potentiality for establishing therein a national park or other unit of the national park system."

Congressman Thomas M. Pelly has advised supporters of these three bills to do the following:

1. Most important: Write a letter, postcard or send a telegram (a) to WAYNE N. ASPINALL, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and (b) to JAMES E. MURRAY, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Washington 25, D. C.
2. Urge in your letter that each Committee immediately schedule a public hearing on the above bills and recommend that the bills be reported to the House or the Senate for a vote.
3. The North Cascades Conservation Council tabulate and forward the petition signatures obtained to date. We have almost 10,000 signatures.
4. If you have not written, please do so NOW.
5. If you have written already, a second letter urging point 2 is really needed.

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 IS THIS YOUR TEAR ? OR THIS ?

THEY NEED NOT BE !

WILDERNESS, KNOW YOUR OPPONENTS

#1. John A. Biggs, Director, Washington State Game Department. Statement from April issue of Washington State Game Bulletin.

"Should the State of Washington be the first state to have within its borders three large national parks? Pointing a finger at the rugged and scenic North Cascade section of the state, small but extremely vocal groups of ultra-conservationists residing both within and outside of the state very vigorously say that the State of Washington should enjoy this distinction, and that the place for the park is in the North Cascades.

"The proponents of the park are principally dedicated individuals and groups whose leadership is drawn from the Sierra Club. Under this leadership, support for their proposal has been engendered from a number of western outdoor groups and organizations of ultra-conservationists residing in the eastern states.

"Limited fishing is permitted in the parks, hunting is prohibited, construction of roads is held to a minimum, and logging, grazing and mining are prohibited. Undeniably this system of parks constitutes a great national heritage and their scenic beauties and natural wonders are annually enjoyed by many millions of people.

"There are located within the park boundaries tremendously valuable natural resources going completely unused at a time when the value and wise use of natural resources has never been more apparent to the people of the nation.

"The present system of national parks serves a very valuable purpose but is adequate for the country's needs, and in some cases far more than adequate.

"The North Cascade area is the state's most scenic and attractive deer hunting area. Biologists estimate that over 4,000 deer are harvested annually from areas within the proposed park boundary. Bear in excess of 1,000 animals and 80 mountain goats are also provided every year. The hunting of these animals provides an unparalleled recreational opportunity for several thousand residents of the state--an estimated 81,000 man days of hunting.

"We cannot afford the creation of a North Cascades National Park. In effect the park would constitute a permanent, severe and costly blow to good fishing and hunting in the State of Washington.

"The scenic beauties of the area can, and undoubtedly will, be retained under present or proposed systems of wilderness preservation. And the record shows that its tremendous wildlife values have been capably managed in the past, and can be equally well managed in the future.

"It is for these reasons that it can be flatly stated that, considering full and wise use of the state's wildlife resources, the people of the State of Washington cannot afford the creation of a third national park in the North Cascades region."

#2. Edward B. Stanton, Vice-President, Northern Pacific Railway, from March-April issue The Northwest.

"DON'T LOCK UP RESOURCES IN MORE WILDERNESS REGIONS" "The Public Domain is Threatened by Politically Powerful Outdoor Enthusiasts: Multiple Use Would Make Federal Forests Serve all People Rather Than a Favored Few"

"The people in that group, mostly outdoor enthusiasts, making an emotional appeal to the public, are trying to have a lot more of the nation's public lands put into so-called wilderness areas, cutting them off from other uses, reserving them strictly for

recreation, and only limited recreation, at that.

"For the benefit of citizens in its territory and also for the railway company, the Northern Pacific believes in the multiple use of land as contrasted with the selfish, limited-purpose wilderness idea and the company practices it, too," said Edward B. Stanton.

"1. No need for the proposed law (Wilderness Bill) has been demonstrated. 2. It exemplifies bad government because it gives preference to one land use over another. 3. It is "special interest" legislation. 4. It would "fence out" family recreation and the motoring public. 5. Wilderness recreation is a limited type of recreation; therefore, vast expanses of land need not be given to it. 6. Multiple use of public land, rather than limited purpose use, provides more benefits."

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WRITE RIGHT NOW FOR THE WILDERNESS BILL!

Whether you have written previous letters urging support of S. 1123 as revised in Committee Print 3 or whether you have been meaning to do so, we urge you to send a letter, telegram or postcard off right now to James E. Murray, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., requesting that the Wilderness Bill be reported out of committee for a vote on the floor of the Senate.

Never has the bill been agreeable to so many as it is now. However, Senator O'Mahoney has offered an unacceptable substitute bill that would rob the bill of its intent and frustrate action. It is important that we state in our letters that substitute bills are not wanted at this time.

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REPUBLICANS SUPPORT NATIONAL PARK STUDY

At the 1960 King County Republican Convention in Seattle, Washington, the following resolution was passed:

"Be it resolved that whereas a national park in the Northern Cascade Mountains of Washington could be a great asset to our state; whereas such a national park could also cause local economic problems; whereas all the facts pertaining to this matter should be thoroughly brought to public attention; therefore we, the Republicans of King County assembled, commend and heartily support the proposal by Representative Thomas M. Pelly for a study of the Northern Cascade Mountains by the National Park Service."

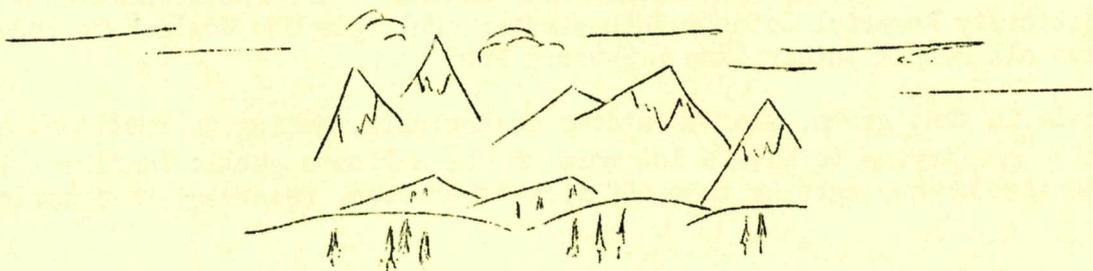
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DEMOCRATS SUPPORT NATIONAL PARK STUDY

At the 1960 Kittitas County Democratic Convention in Ellensburg, Washington the following resolution was adopted:

"We as Democrats are proud of our heritage of scenic beauty and natural resources in the state of Washington and wish that everything humanly possible be done to preserve this great heritage. We therefore endorse bills introduced into the Senate and House by Senator Warren Magnuson and Representative Don Magnuson which call for a national park study in the North Cascades region.

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NATIONAL CONSERVATION LEADER SPEAKS

Mr. C. Edward Graves, formerly Western Representative of the National Parks Association, has this to say from California in the Carmel Pine Cone-Cymbal, in the article "WHO OWNS OUR PUBLIC LANDS?"

"Most of our public lands are under the management of the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. At the recent Wilderness Conference in San Francisco representatives of all these government agencies presented their story. It is not my intention in this column, nor do I have the space, to discuss the various types of public domain. I do, however, want to make one point clear.

"Because Congress has given the administration of these lands into the hands of various government bureaus, that does not give these bureaus a vested interest in them. Title remains with the people of the country who elect Congressmen. If there is enough interest in the welfare of these lands on the part of the voters, their administration and jurisdiction can be changed at will, and during this process the attitude of the administering agencies should be a neutral one. It is their duty to supply objective information but not to attempt to influence decisions in any other way.

"There has been much discussion recently about establishing various new national parks. They will have to be taken from other portions of the public domain. Naturally administering agencies are jealous of their prerogatives and this creates difficult problems of public relations. Fear of these problems should not, however, be a deterrent to action in the interest of the greatest public good. After all, who owns our public lands?"

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CHANGE OF EDITORS COMES WITH JUNE ISSUE OF N3C NEWS

It has been a wonderful experience of meeting new people, reading new ideas, experiencing changes of attitude in local places toward our dwindling scenic and wildlife resources and associating with dedicated citizens—while editing the N3C NEWS. I often had feelings of inadequacy for the job and would have occasionally failed if it had not been for those of you who so helpfully contributed articles and clippings. Your president, Pat Goldsworthy, was always there for help and advice and his ideas and suggestions and wonderful drawings have done much to make the newsletter palatable

To my husband, Gene, must go highest acknowledgements for putting up with three years of "deadlines". His praise, suggestions and ideas have been a part of the newsletter, also.

The new editor, George Gans of Vancouver, Washington, is hand-picked and we are indeed fortunate to obtain his "volunteer" services as news gatherer and assimilator. He has been a loyal Yakima North Cascades National Park Committee chairman, N3C member, Yakima Cascadian, and more recently, honorary Sherpa. He is married and also has two children. We will be looking forward to a "new look" in the news and will still need everyone's cooperation to make the newsletter a success.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Apologies are made for the omission last month of the following Director who's term expires in March, 1962:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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HORNBLOWER HEARINGS

by H. Hawthorne Manning

Cougar Mountain

Due to the necessity for a shorter edition this month and the extreme urgency of soliciting support for bills in Congress, the management regrets having to postpone the HEARINGS until next month.

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AS YOU READ THIS PAGE THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU WILL BE URGED TO SUPPORT HR 9342, HR 9360, S 2980. NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE TOO LATE.

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