

Watkinsville, Georgia
 P.O. Box 406 - 30677
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United States
 Department of The Interior
 Office of the Interior
 Washington, D.C.

Walter Pozen
 Assistant to the Secretary
 Dear Mr. Pozen: -

I received a copy of your letter to Sen. Dalmadge Sept. 2, 1966 in regard to procedure to be followed in establishing a national park in the Trotter Shoals area a stretch of the Savannah River between the Hartwell Dam and the back waters of Clark Hill Lake.

The proposal to build dams in this area for producing electric power has been up for consideration for several years, now the proposal is now in the House Public Works Committee for study. I ask you what can be done and how to get the proposal of a

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the establishment of a National Park or National recreation area in the Trotter Shoals area?

Time is running out, and if we get a National Park or a National recreation area, some one must work fast, about all that can be said in favor of a project to provide electric power for our people has been said, now all that can be said in favor of creating a National Park or National recreation area has been said by me, and it seems to me I am writing around in circles getting no where fast.

Neither Georgia nor South Carolina has a National Park or National recreation area to take care of such needs of our people etc, etc.

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I have a letter from Mr. John F. Shanklin Assistant Director Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Aug. 30 1966 Reply no. D42. — Referring me to Mr. Jerome F. Anderson, 810 New Walton Building, Atlanta, Georgia Mr. Pozen who must want this National Park, or National recreation area other than my self?

I am fully aware of all the efforts of officials to get the Trotter Shoals project underway, must National Park officials ask for a National Park, or National recreation area?

Must the demand come from the people of Georgia and South Carolina?

No effort will be to great to save this awe inspiring gift of Nature to mankind and our posterity. The stretch of the Savannah River Trotter Shoals.

yours truly
Mr. Carr-Wilson

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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

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Thank you for writing me about your interest in establishing a national park or recreation area along the Savannah River in the Trotters Shoals area.

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The Corps of Engineers' report and recommendation are now being considered for authorization by the Congress as you know. This Department has endorsed the report and recommendation, because of the impressive benefits which will accrue from this multipurpose development.

One of the benefits is recreation, a matter in which we share your expressed interest. The reservoir considered at Trotters Shoals would contribute materially to the existing recreational resources of the area. The impounded water would be suitable for swimming, boating and fishing and will provide many miles of shoreline for recreational use.

This Department is vitally interested in the wise use of our natural resources for the benefit of the people and the strengthening of our Nation. This may mean the preservation of a free-flowing stream; it may mean the construction of a dam. In the case of the Savannah River between the Clark Hill dam and the Hartwell dam, we support the Trotters Shoals project.

Please be assured that we share your interest in natural beauty and welcome your interest. Again, I want to thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Stewart L. Udall

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