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CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

June 13, 1938



Hon. Arno B. Cammerer, Director,
National Park Service,
Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

My dear Director:

Mr. J. C. Ainsworth of Portland, Oregon has written me concerning the possibility of establishing a park in the northeastern part of Oregon near Wallowa and including the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

I enclose a map which I should like to have returned after it has served your purpose, and which, in the upper right hand corner, outlines the section under consideration.

I understand that an investigation was made by the National Park Service about eight years ago and that your investigators at that time made a traffic survey and a physical examination of both the Wallowa Mountain and the Snake River Canyon.

Any information you can supply will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chas. McNary

George:

I would like to discuss this one with
you. Please give me a ring when you have time

W.E.L.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

July 16, 1938.

Hon. Charles L. McNary,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator McNary:

We appreciate your letter of June 13, concerning the possibility of establishing a park in the northeastern part of Oregon.

As you know, this area was investigated a number of years ago by Mr. Roger W. Toll, former Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, and Mr. Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect of this Service. Their report recommended against the establishment of a national park in the Wallowa area, and you were advised by Secretary Wilbur on March 21, 1930, that in view of this report and because of the objection of grazing and other commercial interests to the creation of the park, he was inclined to take an adverse stand. The report did not specifically cover the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

I am referring this matter to our Regional Director in San Francisco for his comment and recommendation on the Wallowa Mountains and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River. It is quite likely that we will not be in a position to recommend a national monument or national park in northeastern Oregon because of the difficulties already outlined to you. You will, however, be advised further after we have completed our studies of the proposal.

The map attached to your letter of June 13 is returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

Enclosure 1921250

cc: R-IV
cc: Mr. Little

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ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

July 20, 1938.

The Regional Director, Region IV,
National Park Service,
601 Sheldon Building,
San Francisco, California.

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Dear Sir:

Senator McNary of Oregon has revived the proposal to create a national park in northeastern Oregon to include a portion of the Wallowa Mountains and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

As you know, this area was investigated in 1929 by former Superintendent Toll and Mr. Vint. Their report indicated that while the area is interesting from the scenic standpoint, it is, nevertheless, a type commonly found and frequently duplicated in various sections of western United States, and does not contain features unusual or outstanding enough to warrant establishment as a national park. The report does not cover the Grand Canyon of the Snake River in detail. Upon checking with the Geological Survey, we find there are power withdrawals along the Snake River.

I am enclosing a copy of the report by Messrs. Toll and Vint, and Part I of the File 0-32 on the proposed Wallowa National Park. With the return of the attached data, I shall appreciate having your comments as to any values of this area that may warrant consideration by the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

~~(SGD)~~ Arno B. Cammerer
Director.

Enclosures 1921270
cc: Mr. Butterfield

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San Francisco, California.
July 30, 1938.

MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Director

Wallowa Mountains and Grand Canyon of Snake River
Oregon-Idaho

Reply to your memorandum of July 30, 1938, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Director to Senator McNary, regarding a proposed national park in northwestern Oregon and requesting comment on the feasibility of such a plan.

In the course of professional work I have seen portions of the Wallowa Mountains and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River and also of the almost equally spectacular canyon of the Salmon River, in Idaho. In my judgment this region, at least in part, measures up to the standards of the national parks in both geologic and scenic interest, and at the same time it differs so markedly from other mountain and canyon areas in the national park system as to involve no appreciable or objectionable duplication. The canyons, for example, comparable in depth with the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, present a vast succession of formations in striking contrast in types, colors, and geologic ages, with those seen in Grand Canyon National Park and in the continuation of the Grand Canyon in Boulder Dam Recreational Area, and also with the other great canyons of the Colorado in the Boulder Dam Area below the Grand Canyon.

The boundaries of any park that might be laid out in this region should include portions of both Idaho and Oregon. Without further investigation, however, I am unable to judge whether or not a compact area, including the high peaks of the Wallowa Mountains and the most spectacular portions of the canyons, could be laid out without at the same time running counter to the dominant grazing interests of the local communities.

The region is readily accessible from the Columbia River Highway — U. S. No. 30 — and if desired a visit to it might be included in an itinerary, perhaps in September of this year, when field duties will take me into Oregon and possibly also into Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. Volney Lewis

J. Volney Lewis
Regional Geologist

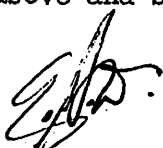
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National Park Service
Branch of Plans and Design, Region IV
250 Federal Office Building
San Francisco, California
August 12, 1938

Memorandum to Regional Director
Region IV

I have your memorandum of July 29 referring to possibility of establishing a park in the northeastern part of Oregon.

Some years ago I read the report on this general area prepared by Roger Toll and, I believe, Mr. Vint was also concerned in the preparation of this report. At the age of four or five years (I am told) I visited this area. However that is a poor basis for any present opinion as to its possibilities as a National Park. Am sorry that I know nothing of the region; although I am fairly well acquainted with the Snake River both above and below this particular canyon area.


Ernest A. Davidson
Regional Landscape Architect

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SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON

August 16, 1938

MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Director

SUBJECT: Proposed national park in northeastern Oregon

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 29 regarding the possibility of establishing a national park in northeastern Oregon and requesting comments.

In 1929 I spent a month in the Wallowa Mountains studying the animal life, on behalf of the University of Oregon. The area is of decided interest biologically. Bighorn sheep are present, and also elk (although I believe that the latter may be non-native). Several northern species of birds find their southernmost breeding territories in this biological island, as for example the Hepburn Rosy-finch.

The scenery certainly is outstanding. From Aneroid Peak alone one can see about thirty-five lakes, and the mountain masses are wild and inspiring. Fishing is, or was, as good as anyone could ask for.

It is true that the area is grazed extensively by domestic sheep, and this circumstance might prove a considerable obstacle to acquisition for park purposes. Moreover, I believe that the Northern Cascade Wilderness Area, while not biologically quite equivalent, would be somewhat superior, although perhaps not greatly so. If it proved impossible to acquire the latter then the former might be worth trying to set aside, but if acquisition of the Wallowa Mountains would prejudice acquisition of the Northern Cascade area then it would seem best to concentrate upon the latter.

As regards the Grand Canyon of the Snake River, I have little personal knowledge and hence no definite opinions to express. I believe that it is good wildlife country but whether it is scenically outstanding I do not know.

Sincerely yours,

E. Lowell Sumner, Jr.
Regional Wildlife Technician

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 31, 1938.



Mr. J. R. ...
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Memorandum for the Director:

Reference is made to your letter of July 20 in connection with the revived proposal of Senator McNary of Oregon to create a national park in Northeastern Oregon to include a portion of the Wallowa Mountains and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

Very little is known of this area by the personnel of this region. Enclosed in duplicate are copies of short memoranda on this area by Messrs. Davidson, Lewis and Sumner, but we do not feel that they add any real contribution to the material already received.

Should the Washington Office determine to make an investigation, this office will be happy to cooperate in every way possible and to include a representative, or if you so desire we will send a special party into the area.

Your above quoted letter indicated there was enclosed a copy of the report of 1929 by former Superintendent Toll and Mr. Vint, and also part one of the file O-32. For your information neither of these was found enclosed. We presume that somehow they never left the Washington Office. Should you wish us to make an investigation of the area we would like to have a copy of the report mentioned for preliminary study.

F. A. Kittredge
 Regional Director

By: B. F. Manbey
 B. F. Manbey
 Assistant Regional Director.

Enclosure 1645615

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

September 14, 1938

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Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region IV:

We have received your memorandum of August 31 regarding the proposal to establish a national park in northeast Oregon to include a portion of the Wallowa Mountains and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

It is believed that an investigation of this area should be made in order that additional information may be available for our discussions with Senator McNary.

With reference to the last paragraph of your memorandum regarding Part I of the file G-32 - Proposed Wallowa National Park and a copy of the report of November 25, 1929 by Roger W. Toll, a thorough search of the Washington office files indicates Mr. Toll's report was not enclosed and a copy is therefore attached. However, the file G-32 has not been located here. You are therefore requested to make a thorough search for this file in your office.

It will be appreciated if you will notify us when a party from the regional office will investigate the area in question.

(SGD) A. E. Demaray

Acting Director.

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cc/Mr. Butterfield
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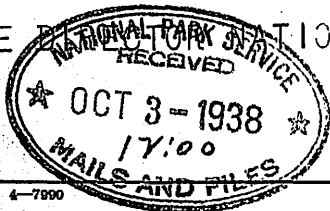
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REFERENCE YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER ONE RE ICE CAVE INVESTIGATION IDAHO
ALSO YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN RE INVESTIGATION WALLOWA MOUNTAIN
AND GRAND CANYON OF SNAKE RIVER STOP WE HAD HOPED TO COMBINE THESE
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LACK OF TRAILS MAKE INVESTIGATION OF WALLOWA AREA VERY DIFFICULT
AND UNCERTAIN NOW STOP MAY WE POSTPONE WALLOWA AND IDAHO ICE CAVE
INVESTIGATION UNTIL NEXT SPRING STOP (100) RADIO REPLY

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W. E. Little, Dr. 2267

National Park Service

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Washington, D. C., October 5, 1938.

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(Govt. Int.) Regional Director, Region Four
National Park Service
601 Sheldon Building, San Francisco, California.

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and Wallowa Mountains area northeastern Oregon until next spring.

cc: Mr. Little ✓
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NATIONAL PARK?

A group of Enterprise men have been successful in obtaining resolutions and protests from the service clubs of that city and from the county court, opposing a movement to create a National park in Wallowa county.

Senator McNary, of Oregon, is supposed to be preparing a bill to establish this park and which is to be introduced in this session of Congress. The proposed park area includes a section of the Snake river canyon.

We have not been able to find out what the proposed boundaries are and until we do we cannot become very excited. Although we do not particularly advocate a National park, we would like to see the Snake river canyon made accessible to motor travel, and we also favor the building of roads into the Wallowa mountains. However, we do not want this if it means ruin to the stock interests in that section of our county, and that seems to be the big "holler."

The interest for a National park in this section has been discussed several times in the past but has never received favorable support. It is inevitable that if it fails this time the movement will only be retarded. It will come up again and again until it is established.

There are great and influential forces throughout the United States that work tirelessly to establish national playgrounds. This northeast corner of Oregon is one of the last scenic sections to be developed, and the time is not far off when we will see the Wallowa mountains and the Snake river canyon turned into a great and popular paradise for man, who seeks the outdoor life for a few days each season.

The objections that one hears in Enterprise are amusing. They say they want to leave this area in its native state, and that they want to protect the stockmen.

Well, those are not the real reasons. In the first place, there would not be the strong agitation for a national park had the forest service been allowed to carry out a road program which they had surveyed along the divide bordering the Snake river on the west. "No, you can't do that" said a small group of influential hunters in Enterprise who have used this section as a private hunting ground. They said roads in that section would drive the deer away. They enlisted the support of a few stockmen and put a stop to the road building program.

Now, had the forest service been allowed to carry out their road program, one would be able to drive from Hat Point north as far as Pittsburg Landing, south along the top and then swing down to Coverdale.

Here is another reason. They are afraid they will lose their forest office. We think that is a lot of bunk!

There is one concern, however, and that is what would be the loss to the stockmen? We think that all efforts against the movement should be confined to restricting the boundaries. Keep open the range land, that is imperative to the operators within that area.

We believe this is possible, and will offer our services to fight to the last man to this end.

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Proposed Wallowa N.P.
Oregon
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Joseph Herald

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MANY PROTEST AGAINST PARK

State Legislature Asked
To Urge Congress
To Halt Move

Opposition to the proposed national park in Wallowa county is assuming state-wide proportions. The state legislature will be asked to pass a memorial to the federal congress requesting that the park plan be put to sleep, as contrary to the best interests of Oregon. Senator C. H. Zurcher is expected to introduce this in the upper house and Representative C. T. Hockett, in the lower house.

This action was suggested at the convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers association at Pendleton the first of the week, and was endorsed by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club in joint meeting Tuesday evening. The woolgrowers also repeated their former declaration against further reduction of grazing lands by the national park route, and also passed a resolution specifically attacking the Wallowa county scheme.

Among the county's representatives at the convention were J. H. Dobbin, E. F. Johnson, C. Raymond Johnson, Kenneth R. Johnson, G. W. Franklin, J. L. Johnson, Joe McClaren, C. E. Gorbett, J. A. Eggleston, G. D. Best, M. J. Rutherford, I. E. Snyder, A. M. Pace and Forest Supervisor J. F. Irwin.

County Court Resolution

The county officially went on record as strongly opposed to the national park plan last week in a resolution adopted by the county court, which was sent to the Oregon senators and Representative Walter M. Pierce. This recited the facts in the case, as far as known, and continued to the effect that:

"Wallowa county and its residents, tax payers and inhabitants are unanimously opposed to the creation of a national park in the Snake river gorge and Hell's canyon and adjoining territory in Wallowa county, and that the creation of such a national park would be severely detrimental to the livestock and business interests of the county."

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MANY PROTEST AGAINST PARK

(Continued from First Page)

Second Installment Appears

The second installment of the Portland Oregonian's article on "Hell's Canyon, America's New National Park?" appeared Sunday and contained further description of Snake river canyon and the Wallowa mountains. It opens with this paragraph:

"The greatest gash in the earth's surface, with its towering, lake-studded mountain guardians, is America's newest candidate for ranking as a national park. Within a year the Snake river canyon, now relatively unknown, may be designated as the central point of interest in a new playground for vacationists."

Then follow several columns supposedly descriptive of the canyon and of the Wallowa mountains, which are figured as an integral part of the proposed park. Reference is made to the numerous improvements in the mountain section for the convenience of pleasure visitors, as the article states: "The area already is dotted with camping sites improved by the forest service." This shows the promoters of the park plan have in mind the inclusion of most of the high mountains, as camping sites are not found in the canyon.

In conclusion the Portland article says: "Creation of a national park in the rugged, unexploited, little-known section, finally depends primarily upon the attitude of the national park service itself."

Protests against the park scheme have been sent to the Oregon and Idaho senators by residents and organizations of the county, and by the Cattle and Horse Raisers association and the Woolgrowers association, and they will continue their efforts to block the plan.

Stockmen Protest Proposal to Create Hell's Canyon Park

Enterprise, Jan. 14 (Special) — Stockmen of eastern Wallowa county were up in arms this week in protest to the proposal to create a national park of the Hell's canyon on the Snake river.

If the park were created, the stockmen protested, a large amount of winter grazing land in Wallowa county would be removed from use.

Livestock raisers now use the slopes of Hat Point and Hell's canyon as feed land for their herds.

Sportsmen have also joined in the protests, stating that the canyon part of the county is now a hunter's and fisher's paradise which should not become protected land of a national park.

The proposal to create a park has been made recently by admirers of the rugged Hell's canyon — world's deepest gash — which extends roughly for 50 miles on the Snake river in virtually inaccessible country.

La Grande Observer

Enterprise Record Chief Editor

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA.

In the Matter of Protesting
and Opposing the Formation of
any National Park in Wallowa
County, Oregon.

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Now at this time this matter came regularly on before the above named Court, sitting for the transaction of county business, upon the matter of the proposed creation of a national park in the Hells Canyon portion of the Snake River Gorge and surrounding territory in Wallowa County, Oregon;

And it appearing to the above named Court that the Federal Bureau of National Parks have repeatedly undertaken efforts to secure legislation by the United States Congress creating a national park in Wallowa County, Oregon, and that the residents, tax payers and inhabitants of Wallowa County, Oregon, have repeatedly opposed the creation of any national park in Wallowa County, Oregon and have unanimously expressed their opposition to such a proposal to the above named Court;

And it further appearing to the Court that the said territory now proposed to be included in a national park is used as winter range by the livestock interest of Wallowa County, Oregon, and that Wallowa County, Oregon is almost exclusively a livestock county and depends very largely upon such livestock industry for its support and maintenance and that the creation of any national park in such

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proposed district would take from the livestock industry its winter range and thereby make it impossible for such interest to use the summer range that might not be affected and would render useless and thereby remove from the tax rolls thousands of acres of land in Wallowa County, Oregon, and that the opinion is unanimous among the many residents of this County in opposition to any proposal to form any national park in any of the territory of Wallowa County, Oregon and that this opinion should be manifested and made known to the Honorable Charles E. McNary and the Honorable Rufus C. Holman, United States Senators for Oregon and to the Honorable Walter M. Pierce, member of Congress from this Congressional District of Oregon in order that they may be urged to use their efforts in opposing and preventing the formation of any national park in Wallowa County, Oregon, and the Court being fully advised in the premises now, therefore:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Wallowa County, Oregon, and its residents, tax payers and inhabitants are unanimously opposed to the formation of any national part in Wallowa County, Oregon, and particularly opposed to the creation of a national park in the Snake River Gorge and Hells Canyon and adjoining territory in Wallowa County, Oregon, and that the creation of such a national park would be severely detrimental to the livestock and business interests of Wallowa County, Oregon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the members of the Oregon delegation in Congress

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above mentioned.

Done and dated in open Court at Enterprise, Wallowa County,
Oregon by the above named Court in regular session this 4th day of
January, A. D., 1939.

WALLOWA COUNTY, OREGON.

By Y Ben Weathers
County Judge.

By H. O. Harmon,
Commissioner.

By F. W. Hammack,
Commissioner.

RUFUS C. HOLMAN
OREGON



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 11, 1939.

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

My dear Mr. Cammerer:

I am enclosing copies of communications I have received concerning the proposed establishment of a national park in the Wallowa National Forest. I will be obliged if you will record these protests in order that they will be available and given full weight in the event the establishment of such a park is seriously considered. I should like to have a complete statement of the status of the matter at this time and information concerning the party or parties who are interested in having the park established.

Thanking you for your advices, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rufus C. Holman

Enclosures
RCH.PF

Portland Oregonian
Portland Oregon

831-15th Street Oakland Calif
January 1, 1939

Senator Charles L. McNary
Wash-D-C
the Oregon State Motor
Association Portland Oregon

JAN 26 1939

To cover letter
attached Pnd.
Dr. P. S. Sagan

my Dear Sirs

I note in Enterprise Record Chieftain date of January 5th 1939 article Headed
lined PARK SCHEME LOOMS AGAIN CHAMBER TAKES THE LEAD IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF
NEW MOVE-

as a new years present to Wallowa County from some unnamed friend "announcement-came sunday of a revival of the national park propaganda, when the Portland Oregonian published a page article by Vinton E-Hall on Hells Canyon (America's new National Park? with this explanation: interest in the Grand Canyon of the Snake river has been heightened recently by the decision of the National park Service, at the request of Senator Charles L. McNary, to survey the canyon and the adjoining Wallowa and Seven Devils mountains, with reference to possible designation of the area as a national Park.

the Oregonian State Motor Association and the Oregonian sent Mr Hall into the area to prepare two articles etc! the first article is a description of the canyon and tells of early Explorers and is illustrated by photographs and maps

CHAMBER MOVES IN OPPOSITION

the matter was brought before the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at its dinner tuesday night by Secretary George E Richards, who R-E-Stevens said no body could halt progress, and that if adequate roads are not built to the scenic points along the canyon, a National Park was shure to come, etc!

then follows in said article the Main Objections of said Chamber in interested parties-tow it-that if said National Park were established-it would deprive Sheepmen of about three Months Range for July August and September of Each year-

the writer and undersigned helped to make Wallowa County Lived there 32 long years- my Father W-K-Stubblefield having been the first white Settler on Horse Creek of Lower Imnaha in 1884- before Wallowa County was Devided off From Union County-

and Gusion R-F-Stubblefield Took the First Sheep to our Place on Horse Creek in the Winter of 1895-6- that Ever was taken to Imnaha I was eleven years old then and I herded these Sheep for Frank- and in the Fall of 1886 Frank and Winters Taken the First Sheep to Rollen Bar on Snake River that was Ever taken there- this is not Far below the Lower end of said Hells Canyon on Snake River-

I believe that the above Qualifications intitiles me to say what I have to say with reference to the Establishment of said National Park

first let me say that hell;s Canyon has no Equals on our Continent eather for Grandeur or depth-being 7900 feet deep and its black Granite glittering Walls thousands of feet High and Perpendicular in many places-with its background of those Towering Seven Devils peak s reaching skyward- towards Heaven with their Perpetual Shining Snow the Year round out does the Grand Canyon of the Colorado- for senic Beauty- and Grandeur-

the beautiful Wallowa Mountains is call the little Switzerland of America would these with the said Seven Devils and Hells Canyon make of of the Most attractive National Parks in America I think it would

the writer began the Publication of Hells Canyon in 1911-12- by getting from

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Captain Gray at Pasco Washington his own story of taking the Norma Steam Boat through Hells Canyon for the Seven Devils Mining Company and the O W R & N Captain Gray was a Pioneer Navigator of the Columbia and the Snake Rivers

In 1920 my Son Blaine Stubblefield who is a graduate of the University of Moscow Idaho and Seattle Washington- and now writes for the McGraw Hill People of New York and is located in Washington D-C- 1719 Riggs Place- and is on President Roosevelt's News Staff- wrote Captain Gray from Lewiston Idaho in 1920 for his said story on Hells Canyon- and received it in writing from him and reproduced it in the Lewiston Morning Tribune-

My Daughter Cecil- Mrs R-W-Pearson of 2549. Rheem Ave. Richmond California- also a writer wrote Captain Gray but he had then passed away but his people sent Captain Grays Picture to her- which she now has

Under date of Oct-17th 1938 I wrote Mr R-J-Wood Postmaster at Weiser Idaho as follows in part QUOT

Mr Wood I almost took fire when I read your article in the record Chieftain of Enterprise Oregon under date of Oct-13th 1938 that it has been your dream to get a road built down Snake River from Weiser to Lewiston Idaho- you will know why when I tell you that my Father W-K-Stubblefield and family were the first white settlers on Horse Creek of Lower Imnaha in 1884 before Wallawa County was divided off from Union County

so you see I know Snake River and its history and I give you the story of Captain Gray taking the Norma Steam Boat through Hells Canyon- and ask you to have it run in the Boise Statesman-

did you Mr Wood ever think of Hells Canyon as being made one of the greatest (National Parks) and sightseeing grounds on earth etc?

signed M-Stubblefield

now Mr Wood answered my above letter under date of November 28th 1938 which follows in part Quot

Dear Mr Stubblefield I have been some time in answering your kind and interesting letter of October 17, 1938 relative to Snake River Canyon and the possibilities of building a highway down through this treasure house of beauty

you and I may not see this road built but at least we can push it

there was an editorial in the Oregonian of November 22, 1938, relative to the Canyon and placing it in the same category of Fikens Peak, Niagara Falls, Yellowstone and the Canyon of Colorado

I am enclosing copy of portion of your letter as it appeared in a local paper and am going to Boise soon and will endeavor to get a set up in the Statesman for it (Mr Wood Entire Letter)

Kindest regards-R-J-Wood

now my friends of the reading public my point in giving data on Mr Wood in this matter- is that if I am that unknown friend of Wallawa County spoken of in the Chieftain as I have given first herein- who has advocated the creation of said National Park of Hells Canyon- then let it be known that I am said friend of Wallawa County- and plead guilty to such charge

and a separate sheet herewith I give the full story of Hells Canyon as printed in the THE WEISER SIGNAL of Weiser Idaho under date of Thursday October the 27, 1938 as mentioned by Mr Wood in his quoted letter herein

my readers will remember that I have quoted Mr R-E-Stivers one of said protestants against said National Park as saying Quot nobody could halt progress, and that if adequate roads are not built to the scenic points along the canyon, a national park was sure to come

this admission of Mr Stivers that nobody can stop progress and that said National Park would be Established unless adequate roads are built to the scenic points along the Canyon, is admission also on Mr Stivers part that said area is fit for said National Park and not only this but it is a proposal on Mr Stivers part that the People of Wallowa County treat and establish said area-as National Park inso far as possible- this is also admission by Mr Stivers that said Area has not in the past been opened up to travel by roads for scenic or outhur purposes- and neather could IDAHO or Wallowa County do this and neather could Idaho or Jen County in the State of Idaho do this with their portion of said area- Financial conditions forbid- IDAHO COUNTY

the said Chamber of Commerce says further that as a National Park this would be all be alien territory No stock could be grazed in it and there would be no hunting or fishing-that Visitors would have to pay admission to inter said park-

that said Park would be managed by outsiders who would come in the Spring and leave in the fall taking ~~their~~ all their Earnings with them that therefore ~~Wallowa~~ Wallowa County would Derive no Benefits taxes or income s to Wallowa County from said Park-or the revenue therefrom

says the Chamber in Closing Quot every effort will be made to block this present effort to raid the county and ROB it of its valued assets,

let us consider for a mement the valuation of said area to Wallowa County as a range for stock vs the Financial income of said area to Wallowa County if Established as said National Park-

and I ask you the said Chamber of Commerce would not the thousands of Tourists from all parts of of our United States and outhur Countries each year with their Automobiles who would visit Wallowa County and said Park leave a stream of gold With you for the many nessarys of Life they would buy from you- they do in outhur Countyes and States where outhur National Parks are Established-

I ask you again Chamber of Commerce of Enterprise does not Wallowa County receive its full Shair of Financial AID in all respects from our Federal Government-not in the thousands but in the Hundreds of thousands of Dollars and will you not continue to receive this said AID from our said Federal Government as long as Wallowa County and our said Government Exist: let us hope so anyway

did Federal funds not Build your Nez Perce Trail Highway to the Oregon State Line- did the same Kind of Aid not Build your Sheepcreek Highway to Innaba- do you not receive Social Aid from our Government in all respects as outhur Countyes do- for your Aged people- and for your Distitute and Unemployed people- and your Shair of the WPA and CCC and the SERRA-and all the rest of the Alphabetic Projects and Aid s of the New Deal

therefore Chamber of Commerce how is that you Figure that the Federal Government would be Robing you of said area-if it were designated by our said Government as a National Park even though the Government did receive the admission Fees to the said Park-which they should in Order to Establish it and Keep it up

did we not Destroy our Buffalo-Beaver Deer-alk-and nearly Exterminate our Fish- and nearly Ruion our Forests and Ranges-before our Beloved Ex President Theodore Roosevelt Established our Forest Reserves- and thereby placed our great Stock Ranges Under Controle- System and Law-Regulations

also our Protective Game Laws and Reserves were established-were all this not a gods blessing to Man Kind-and would not said National Park if Established make one of the greatest wild game and Fish Reserves on Earth and should we not protect the FLORA and FAUNA thereof as our Government does in outhur National Parks

Sincerely Your Friend

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January 18, 1939.

Hon. Rufus C. Holman,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Holman:

We appreciate your letter of January 11, enclosing copies of communications you have received concerning the proposal to establish a national park in the Wallowa Mountains of northeastern Oregon.

The Wallowa Mountains were investigated in 1929 to determine their suitability for national park purposes. The report of this investigation indicated that while the area is interesting from a scenic standpoint, it is, nevertheless, a type commonly found and frequently duplicated in various sections of the United States, and does not contain features unusual or outstanding enough to warrant establishment as a national park. In view of this report and because of the objections of grazing and other commercial interests to the creation of the park, former Secretary Wilbur disapproved the proposed national park.

Last summer Senator McNary requested that the Wallowa Mountains be reinvestigated along with the Grand Canyon of the Snake River to determine whether a national park should be established in northeastern Oregon. An investigation of the area was accordingly scheduled, but due to adverse weather conditions, has been postponed until spring.

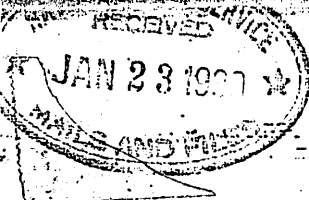
When the report of the investigation is received, you will be further advised.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Arno B. Cammerer

Arno B. Cammerer,
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January 19, 1939

Mr. [unclear]
Col. White W-24
Mr. Wright

National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Proposed Wallowa National Park.

A day or two ago the directors of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce went on record as opposing the creation of a national park in northeastern Oregon to be known as the Wallowa National Park. This action was taken without consulting the members of the Chamber of Commerce nor did the people of this community have an opportunity to either inform themselves upon the subject nor to express their opinion with respect to the proposed park one way or another.

The directors claim that the proposed park area has been investigated by representatives of the Department of the Interior and that it was reported by the National Park Service as being not of national park character.

The writer is interested in being informed as to whether or not a bill proposing this park has been introduced, who it is sponsored by, and whether or not it has the backing or the condemnation of the national park service.

Furthermore, in a general way, I would like to be informed as to the proposed area and location of the park.

Any information which you are in a position to give me will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Marcus J. Ware

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January 24, 1939.

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Director,
National Parks Service,
Department of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that an investigation has been authorized for the purpose of determining the feasibility and practicability of establishing a national park embracing a section of the Wallowa mountains in Oregon, the Snake River Gorge and the Seven Devils in Idaho, and on behalf of the stockmen who depend on the National Forest in the area in question, I want to enter a protest against establishing any such park. Information at hand indicates that about 95,000 head of sheep and 16,000 head of cattle are grazed in the district that would be affected by the proposed park plan.

I request that I be given an opportunity to present further facts and argument against the establishment of the park before any action is taken by your Department.

Sincerely yours,

Compton I. White

Compton I. White,
M.C.

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~~Mr. Sager~~

This is good &
ought to be acknowledged!

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ADDRESS ONLY
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January 28, 1939.

Hon. Compton I. White,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. White:

We appreciate your letter of January 24, concerning the proposal to establish a national park which would include a portion of the Halls Mountains in Oregon, the Snake River Gorge and the Seven Devils in Idaho.

The suggestion for an investigation of this area to determine its suitability for national park purposes comes from the preliminary report on the Parks, Parkway and Recreational Areas of Idaho, prepared by the Idaho State Forestry Department of the Department of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners, in cooperation with this Service. Authorization for the study of Park, Parkway and Recreational Area facilities of the Nation is contained in the Act of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1894).

An investigation of the area in question was scheduled for last year but due to adverse weather conditions has been postponed until spring.

When the report of the investigation is received, we shall be glad to advise you.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Arno B. Cammerer

Arno B. Cammerer,
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February 2, 1939.

Mr. Marcus J. Ware,
Oxx & Ware, Lawyers,
Lewiston National Bank Building,
Lewiston, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Ware:

We appreciate your letter of January 19 concerning a suggested national park in the Wallowa Mountains of northeastern Oregon.

The Wallowa Mountains were investigated in 1929 to determine their suitability for national park purposes. The report following this investigation indicated that the area is scenically important. However, because of grazing and other commercial interests in the area, the proposal was carried no further at that time.

The recent preliminary report on the Parks, Parkways and Recreational Areas of Idaho, prepared by the Idaho State Forestry Department of the Department of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners, in cooperation with this Service, suggests an investigation of a portion of the Wallowa Mountains in Oregon, the Snake River Gorge and the Seven Devils area in Idaho, to determine the suitability of the region for national park purposes. The report of the Idaho State Forestry Department is part of a comprehensive study of the Park, Parkway and Recreational Area facilities of the Nation which has been undertaken by this Service in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1894). Further studies of the areas mentioned above are scheduled to take place sometime this year.

No legislation has been introduced in the Congress providing for establishment of a national park in the Wallowa Mountains, and until we have made additional field examinations we will not be in a position to advise whether such legislation would have the approval of this Department.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad L. Wirth

Conrad L. Wirth,
Supervisor of Recreation
and Land Planning.

cc: Region IV, with
cc/ of incoming letter

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February 2, 1939.

Mr. M. Stubblefield,
831 - 18th Street,
Oakland, California.

Dear Mr. Stubblefield:

We have received a copy of your letter of January 14 addressed to Senator McNary of Oregon, concerning the proposal to establish a national park along the Grand Canyon of the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Your letter contains very interesting accounts of some of the early history of this area, and we are glad to have it for our files.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Conrad L. Wirth

Conrad L. Wirth,
Supervisor of Recreation
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February 4, 1939.

Honorable Walter M. Pierce,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

This is merely an acknowledgement of your letter of January 31, which I have forwarded along the line to check up on the matters referred to - a proposal for a park along Snake River in Oregon and winter sports in Crater Lake National Park. This may take a little time because we are snowed under here.

I shall be delighted to see you at any time you find convenient and want to make an appointment. However, I plan to be out of the city on official business from the middle to the end of February.

Sincerely yours,
(SGD) Arno B. Cammerer

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

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February 9, 1939.

Hon. Walter M. Pierce,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Pierce:

Further reference is made to your letter of January 31, concerning the proposal to establish a national park which would include a portion of the Wallowa Mountains in Oregon, the Snake River Gorge and the Seven Devils region in Idaho.

The suggestion for an investigation of this area to determine its suitability for national park purposes is contained in the preliminary report on the Park, Parkway and Recreational Area Study of Idaho, prepared by the Idaho State Forestry Department of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners in cooperation with this Service. Authorization for the study of Park, Parkway and Recreational Area facilities of the Nation is contained in the Act of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1894).

An investigation of the area in question was scheduled for last year, but due to adverse weather conditions, has been postponed until next spring.

When the report of the investigation is received, we shall be glad to advise you.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

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March 29, 1938.

Memorandum for Regional Director, Region IV.

Reference is made to the prospective investigation of the Wallowa Mountains and Idaho Ice Caves, which the Regional Office has been instructed to make this spring when weather will permit.

You will note from the attached copy of my memorandum of this date to the Superintendent of Yellowstone that it has been decided to have the Idaho Ice Caves investigated by Superintendent Rogers because of their proximity to that park. You are requested to forward to Superintendent Rogers the photographs and any other material which you might have relative to the Idaho Ice Caves. There is no change in the plans for investigation of the Wallowa Mountains.

(SGD) Arno B. Cammerer
Director.

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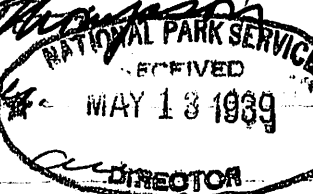
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~~Mr. Bennett~~
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My Dear Cammer

I read an article in a paper where you was quoted as saying the Hallowa nuts are just common. Did you ever see them, I have kind 50 specimens in them have been in nearly all the parks and have met people from all over the world and you are the first man I've ever heard call them common nuts. Please let me hear from you if you said this

as a fighter is in my
earnest in regards
to a National Park
here. I spoke in the
following Cities Eugene,
Salem Portland
Pendleton La Grande
and if I am wrong
nearly all the People
in Oregon are wrong
Only a few sheep men
and its a mistake
when they think all
the People here and in
Joseph are against the
Park as its a big thing
Look at Sun Valley
its no comparison but
Senator Borah done
the trick is Oregon

Laying behind I
am fighting for a
park even if I have to
go to Washington D.C.
to see the President.
The Tourist trade
is the biggest thing of
them all and they are
not broke like the
sheep men.

I would be pleased
to hear from you.
In 1929 only the sheep
men went along when
it was investigated but
this time there will be others
on the job.

I Remain Yours Truly
Charles Seiber
Old Silver Tip of Grand
Lake

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

Charles H. Keeler
Enterprise org



Mr. Aron. B. Cammerer
Director of National Park
Washington
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May 17, 1939.

Mr. Charles H. Seaber,
Enterprise, Oregon.

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Dear Mr. Seaber:

We appreciate your letter of May 8 regarding the proposed national park in the Wallowa Mountains of eastern Oregon.

An investigation of this region by representatives of the National Park Service is scheduled for some time this summer. Until the area is investigated and the report is carefully considered, the Service is not in a position to appraise the value of the area for national park purposes. We shall be glad to advise you further when a decision has been reached regarding the proposed national park in the Wallowa Mountains.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) John R. White

John R. White,
Acting Director.

cc: Region IV

cc: Mr. Little

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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May 24, 1939

*Mr. A. H. ...
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Mr. ...
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Memorandum for the Director:

While in Boise about two weeks ago the director of highways for the State of Idaho, and Joseph Wood, Consulting Engineer for the National Resources Committee, asked regarding the proposal to make the Snake River Canyon and the Wallowa country a national park. They knew of Senator McNary's request for such action and wished to be kept informed. The proposal seems to be rather general knowledge for when I reached Portland the new regional forester of the U. S. Forest Service, Mr. Watts, asked regarding the same project.

It does not appear that any of these gentlemen are opposed to the project; in fact they seem rather favorably inclined than otherwise. They recognize that there will be some opposition from cattlemen and miners.

The proposed Snake River Canyon area lies in both the State of Oregon and the State of Idaho. It also lies in three regions of the Forest Service and is managed by three forest supervisors, each covering his own national forest.

The State Department of Highways, Idaho, is much interested in the proposal.

It is going to be a rather interesting and delicate task not to hurt someone's feelings in connection with the study of this important project. The investigation is going to require apparently several days on horseback and camping in the canyon. It may involve a boat trip from Lewiston, Idaho, up the Snake River approximately 100 miles.

I should like to ask for a little more time in feeling out matters pertaining to the investigation trip and believe it will be best if we definitely plan to take the trip perhaps late in July or even in August.

If this meets with your approval we shall arrange the trip accordingly.

Frank A. Kittredge
Regional Director

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PLEASE FILE for

831-15th Street Oakland California
Februs 24th 1939

Mr Conrad L-Wirth-
Supervisor of Recreation
and Land Planing

National Park Service
Washington D-C-

Dear Mr Wirth

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Copy hereof is mailed to you Our
Beloved Walter M-Pierce Representative
Of Oregon who Does Things PARK SERVICE
this is for your Information Mr Pierce
on the Subject Discussed herein

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this will admitt receipt of your letter date February 2, 1939 and STATE COOPERATION
follows-for fuller understanding- of all consumed- QUOT

we have received a copy of your letter of January 14th 1939 addressed to Senat
or-McNary of Oregon, concerning the proposal to establish a national Park
along the Grand Canyon of the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon-

your letter contains very interesting accounts of some of the early history
of this area- and we are glad to have it for our files

Signed Conard L.Wirth

I sincerely desire to heartely thank you Mr Wirth-for your Kind answer and
for Fileing my said Information for future reference: as I am greatly Inter
ested- in the Establishment of said National Park-having Lived in Wallowa
County Oregon 32 long years as given in my former Information- where I knew
you Mr Pierce and heard you Speak-in the Opera House in Enterprise- where
you stoped in the middel of your Speach-and said to Aaron Wade- who set near
to the Stage in a frount Seat- to Elustrate your Point-Quot Aaron did you
ever Guarntee a Note- yes said Our Old Friend Many of them- bet you have
forgotten this Mr Pierce-

I note in the record Chieftain date of February 16th 1939-Representative
Pierce- where you have intervied Mr Cammerer of the park Service-and various
outher members of his staff-in the Interior building there - with reference
to establishing a Monymnt Service Park in which grazing of privileges would
be allowed- depending on further investagations in the spring- and this
kind of Parke seames to look very Favourable- I am glad to say- never the
less I Emplere you Mr Commerer- to consider well my former argument in my
said data on National Park of January 14- in favour of at least a portion
of the Area of said Park being set aside for a Wild game and Bird Park
for in this very Chieftain from which I have Just Quoted there is an anticle
in which it is stated that Numerous Farmers have complained to Game Warden
Rodgers- about 2000 Tow thousand Wild Ducks- R/ Eating from their Grain and
Hay Stacks- these Ducks they Hay make their Home in Wallowa Lake-but leave
the lake insurch of food in the Winter time-

several years ago-Mr Rodgers Shiped quite a large number of Elk- who had
their Home around the lake- to Prineville Oregon- and to the Knowledge of
the writer- who seen the last Bunch of Mountain Sheep of about Fifty-in the
Rimrock Mountains of Horse Creek-in the Spring of 1895-of Lower Imnaha-this
bunch of Mountain Sheep- resourted to the High Wallowa Mountain Peaks which
are being Considered as a Portion of said Park- these sheep tooock up their
Home winter and Summer-in these lofty Peaks to try to Servive- and Mr Rogers
himself Made a report on this last Bunch of Mountain Sheep that Known of in
the west- about two years ago- that onley a Few head of them remained alive
I caught a young Lamb from this Bunch of Sheep when I last saw them-which
this Lamb was not more than an Hour Old- had Just Been Born-
and I am Shure that you Representative Piece. will throughly Consider this
Wild game Park- and the FLORA and FAUNA thereof- for if we destroy the
Forests of our High Mountains which Holds and preserves the Snows of Winter
in Order that our Lower Lands May be watered in the Summer Time- and that
our Streams and Springs-may Servive- then where with shall they be watered-
and what will become of our Cattle Sheep and Horses-then my friends- ~~Wallowa~~

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again I wish to state that Domestic Sheep are the most destructive and injurious to range ⁱⁿ either Plain or ~~For~~ Forest Ranges of any living Animal first because Sheep are herded on the range in big bands-close together therefore-make trails and trap out the grass and Herbage- and they Eat off the Grass and Herbage- into the very ground closer than any other Animal-

and second because sheep have a small hole-just above the back part of their foot-from which is Ejected every time they put their foot on the ground-an offensive odor- which causes an offensive Smell on the ground-and therefore Sheep ruin the range for any other Animals-this is fully attested by the fumes and strife- between Sheep Men and Cattle and Horse Men-since the creation-of them all- by Godalmighty-

the ~~area~~ area of the Wallowa mountains which is being considered as a part of said National Park-is used by the Sheep Men for a Summer Range for their Sheep- which Ruins this area as grazing purposes for any other Animal-and therefore they ruin this area for all Wild Animals-

the Stock men of Wallowa County have Vast Ranges from Every point of the Compass. the great Chesnimus forest reserve range on the North- the Minam Forest Reserve on their west- the Sheep Creek Imnaha and Snake River Forest reserve on the East- and it is safe to Estimate that nine tenths ~~of~~ of not only Wallowa County-is Grazing land but this Estimate will hold good for the Entire States of Oregon-Idaho-and Washington-yet these Wallowa Sheep men- dosent want to give up said area of Wallowa Mountains on their South for a National Park and Wild Game and Bird Reserve-

and they arguy in the Chieftain that they are taking care of said reserves and said area- as a Scenic area- and when Mr Rogers the said game Warden of Wallowa County wrote his said article in the Chieftain regarding his Observations- of said Mountain Sheep in the said Snowey Peaks of said Wallowa Mountains- he stated therein that one fine Ram had been Killed by a Snow Slide- and I beleive he stated one or Two had been Killed by Cogars- he stated that there were only a Small Number left- of these Wouderous Animals- that these were the Only ones Know of in the West- and that they Should be taken Care of- and preserved and increased- again ~~and~~ I beleive that Mr Rogers Mentioned a wiled Game Park then for these and outhter Wild Game Animals- and so did the director of Forest Reserves- of Portland Oregon mention suchey Park- who also Commented on this little Bunch of Mountain Sheep-

I wrote Bouth Mr Rogers and said Director of said ForestReserves-giving my said Experience with this said Bunch of Mountain Sheep and my Knowledge of them- and I pleaded for suchey Wild Game reserver and I have the Copy of my letters to them to day and I have an answer- from said Director of said Forest Reserves- where in he states that the matter would receive attention and be loocked into- but no wild game reserve yet- and in so fair as I know no ~~pro~~ protection to said Mountain Sheep-

and mind you Gentlemen one of the Complainers against said 2000 wild Ducks who have no place to go or live- is Jay H-Dobbin one of the Oldest and Largest Sheep Owners of Eastern Oregon- doest this loock like the ~~stax~~ the Sheep men and the Chamber of Commerce of Enterprise- is taking care of said areas as Scenic area ~~or~~ or Establishing any Wild Game Reserves- or Parks- or indeed do we not know that neather of the Countyes in which said Park area Exists- could not and would not be Able Financialy to prepair said areas for and as a Nationla Park- what could they do towards Preparing Hell:s Canyon-and the Seven Divels- alone for and as such Park- so I plead for the ~~no Grazing~~ Establishment of a no Grazing National Park-Except for Wild Game and Wild Birds-that we may rehabilitate and replemish our depleted Wild Game- which are good for Human Food- which includes our said Mountain Sheep- and also Moose Elk and deer- and Especialy Buffalo- we owe this to our rising and Future Generations-do you agree with me- Representative Pierce and Mr Cammerer- *Read in the AMERICAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE*

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN FLORIDA and DESTROY WILD LIFE

MAY 7-1939-P-5

now then Representative Pierce- you say you were asked to cite the Park Service- where could be found the history of the early explorers and all facts available in regard to this ~~scenic wonder~~ scenic wonder-
 permit me to say that I gave the first Exploring Party of White people- down Snake River to Hell's Canyon- in my said Data of January 14-1939 but I quoted from Memory and made a mistake ~~of~~ as to the Year which I put as 1814- so I now Cite the History you ask and where to find it-which gives said year as being 1811-

but first I believe it proper and fitting here to make mention of history that led up to this hunt party- and others that followed the Hunt Party- all of whom looked up on those Wondrous Seven Devils-as the first White people to see them-and without which no western History could be Complete-

THE NAME OREGON

Jonathan Carver

History of the Pacific States- Bancroft Oregon Vol. I, 1884- P.171 was on the head waters of the Mississippi river- in 1766- and the Indians told him that there was a great River on the western side of the Rockies- that flowed in to the Pacific Ocean- and they called this great River the Oregon-

the writer and undersigned has read Carver's Book- which he himself wrote 10 years later in London England- and Carver says that he stayed 7 months with the Chipway Indians- on the head of the St Peters River a Tributary of the Mississippi in the winter of 1766-7- that he learned their Language so he could speak it fluently- and he says that these Indians told him of the great River of the west that they called the OREGON- therefore Jonathan Carver is the first person to write the Name OREGON- which Name was applied to the Territory of OREGON- and it was so applied and adopted by the United States Senate- to the State of OREGON- who agreed that Carver coined the word OREGON and first wrote it- and this is agreed by not only Bancroft but by all historians- but none of them knows ~~what~~ this word OREGON means- Bancroft traced it on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean- and among the Chipway Indians from whom Carver learned this word OREGON- and he could not find the meaning- therefore Hell's Canyon on the OREGON shore of Snake River- is represented by the greatest Unsolved Historical State Name- that is known of in all History

THE NAME IDAHO

but the IDAHO Shore enjoys no such popularity for the word IDAHO means in the Nez Perce Tongue- the Shining of the Sun- on those Seven Devil's Peaks when it first raises in the Morning- Ed. Ho- I have proved this meaning to be correct beyond a question of a doubt- have the History for it from the Pioneer William Craig- who lived among the Nez Percés- at Lapwai Idaho- after whom Craig Mountain there was named- so the great River of the west where flows the OREGON- who knew no sound save his own dashings- bore this name as given it by Jonathan Carver- till Robert Gray ~~he~~ discovered it at its Mouth on the 11th day of May 1792

THE COLUMBIA RIVER- ITS HISTORY, ITS MYTHS, ITS SCENERY ITS COMMERCE-- BY WILLIAM DENISON LYMAN- PROFESSOR OF HISTORY IN WHITMAN COLLEGE- WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON- PUBLISHED BY G.P. PUTNAM'S, NEW YORK AND LONDON- 1909

DISCOVERY OF THE COLUMBIA

P-64- Quoted on the morning of May the 11th 1792 dawned clear Favourable light wind, gentle Sea, a broad, clear channel, plainly of sufficient depth. the time was now come. the man and the Occasion met- he ran in with all sail set, and at ten O'clock found himself in a large river of fresh water, etc.

WHY INDIANS CALL WHITE PEOPLE BOSTON MAN

P-102- Robert Gray, the discoverer of the Columbia- after whose ship the Columbia River was named- was fitted out by Bulfinch and others of the Boston Company- some several Hundred other trades from Boston followed from Boston- to the Columbia as the Years passed- in so much that the Indians- therefore called White Men BOSTON MAN-

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THE FATHER OF CAPTAIN GRAY WHO RUN THE NORMA STEAM
BOAT THROUGH HELLS CANYON OF THE SNAKE RIVER AND HIS
THREE BROTHERS WERE ALL STEAMBOAT CAPTAINS AND PILOTS,
ON THE MIGHTY COLUMBIA AND THE SNAKE

P-149-QUOT-W-H-Gray, the secular agent, was a young, fine looking, daring, and athletic man, (very skilful in making and handling boats) teams, ~~wagons~~ waggons, and anything else of a practical nature.

he was one of the manliest men that ever came to Oregon, and was intimately connected with nearly every important event in the history of the Columbia River, navigation included. His four sons, all born in Oregon, became Steam Boat captains and pilots, and without question, no one family has been so intimately associated with the River as has the Gray family. if any one group of people could be said to have filed a claim on the River, it is the family of W-H-Gray. Grays history is of high value and ETC- (read it)

~~OREGON~~

the above my friends is the family lineage Father and three Brothers of the Captain Gray-who himself Personally told me the Story of running the Norma Steamboat through Hells Canyon- just as I wrote it ~~in~~ in and with my said Data on Hell; Canyon of January 14th-therefore Representative Pierce-he was a worthy and honorable Pioneer-all of the Grays therefore my friends of the National Park Service-and Representative Pierce and friends of Oregon and Idaho-as my Daughter Cecil Mrs R-W-Pearson of 2549-Rheem Ave-Richmond ~~Calif~~ ^{Washington} has a picture of Captain Gray- do you agree with me that it would be proper and fitting to Enlarge a Picture of Captain Gray, and place it with his said Story of Hells-Canyon- Historical Building at head of Hells Canyon- as the first Navigator there of- and in point of this first Navigation of Hells Canyon- and as the deepest Canyon on the Earth as yet unexplored- I Cite the following Scriptures-QUOT

I. CORINTHIANS-second Chapter, 9 verse- But as it is written, Eye hath not Seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him
Verse 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit Searcheth all things, Yea the (Deep things of God)

of course the history of the hunt party and captain Bonneville would be added with Captain Grays-if said Park is Established-

I want the Park Service to get said Book of the Columbia River by Mr. Lyman it is indeed a fine History of the west and contains 80 fine pictures and maps of the Columbia Snake River and their Regions- the Oregonian did not Publish my said Data on Hells Canyon of January 14- and there is no doubt in my mind that their reason for this was that W-H-Gray Wrote a History of Oregon-in which he Condemned the Catholics as being responsible for the Whitman Massacre-read this-begining on P-204-in said book of the Columbia

while it is not my Purpose to Incite religious issues at all in this Information-never the less I dont want the Oregonian or any other Person or Persons to be permitted to do this- is why I call the attention of the of Park Service to this matter-never the less I am a Protestant-and fully beleive W-H-Grays said Charges against the Catholics as stated in his said History of Oregon-by W-H-Gray

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE made in 1803

and the LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION 1904-6

P-71 QUOT, we must therefore take up the American expeditions- which proceeded-from the (master mind of Thomas Jefferson. the first of these was the expedition of Lewis and Clark. This expedition did more to broaden the American mind and to fix our national destiny than any similar event in our whole history

as soon as Jefferson was inaugurated president, he had urged up Congress the fitting out of an expedition to explore the Missouri River and such principal streams of it as, as by its course of communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the (OREGON) Colorado, or any other river, may offer the most direct and practical water communication across the continent, for the purpose of commerce.

but before anything had actually been accomplished in the way of exploration, that vast and important event, the (LOUISIANA PURCHASE) had been effected. the significance of this event was but little understood at the time, even by Statesmen, but (Jefferson realised) that a great thing had been accomplished towards the development of the nation. etc

THE ASTOR HUNT EXPEDITION

now my friends of the National Park Service and Representative Pierce and friends of Oregon Washington and Idaho- the herein before Information and Expedition: as I have given- is what led up to and resulted in the above said Astor Hunt Expedition who were the first White People in as far as we know from all History to travel Down Snake River- to Hells Canyon- 3 of whom were the first White Men to make tracks on the Foot of the Seven Devils- and pass around and below them and on Down Snake River-

pages 89 to 97- QUOTE- most remarkable of these early Journeys was that of the Hunt Party which was the land division of the great Astor movement to establish the Pacific Fur Company

P-91 But having reached what is now known as the (Seven Devils) country in South-western Idaho, they found themselves in a chain of rapids and precipitous bluffs where neither boats nor horses, apparently nothing but (wings) could be of service

P-92- the party applied to this long volcanic chute the name of the (Devils) ~~Scuttle-hole~~ Scuttle-hole, and to the river they applied the name of La Riviere Mauvite Enragee, or Accursed Mad River

P-96- stopping to investigate they discovered that these were Day and Crooks the leaders of the Party they had left behind- (by the writer these are 2 of the said first men to tread the feet of the Seven Devils)

P-97- Poor John Day Dies and John Day River in Eastern Oregon is Named for Him- ~~the~~ - by the writer they had reached Astoria- at the Mouth of the Columbia- and were attempting to return home in the East

But to the parties led by Lewis and Clark and by (Hunt) we must accord the greatest deed of praise for having broken the first pathway across the continent and for having linked the two oceans by the footsteps of civilized men-

now my friends Strange to say that Mr Lyman has left the Dorion Family out of the Hunt Expedition- entirely out of his Story- therefore it is very incomplete- therefore I will quote you some Authentic history on this point from the President of the Oregon Historical Society- Mr Carey -

A GENERAL HISTORY OF OREGON PRIOR TO 1861- BY CHARLES H-CAREY, LL.D. PRESIDENT OF THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY- IN TWO VOLUMES VOLUME I- METROPOLITAN PRESS- PUBLISHERS- PORTLAND

P-172- we come then to the best known of these fur trade expeditions, that of the great merchant prince, John Jacob Astor. he was at this time in the noon day of his powers, conducting a great business with headquarters in New York City- Astor was Born in Germany, in the small town of Waldorf.

P-190- the Astor Overlanders suffered far more greater hardships than did Lewis and Clark and their men, and had a much more difficult and dangerous Journey, but the Story of their loyalty, their courage and their persistence will ever be told with history's thrilling tales of heroism

this auxillary expedition was placed under the direction of Wilson-Price-Hunt the one of the parties who was a native born American

P-191-An interpreter was engaged, Pierre Dorion, a half-breed, the Son of that Dorion that had served in similar capacity for the Lewis and Clark expedition Dorion brought his Sioux Wife, and Two children, along the fortitude and steadfastness of this native Woman came to be recognized, and like Sacajawea of Lewis and Clark expedition, her heroism gained for her the good will of the party,

192 it was a coincidence that Ascajawea, with her husband, Thussant Charboneau, and the little Son born on the Lewis and Clark expedition, returning to the land of the Shoshones from a visit to civilization, passed up the Missouri at this time with the Missouri Fur Company's party, and thus the two brave Women who first dared the overland Journey came in contact with each other

by the writer if you please my friends this Dorion family is the one Omitted- by Mr Lyman in the Columbia River history from which I have before Quoted- this brave Sioux Woman is called in other Histories the Holy Rain Bow- by reason of her great ~~Beauty~~ Beauty- this Brave woman Endured some of the greatest hardships and suffering on this trip of any Woman Guide that is known of in all history- and on this trip she gave Birth to the first white child ever Born on the western slopes of the Rockies- as I will show you and I believe that you will agree with me- that she is intitled to a Monument at the head of Hell: Canyon-

the Hunt expedition got under way in April 1811 bound for Astoria at the Mouth of the Columbia- with four boats the largest of which mounted two howitzers- and a swivel gun- etc

P-200- it was on December 6, 1811, that they saw Crooks and his men returning up stream on the opposite side of the river canyon, having turned back after going (60 miles) below and finding it impossible to further penetrate the rugged country, where (walls) of rock and high ridges and deep chasms blocked their way, and where the river pushed swiftly between (cliffs) that rose from the turbulent water, the deep snow in the mountains made ~~it~~ a detour away from the stream impracticable. Emaciated and hungry, these men had even (eaten the soles of old Moccasins)

comment by the writer- it is 60 miles from where the OR&N Railroad Bridge Crosses Snake River at Huntington Oregon- Down Snakeriver to Homestead the Ox Bow- and Hells- Canyon- so you note Mr. Carey's Accuracy in his history of the canyon

P-199- excuse the writer for digressing back to page given but it is because of an oversight- Quot- the plan adopted was to follow down the ~~river~~ both sides of the Snake river, dividing the men into two groups of 18, led by Hunt on one Side of the Stream, and a like number with Crooks on the other. Dorion and his little family followed Hunt. it was now well into November. Each person including Dorion's (Wife) carried a pack, and she had also during part of the time to carry her two-year old child, while the four-year-old trudged along beside her, she was at this time nearing her birth of a third little one, but with uncomplaining courage she kept the trail with the party

P-200 again- now the Hunt party Kills a Horse- to avert Death by Starvation as they retrace their weary Step from Hells Canyon back up Snakeriver after they had eaten several Dogs they bought from Indians- Poor LeClerc in the Crooks Party is now too weak to walk- and they undertake to transfer food and they lost their ill advised raft in Snakeriver and also the Life of a Canadian-

by the writer another history says that this poor Fellow who was near Death from Starvation- at the sight and smell of the Cooching Horse flesh- as their Grude Horsehide Boat neared the shore danced for Joy at the life saving Smell and sight of Food- and this caused the Boat and his own life to be lost in Snake river- at this time they had kept up their weary march without tasting food- ten days

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THE FIRST WHITE MEN TO TROD THE FOOT OF THE SEVEN DEVILS

P-201- QUOT-at this point,Hunt went forward with the main party,leaving Crooks, Day and Dubreuil,Day had given out and could not proceed,and Crooks, who was now in better condition,(would not leave and old ~~employee in this plight~~ (friend and employee in this plight.Fortunattelysome horses were procured at this place,and two were left with this small party,besides some meat-

comment by the writer the above three men are the first White men ever to
trod the foot of the Seven Devils-who made their way around and above Hell;s
Canyon-and Down Snake River-

River-
THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN ON WESTER SLOPE OF THE ROCKIES

QUOT-Matters were at a Serious pass when, on the 30th of December, at a place which is believed to be near the site of the present village of North Powder Oregon, Mrs Dorion was taken with the pains of labour. her husband had steadfastly led the miserable horse, that so far had served for her and for the little children, and for their bundel of belongings. Dorion now insisted that he would be able to do what was necessary, and that there was no cause to delay the party. Hunt left them in the Snow camped ~~among~~ among the trees, and hastened on with his men. Powerless to aid,

P-202-on that bleak day,near the close of the year 1811,a little human being came into the strange World.

now Hunt pushes on some 18 miles to the beautiful Valley of the Grand Round as it was later Called- but before they reach there another man of their party collapsed- but they found a Shoshone Camp ^{there} are treated Kindly by the Indians and Given food- and on the 31st came Dorion with his Wife Children and new Born Babe-

THE DEATH AND FINAL RESTING PLACE OF MRS.DORION

THE DEATH OF HER FIRST HUSBAND AND HER SECOND MARRIAGE

QUOT-while on the march a week later the infant died-and it may be as well to anticipate, and to interrupt the narrative to tell of this Woman at a later period. Madam Dorion and her two children were seen among the Walla Walla Indians- April 4th 1814, when the last of the Astor expedition was passing up the Columbia en route to St. Louis, the husband and others had been Killed by Indians- while trapping on the Snake river during January of that year. with her children she had fled from the murderous savages, taking (LeCerc, who was still alive, but wounded, and who died during the flight. she camped in a wild and secluded ravine, subsisting upon the flesh of her horses. She managed to reach the Walla Walla tribe in March, by a long tramp over the mountains, bringing her children through in spite of cold, hunger and fatigue. The Walla Wallas received her hospitably, and the helpless little ones, who had seen so many adventures in their Short lives, were safe with the courageous Woman, whose Mother love had never failed them.

On the date just mentioned, she called to the Overlanders as they were Swiftly paddling up the Columbia, and it was from her, that the first news of the massacre was received. Later, she married (John Toupin) and was a respected resident in the French Canadian settlement in the Willamette valley. She died there

(September 5th 1850 September fifth Eighteen fifty-AND *we* *ful on 11th Mar*
 MUCH THANKS *and respect* *and one of the best Historians I have ever read after*
 by the writer-we owe Mr. Carey much thanks indeed for his final account of
 our Beloved and Brave Mrs Dorion-for all ourther Historians say that there
 was no account of her or her death or Burying place-given after the account
 of her above given as of April 4th 1814

do you my Friends believe that I have made good my promise to show you that
a fitting Monument should be Erected to the Memory of our beloved Mrs
Dorion-at the head of Hell:s Canyon on the Snake River-placing thereon the
names of the outhers of her ~~Party~~ first white People to Visit Hell:s
Canyon

your sincere friend M. Stubblefield-Hustonian

PARK SERVICE HISTORY TOLD

Former Employe Cites the
Record In Wyoming
Expansion

Salem, Oregon, May 18, 1939.
Chieftain, Enterprise, Ore.:—Referring to your editorial, appearing in yesterday's Oregonian, wish to state that I hope you and others opposed will continue the fight to prevent the National Park Service from acquiring the "canyon" and the country surrounding it for inclusion in a proposed national park. You are right in assuming that they will "charge admission and load it up with service stations and concessions. They want to despoil it and commercialize it and so rob it of its fascinations."

I speak as one who has first-hand information when I say that you will do well to look into the methods employed by the park service, and the motives, in acquiring lands in other states for inclusion in the national parks.

We (my husband and myself) are ex-employees of the National Park Service, and my husband attended hearings held at Jackson, Wyo., in August 1933, at the time of the investigation by a sub-committee of the U. S. senate. The purpose of the hearings was to ascertain the facts in connection with the land purchase plan in that region, which was sponsored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in the interest of national park extension.

This plan, as proposed to Mr. Rockefeller by Horace M. Albright, then superintendent of Yellowstone Park (Wyo.) and later director of the National Park Service, was to buy up all private lands in the region and have them revert to primitive wilderness for the presumable purpose of affording more range for the southern elk herd.

It is now apparent that immediately after these lands were acquired, Utah friends of Horace Albright, and agents of John D. Rockefeller formed a corporation, known as the Snake River Land Company, for the purpose of engaging in business en-

(Concluded on page 4)

Mr X,
Salem, Oregon

Mr Geo-P-Cheney Editor
Rec: Chieftain Enterprise
Ore. please run this
in Chieftain as answer to
your Mrs X-and National Park
and the Park Service

851-15th Street
Oakland Calif
May 29th 1939

Dear Madam X

I read your article in Chieftain of Enterprise Oregon under date of May 25th 1939, relative to National Park service which article approves of Mr Cheney's Opposition and euthera to the Establishment of a Proposed National Park which includes Hells Canyon of Snakeriver 60 miles below Huntington Ore. and the Seven Devils on the Idaho side of Snakeriver, *and the wallowa mountains* and as testimony against the Establishment of said Park you give Expery testimony as ex-Employee bouth you and your Husband of said Park Service that said Park Service bouth past and present is a FRAUD AND A GRAFT, and if of any Value, or Service what so ever, to the People of our Government in your estimation, then you dont state this in your said Article, and you say you read the article of the Chieftain in the Portland Oregonian and you say you will give Mr Cheney and the Oregonian further information along this line if they request it,

and if you do Mrs. X. are you shure enough of your Grounds and Fair enough to to our Park service and our Government officials and Individualls, whome you accuse of being Croocks and Grafters, to back your said Charges with your signed Signature and your address- this is of high importance Mrs. X, as you are the First person that I have Ever Known of in these United States making such Charges, *against the park service*

I maintain that our National Forest Resurves and National Parks and all Parks and Recreation Ground, are the Greatest asset s of our Nation and especially our National Parks like the Yellowstone, which preserves Wild Game and wild Birds for the bennefit of our Future Generations, which outhier wise would become extinct so would all our Flora and Fauna- read what happned to the said Flora and Fauna and wild Life of Florida in the AMERICAN WEEKLY for Sunday May 7th 1939 Page 5

do you not know Mrs. X. that our great Forest Reserves and Parks preserve the Snows and rains that falls thereon to be carryed to our Arid lands below in Spring and Summer and feed our Rivers Creeks and Springs which would outhier wise Go Dry,

and do you not know that the Great Erasion of Soil in the Now famous Dust Bores of our Eastern States, which has carryed Hundreds of Billions of tons of our Productive Soil in the Atlantic Ocean is caused by disruption of the Soil and the Grass and Herbage being eaten and Tramped out, and the Distructin of Tember and Folage, and Drouth, and that is our Forests Folage and Flora what is left is not Protected by said National Parkes and Reserves that the rest of Range and Farm lands will go the same way I do Mrs. X-

do you not know that the greatest Forest of tember on Earth the *Matto Grosso* ~~Forest of South America along the Mightey Amazon the~~ *Matto Grosso* of South America along the Mightey Amazon the *greatest* River on Earth, bouth Owe their Existance to the great Rain Fall each Year which is Drawn drawn and attracted, by said Forest, this great Forest the said MATTO GROSSO is one million SQUARE MILES IN EXTENT and so Dense in a great portion of it that it is unpenetrable for Eather Man or Beast, and the great trees many of them 200 feet high, and 20 feet in Diameter at the Butt-

about relative to forests
in proof of these facts of this great Forest, I Citd you a book intitlled THE RIVER AMAZON FROM ITS SOURCES TO THE SEA BY PAUL FOUNTAIN page 57ther

God created Trees for these purposes and the Benefit and Glory of Man Kind and for his use, and Give him Dominion over them not to distroy, but to take Care of in our National Parks City and Countery Parks and in our National Forest Reserves, so as to Perpetuate their said Fenefit and Glory on down the ages, to our future Generations

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Genesis 1-0, 29th V-Ar God said, Behold, I have gi : you every herb bearing Seed, which is upon th face of all the earth, and every (tree) yielding in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat

Revelation, 7-C-1-V- And after these things I saw four angels Standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on Sea, nor on any (tree).

2-V- and I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the Seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3-V- saying Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the (Trees)

therefore Mrs X. we see that God and his Holy angels protects Trees. by Decree of God, from their creation by him to the end of time, therefore is the National Park Service, doing roun as you say by protecting them, for the Purposes and uses to Man Kind before stated,

but maby you doubt my argument that our Trees and great Forests attract Rain and if so I will prove to you that they do so attract Rain, by the fact that there is no rain from one years end to the outhur in the great Valley one thousand miles long in the land of Egypt not a drop, where there are no trees and Forests to Attract said Rain,

and I Quot you from a Book Intitled THE NILE THE LIFE STORY OF A RIVER BY EMIL-LUDWIG. PUBLISHED BY THE VIKING PRESS NEW-YORK 1937

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page 263 Quot- Wadi Halfa means the the Grass Valley in the land of no (RAIN)
Page 270 The Nile in Mistory Rises Steadily and yet receives (NO RAIN) as it is fed by floods from the Mountains at its sorce,

I therefore say yes to the National Park Department Mrs X establish said National Park including therein Hell:s Canyon of Snake River and the Said Seven Devils Mountains of Idaho and the Wallowa Mountains of Oregon,

and make it not a Monument Park on which is allowed to be kept and grazed Sheep horses and Cattle, but restrict these, and make it a wiled Game reserve including wild Birds for God also Gave us Dominion over ~~these~~ all of these including the Great Whales and Fishes of the Sea, and we should preserve them also,

why do you Mrs-X-assume it to be any roun for the said Park Service to ~~can~~ charge admission to any Park, and why would you not Expect them to Charge admission-how would they improve them and keep them up if they didnt charge admission,

and why do you say that they want to despoil it and commercialize it and rob it of its fascinations. if the parke Service don this then how could they commercialize any park, for then people would not pay to see a despoiled Park which had been robbed of its fascinations do you think Mrs X, I wouldnt

you say Mrs-X- thay Mr Rockefeller became enterested in Lands adjoining National Parks, in a fraudish way, I have read Mr Rockefeller's Life Story, and read and Known of him all my Life, and this is the first time that I have read or Knew anything of such Conduct on Mr Rockefeller's Part, and I never knew before that it Constitutes Fraud, and Crime, to purchase Land adjoining or near to a National Park because one had the Idea that said land would raise in Value, because of said Park, and neayher does this Speaks very well for your claim that National Parks become Worthyless, by reason of being despoiled and deprived of their fascination, Mrs X-I followed the realestate Buisness for 16 years of my Life, in the States or Oregon Washington and Idaho, and I never seen land Values raised that way by despoliation Mrs X

Sincerely yours M. Stubblefield Historian

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1933.

ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Memorandum for Mr. Cabalane:

Re: Recreational areas suitable for National
Park Service administration

In addition to previously considered or investigated areas such as the White Mountains, the Cascade area, the Snake River Canyon, Mt. Hood, the Sawtooth Mountains, the Wind River Mountains, the Escalante Area, the southern Oregon coast, and the Quince-Superior region, the following areas have impressed me as having recreational value:

I. Small areas, some of State-wide importance only.

1. Lake Tahoe, California -- a terrific private ownership problem.
2. Wallowa and Anacostia Lakes, Oregon -- a very large proportion of the recreational use of the previously investigated Wallowa Mountains is at present confined to Wallowa and Anacostia Lakes and closely adjacent territory. Practically all of Wallowa Lake is privately owned, but a closely adjacent portion (about 14 sq. mi) of the Wallowa National Forest includes Anacostia, Jewett, and Rogers Lakes, all having heavy recreational use.
3. Charleston Mountain, Nevada -- a small portion of the Dixie National Forest, near Las Vegas, Nevada, having heavy recreational use, both summer and winter.
4. Navajo Lake, Utah -- a heavily used recreational area in the Dixie National Forest near Cedar Breaks National Monument. It could be easily administered in the Zion-Bryce setup, but rather uninteresting grazing land intervening between it and existing Park Service areas would probably prevent joining it to present boundaries.

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5. Fish Lake, Utah -- In Fish Lake National Forest. Heavily used, and famous throughout the west as a fishing spot. Considerable private ownership.
6. San Francisco Mountain, Arizona -- about 45 sq. mi. in the Coconino National Forest, including the mountain and its surroundings, has considerable recreational and scenic value, as well as scientific interest, it being the classic life zone example of Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
7. Circle Cliffs Petrified Forest, Utah -- This isolated and little known forest is said to rival our present monument in Arizona. It is located 15 or 20 miles due east of Boulder, Utah, immediately southwest of the Powell National Forest, in Utah Grazing District No. 5. I believe it was at one time considered as a possible portion of the Escalante Area.
8. Table Cliffs Plateau, Utah -- an unusually spectacular portion of the Pink Cliffs, located in the Powell National Forest, and embracing about 50 sq. mi. in T. 35 and 36 S., R. 1 W. About 1930 it was recommended by Mr. Scoville as an addition to Bryce. I believe that it deserves the most careful consideration. To effectively administer it as a portion of Bryce, it would be desirable to acquire an additional 15 sq. mi. as a "corridor" between the existing park and the Table Cliffs. There appears to be ample geologic and scenic justification for such a corridor around the headwaters of the Paria River.

II. Large areas

1. Aquarius Plateau, Utah -- the entire eastern portion of the Powell National Forest (about 1,000 square miles) has great scenic and scientific value and potential recreational value of considerable magnitude. It includes the Table Cliffs area previously mentioned, and adjoining it is the petrified forest mentioned under I, No. 7. It is the highest large plateau in the United States, or possibly even in North America (10,000 to 11,000 feet). It contains many fine fishing lakes and streams and interesting forests and meadows. Biologically it is a rather unique Boreal Zone island surrounded by deserts. Geologically it is the climax of the great plateau region and contains examples of glaciation, volcanism, Cenozoic and Recent sedimentation, spectacular uplifts, and erosion on a gigantic scale. Scenically it has been considered superlative by all observers and writers. See C. E. Dutton, Report on the Geology of the High Plateaus of Utah, U.S.G.S. 1880; ask Dr. H. E. Gregory, of Honolulu, now retired from the Survey; or ask R. H. Rutledge, now head of Grazing Division, under whom the area was first made accessible by truck trail (about 1936).

2. Grand Mesa, Colorado -- about 280 sq. mi., the entire southwestern arm of the Grand Mesa National Forest, is of high recreational value. The central portion of this area (about 100 sq. mi. in T. 11 S., Ranges 98, 94, and 95 W., and T. 12 S., Ranges 94 and 95 W) is of unusually high recreational value. It contains at least 125 lakes, with fine fishing in many of them. The Forest Service has developed good roads and camp sites. The Grand Mesa is much publicized as the biggest plateau in the United States. It is second to the Aquarius in size and I believe also in scenery and in geologic interest. Its present recreational value surpasses that of the Aquarius, partly because it offers much better hunting in addition to as good or better fishing. It is also more accessible and closer to larger populations.

Grazing is an important factor to consider in both Aquarius and Grand Mesa. Both of these Forests furnish excellent grazing, upon which depends much of the economic welfare of surrounding communities. There is no other summer range which could be practically linked up with winter utilization of thousands of square miles of surrounding winter range.

A similar factor exists to an even greater extent in the case of the Snake River Canyon. That canyon is the winter range for a large proportion of the stock summering in the Wallowa Mountains and in the adjacent Rocky Mountains clear over to Montana. It is the opinion of informed stockmen that the Snake River Canyon is the equal, if not the superior, of any other grazing ground in the west. It is my personal opinion that this grazing value is so great as to outweigh the scenic and recreational values, with the possible exception of Hall's Canyon proper (about 75 sq. mi. lying along the river west of the Seven Devils).

3. Grand Daddy Lake region, Utah -- the entire High Uinta Primitive Area (about 880 sq. mi.) in the Wasatch and Ashley National Forests, has great recreational and scenic value, and is fairly close to centers of population.

C. C. Presmall
Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division.

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August 28, 1939.



sent
Col. White
Mr. Rutledge 8/30
Mr. Wether
Ben Thompson

Mr. Arno B. Cammerer, Director,
 National Park Service,
 Department of the Interior,
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Cammerer:

I am attaching a letter from Mr. George E. Richards, Secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Wallowa County, Enterprise, Oregon, together with copy of a resolution adopted by the Association opposing the creation of a National Park which would include extensive parts of Wallowa County now being used as cattle and sheep range. Your consideration of the views of this Association will be appreciated.

On January 18, 1939, you advised me that an investigation of the Wallowa Mountains along with the Grant Canyon of the Snake River was scheduled for this spring. I would like to know whether this was made and the result of the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus C. Holman

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August 31, 1939

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Hon. Rufus C. Holman,

United States Senate.

My dear Senator Holman:

In the absence of Director Cammerer, who is still confined to his home by illness, I have received your letter of August 28, with reference to the resolution adopted at the August 12 annual meeting of the Wailowa County Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association, against establishment of a national park in Wailowa County.

If plans are working out as intended, a group composed of State highway officials, and National Park and Forest Service representatives, are now investigating the general region to which you have reference. No recommendations having been made in the matter as yet, we are unable to provide any details concerning the suggested national park or to judge how the welfare of the stockmen might be affected. We shall, of course, get in touch with you as soon as there is something definite to report.

The letter to you of August 15 from Mr. Richards, and your copy of the resolution, are returned for your files.

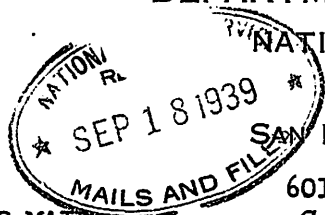
Sincerely yours,

(SGD) John R. White
J. R. White,
Acting Director.

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REGION FOUR
601 Sheldon Building
September 16, 1939

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Memorandum for the Director:

The long delay experienced in the completion of the inter-Departmental field examination of the Cascades area has made it necessary to postpone similar examination of the Wawalla Mountains and the Snake River Canyon areas. The reasons for the delay were due to the adjustment of dates continually demanded by representatives of the Washington Planning Council.

It is suggested by Superintendent Tomlinson and Mr. Davidson that the membership of the Snake River Investigation Committee be confined to the two Federal services in order that there may be no further delay. Will you please radio your approval or disapproval of this suggestion?

Superintendent Tomlinson will be required to leave his headquarters on September 24 to attend the Superintendents' Conference in Santa Fe. He does not expect to return before October 21. It is therefore thought advisable for Davidson, Lewis, and Sumner to proceed with the Snake River examination without Mr. Tomlinson, provided of course that this arrangement will meet with your approval.

Perry R. Gage
Perry R. Gage,
Acting Regional Director.

cc: Mr. Davidson
Mr. Sumner
Dr. Lewis
Mr. Hoyt

G.L.Collins, Int. Ext. 2108

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1939.

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

(SGD) A. E. DEMARAY

cc: Regional Director-Washington 

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Mr. E.A. Davison
Landscape Architect,

E.L. Sumner, wild life technician,

Dr. J. Volney Lewis, geologist

San Francisco.

Mr. F.V. Horton assistant.
regional Forester in charge of
lands of the regional Forest
office in Portland
Portland Oregon

my Dear Sirs

I note in Record Chieftain of Enterprise Oregon. Wallowa County/ your inspection of Hell's/ Hall's canyon of Snake river. with view to making a report to your Superiors of Parke Service. at Washington D.C. on the character of the canyon and its desirability of making it a national Park

Mr Geo.P. Cheney the Editor goes on to say that your said inspection was the second of the kind ~~of~~ in recent years, which was the result of propaganda and agitation from rather hidden sources, all distant from Wallowa county. and presumably ignorant of the effects of the proposed change.

before approaching my subject further let me explain that I was a resident of Wallowa County before it was devided off from Union County. my Father W.K. Stubblefield having been the first White settler on Horse Creek of Lower Innaha. in 1884. and I lived in Wallowa County till 1917. when I Moved to Lewiston Idaho. where I continued in my Occupation the real estate buisness till 1925. when I came to California.

therefore I helped make Wallowa County. run stock and Improved on Horse Creek one of the finest Stock Ranches to be found this side the Rockies. I herded the First sheep ever taken to Innaha. for my Cousin Frank Stubblefield in the Winter and Spring of 1885-6. and Frank Taken the First Sheep ever taken to Snake River at Rollens Bar. in 1886-7. and I and Bob Rickmon Cradle the First Crop ever Sown on Snake River. on Dug Bar. in 1888. this goes for Snake River from the Mouth of Grandround to the Ox Bow. above the said Hell's Canyon.

therefore I know the Old Days of the Stock Buisness before therewas any forest reserve. when whoever struck camp and doped his hat off first it was his Range. provided no one didnt run him off of it. when Judge Colt was the Law. and for the Laying of four Poles in a Square a Foundation we called it. 160 acres of land was yours.

the same with wild Game. for the taking it was yours and no Limit. the same in fishing. it was all free. therefore the Game was nearly Extirminated. the Ranges unprotected also the Forests. all this brought about the Protecting-Forest Reserve. and Range Regulation Laws. and our Protecting Laws of Wild Life. Fish and Game. doesn't you Mr. Cheney and the few Stock men who oppose said National P ark. where Wild game and Wild Birds could be properly Protected and Propagated. together with all Flora and Fauna there on. for our future Rising and Coming Generations. is not Just as much of a Step Forwards. as was the the Forest Reserve. and the Range Laws and Wild Game Protecting Laws. who have no Home Now.

and do you say that the Preserving not onley of the Forest of said Park area. but all the Natural Beauty there of. especial that of Hell's canyon which has no Equal on earth being the Deepest Canyon on earth 8x 7900 feet in said Proposed National Park. is not for the best Intrests of all our people. if not then you would have to talk like you have since you refused to run my Fathers Lifestory in your said Chieftain. in order to protect J.H. Horner. against me. on the Truth of History.

I wrote you an article some two months ago Mr. Cheney Challenging your Miss X. a article in your Chieftain against the Establishment. of Hell's Canyon

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in your CHIEFTAIN

wherein she accused the Officials of said Park Department, of being Crooks, and Grafters said she and her Husband, knew because that they had been Employed on said Park Service, but she concealed her Name and Address, so I wrote ~~xxxxxx your xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~ mistake you an article to run in your Chieftain Mr Chaney, Challenging your Miss X. to come out from hiding, and answer me, or if she would stay hid to to answer me anyway, atleast, but you didnt run my said article Mr. Chaney but now you accuse hidden Propaganda's of getting said Government Inspector s. to inspect said Area. your said Propagandast. wasent Hid was she Mr. Chaney, and perhaps her said article. was Propaganda. just a secondhand kind of Prepgander. I supese.

let us consider for a moment the income from said Area, for stock grazing vs said National Park. the high Wallowa Mountains is onley grazed about 3 months out of the year for summer range. and the Value derived therefrom to the Stock Men for their Beef and Wool and the fee perhead they pay the Forestreserve, department there for is the Total Valuation derived from said Area, which sum I donot know. but it is safe to say that it would no wheres near Equal the amount which would be derived from trade from the Millions of people that would come from alover the World to visit and see this Great National Park. with its Hell's canyon and its lofty shining seven Devils Peaks, who have no equal in the west. for beauty and grandure, and then the Entrance Fees to said Park. but the greatest benefit would come from the Devloment in roads and settlements and Civilization. of all this unopened and unassable. Countery of Snakeriver and its Tributaries. namely the Imnaha. and the Salmon Rivers. one of the most Productive Counteryes and finest Clymate on Earth.

R.J.Wood of Weiser Idaho has put in his life time Boasting for a road Down Snakerive to Lewiston Idaho. and a few weeks ago went through Hell's canyon. with several outhter Men and to Lewiston by Boat. with this View in mind.

and I assume for a further reason to see if I had told the truth. of the description. of this Treasurer house of Beauty. of Hell's canyon as given to me by Captain Gray. Pioneer Navagatior of the Columbia. and the Snake. at Paseo Washington. where he lived in 1912. Captain Gray took the Norma Steam Boat. through Hell's Canyon and Down the Snake and the Columbia. to Portland Oregon for the O W R & N. Company. the first Steam Boat. ever to go through Hell's Canyon, and down the Snake to the Mouth of Grandround. I wrote Captain Grays Story and sent it to Mr Wood and he run it in the Weiser Signal. last year.

the Stock Men of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. are a Fine set of people no better on Gods Earth. they helped to Build and Make the west. what it is to day. but the Farmer and Laborers have done just as much and just as good people. and they are Far greater in Numbers that the Stock men by many times. and their Intrests should be Considered, also and I will venture the Assurtion right heare that if a General Vote was taken that the said National Park would win by a Big Majority.

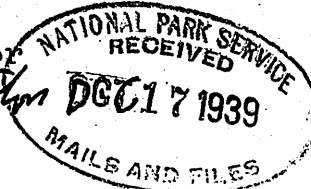
however I do not take issue. with Opposers of said National Park. in a reprehensive way. I Entitle Every Person to their Own Opinion, and say with our Belove Linclon. With Charity for all and Malice toward none However I think the said Opposers are Penny Wise and Dolar Foolish.

the said Stock Men. have I assume, something like nine tenths of the whole of the Ex Area. of the said States. for range. from Every Point of the Compass. they have it in Wallowa, so shurely on more mature thought they will say Our Wild Game and Birds have a right to Home. and waneep said National Park to Open up said Countery of the Unsettled Snake and its Tributarys. and to Preserve this Treasurer House of Beauty. for coming Generations. so lets have it

Yours Truly for Hell's Canyon National Park M. Stubblefield, Jr.

12th Street Oakland
 Oct. 13th 1939

The Director. National Park Service
 also
 Mr. Conrad L. Worth Supervisor
 of Recreation



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Answered by form letter No. 1.
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my Dear Sirs

hearewith Enclosed information on and argument for the Establishment of Hell's Canyon National Park. under date of Yestarday Oct. 12th. to addressee's as given, for your Further Information on Said Park

some of this Information is re petition as to you people because I have corresponded with you Quite a bit on establishment of said park. as your files will show. but in said information there are several points which is not re petition especially as to Mr. Geo. P. Cheney Editor of the record chieftain. and also the greater Number. of People out side of said Stock men. who would want said Park. and as Fair as this goes. the whole People of our U nited States and Outher Counterys to. is intitled to the Bennefi s. of said Park.

I wish also to give you a side tip on Senator C.H. Zurcher/ Newly Elected to the State Legislature of Oregon. who went to the Editor of the Portland Oregonian. and used his Influnce with said Editor. to not run anymore Articles in his said paper which approved of the Establishment of said Park.

I have know Mr. Zurcher from his Boy Hood 54 long years. who was elected County Clerk. Twice I beleive. and begin his ~~Emrr~~ Career when a Boy Clerking for the Old E.M & M. Company of Enterprise and later years went into the Mens Clothing Buisness for himself which he has followed ever since.

but Mr. Zurcher as rather of what we commonely Call the Big Headed Calss and adhears Stroungely to the Rich Class. and he won his said Elections as County Clerk. by Runing after and being unusualy Frindely. with Farmer s. and the Common Working Class. of Working People. Just before Elections in Order to get them to vote for him which said Friendliness was onley for this Purpose. at least as I seen the Matter.

Mr. Zurcher was on the War Board of Wallowa County in 1916. and it so happ ned under his Management that W.R. Holmes Son Fred Dident go to War. Mr. Holmes being the Cashier of the Wallowa National Bank in Enterprise. Neither Did Hank Haas. Son of one of the Richest Money Linders and Stock Men in Eastern Oregon. and If you please it was Mr. Haas who Bought Our said Horsecreek Stock Ranch. Neither Did George Craigs. Son Frazier or Guy. go to War. another of the Richest Cattlemen in Eastern Oregon.

but on the outhur hand when Mr. Bruce. asked Mr. Zurcher for his son Henery to be Exempett. he answered NO we are from Missouri you got to show us. so Poor Henery went and was Blown to Bits on no Mans Land in Fance after he went over the Top.

thereafter Mr Zurcher received much aid and friendShip from these said Rich People. Mr Haas appointed him Adminstratior of his Estate in his Will thereof before he Died. and then Mr Zurcher went to his Widow. Mrs Haas and got many Thousand Dollars worth of Stocks and Bonds and Money. to same said Bank from Going under.

however on the War Score I have no kick my self as my Onley Son Blaine who was Old Enough to go to War ~~Vollintired~~ Vollandtired to go. and did go. and no Man is any Good that wont Fight for his Countery. or Shurk the Job either. because he is Rich or for any outhur Cause.

if said Park is Established Gentlemen. then as a Pioneer of that Countey with Knowledge of Stock and wild Game. and a Mountain Ieer. and a Man with much Veried Experience in Life Being 65 years young. I ask an appointment to some POSITION on said Park. if you see fit to give it to me
 Mr. Stubblefield

Mr. Little -

Mr & R White
Washington D.C.
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Dear Mr White

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B. Thompson

I wrote you
last May the 8th in regards
to the "Hallowa" mts of
eastern Oregon for a
Park. You wrote me
that there would be
an investigation. But
if there has been I
have never heard of
it. I have at hand
a great many letters
asking me about it
would you further
advise me so I can
answer them. I have
lived 50 yrs at around

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lake and I have not the
with which the forest
get more numerous
very year. These men
are the people belong
to them and wish a
few sheep men to ruin
every thing and should
be set aside for the
people to enjoy and it
will come some day
I remain yours sincerely

Charles H. Becker

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]

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Enterprise Oregon



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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

March 4, 1940.

Mr. Charles H. Seaber,
Enterprise, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Seaber:

We appreciate your letter of February 26 with further reference to the proposal to establish a national park in the Halls Mountains of eastern Oregon.

Field studies were conducted last summer by representatives of this Service in company with representatives from other Federal bureaus which covered the Grand Canyon of the Snake River in eastern Oregon and western Idaho. The results of these field studies have not yet been finally determined, but it is our feeling that the Grand Canyon of the Snake River fully qualifies for national park, national monument, or recreational area status. If the local citizens are sufficiently interested in the benefits to be derived through establishment of the area as a unit of the national park system, this Service would be glad to work with them on the proposal.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Conrad L. Wirth

Conrad L. Wirth,
Supervisor of Recreation
and Land Planning.

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December 5, 1941

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Victor H. Cahalane, In Charge,
Section on National Park Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington, D. C.

In connection with fairly recent interest in the possibility of including some of the Wallowa Mountains in northeastern Oregon within the National Park system, the following excerpt from a letter to the Regional Biologist by Dr. A. Sidney Hyde of La Grande, Oregon, who has authorized us to quote from its contents, may be of interest:

" . . . This afternoon Ranger Chriswell, U. S. Forest Service, informed me that Ranger McCool, of Enterprise knows of a reliable authority who definitely saw two bighorns on Eagle Cap last summer (1940). McCool saw tracks, himself. Eagle Cap and other high Wallowas were in McCool's territory a number of years ago. He stated that the band of 20 or 30 bighorns known at that time used to come to the Minam River (in winter, I think) and that a certain party known to him used to poach them regularly. He also stated that he has found the body of a mountain sheep caught in the bottom of an avalanche (or somewhere in it) and has seen or known of the bones of others being so caught, and thinks that is a serious factor in their decimation. The opinion was given, however, that the animals were driven to wintering at unusual heights by the above-mentioned poaching. Another individual, one Max (?) Wilson, very familiar with the bighorns and their range in the Wallowas essentially corroborated McCool's statement that there are definitely a few of the animals still alive . . . "

It may be recalled that although the higher elevations of the Wallowa Mountains are included in "mountain sheep reservation" the area is quite heavily grazed by domestic sheep.

A. Laurell Damms

Regional Biologist

cc: Director, NPS, Washington

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Memorandum

26 MAY 1949

To: Assistant Secretary Davidson.
From: Associate Director, National Park Service.
Subject: Proposed Wallowa National Park, Oregon.

This is in reply to your request for information concerning a proposal to establish a national park in the Wallowa Mountains of eastern Oregon. Such a proposal was first advanced about 1927 when a program of objectives drawn up by the Chamber of Commerce of La Grande, Oregon, included action toward a national park. Nothing was accomplished at that time, but a year later a number of interested citizens of La Grande formed the Wallowa National Park Association. A campaign director was employed and financial assistance was sought from Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups in the general vicinity.

As a result of this show of interest, the National Park Service arranged for an investigation by Mr. Roger W. Toll and Mr. Thomas C. Vint. Five days were spent in traveling over the proposed area of more than 66,000 acres. The investigators were agreed that "The Wallowa Mountains can be developed as a recreational area that would be a decided asset to eastern Oregon and portions of the adjacent states of Washington and Idaho, but the area is lacking in any outstanding feature that would give it a wide national interest or that would entitle it to consideration as a national park." This conclusion appeared drawn from their finding that "There is no natural feature . . . that is not already represented, in a more superlative degree, in existing national parks."

Proponents had at first claimed to have been prompted by a desire to see the scenic values preserved under the more limiting administration of the National Park Service rather than be subjected to grazing and other contingent uses permissible and practiced under Forest Service jurisdiction.

However, Inspector Leonard L. Hohl again visited the area in 1935 at the instance of the Commercial Club of La Grande (reorganized Chamber of Commerce). At that time he found, according to his report,

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that the first interest of the sponsors at that time was a wish to use to their own advantage the prestige and publicity that would accrue to the area through the presence of a national park. Mr. Hohl's report, incidentally, was similar in its findings to that submitted by Messrs. Toll and Vint.

The Wallowa Mountains have occasionally been mentioned in references to a Hell's Canyon National Monument proposal once considered by the Service, but the proposals are entirely separate. The Hell's Canyon proposal, incidentally, among other complications, would be inappropriate for national park or monument status if the Hell's Canyon Dam becomes a reality, as appears to be an objective of the Department.

(SGD) A. E. DEMARAY

Associate Director.

cc: Lands

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Dear Mr. Killion:

In response to your inquiry as to the status of the proposal to establish a Wallowa National Park, I am informed by the National Park Service that the matter was first investigated for the Service in 1927 by Mr. Roger W. Toll and Mr. Thomas C. Vint who spent five days traveling over the proposed area of more than 66,000 acres. The investigators were agreed that the Wallowa Mountains could be developed as a recreational area that would be a decided asset to eastern Oregon and portions of the adjacent states of Washington and Idaho. They concluded, however, that the area is lacking in any natural feature which is not already represented, in a more superlative degree, in existing national parks. A subsequent investigation was made in 1935. The same conclusion was reached at that time. As you are I am sure aware, the final decision as to whether an area shall be established as a national park rests with the Congress.

I might add a word in explanation of the policy that has been followed by the National Park Service in recommending areas for national park status. To withdraw public lands in perpetuity from private development, or to acquire by condemnation when necessary private lands already developed, is a serious matter. The Service is most reluctant, therefore, to recommend the establishment of any area within the National Park System unless it is of unquestioned national significance and there is wide local, as well as regional and national support. Throughout the west there is growing opposition to the acquisition of additional holdings by the Federal Government.

I think you should know, too, that rarely are funds available with which to purchase lands, or interests in lands, for national park purposes. Most of our great national parks were reserved from the public domain before the lands were developed, or they were acquired by the States and donated to the Federal Government for national park purposes. Big Bend National Park in Texas and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia are examples of the latter. While the 1935 report of the National Park Service indicates that the vast majority of the area that has been considered for inclusion within the proposed Wallowa National Park was under jurisdiction of the U. S. Forest Service, there were at that time scattered in-holdings, approximately 100 mining claims, and

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nearly half of the total acreage was involved in grazing permits and various forms of withdrawals inconsistent with the purposes of a national park.

Under these circumstances, I believe that the recreational potentialities of the area might most logically be developed by the Forest Service.

Sincerely yours,

C. Girard Davidson

C. Girard Davidson,
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. E. H. Killion,
Chamber of Commerce,
La Grande, Oregon.

cc: Asst. Sec. Davidson
Regional Director, Region Four (2)
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