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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
PROPOSED PARKS..... NATIONAL PARK

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PART 1

PROPOSED PARKS

MEDICINE BOW RANGE

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IMPORTANT

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ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Director.

MEDICINE BOW RANGE NATIONAL PARK, WYO.

LOCATION: In Medicine Bow National Forest, containing Medicine Bow Peak, elev. 12,005 ft.

HISTORY

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REMARKS: Brought to the Director's attention by Arthur Campbell, Secy. of the Lions Club, Saratoga, Wyo. by letter of August 30, 1932.
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STATUS: No action is contemplated.

J. H. Dyce, President

Arthur Campbell, Secretary

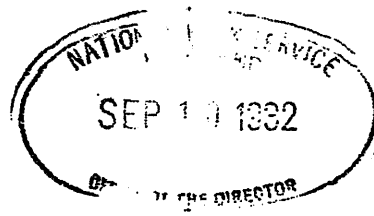
R. I. Martin, Treasurer



SARATOGA, WYOMING
August 30, 1932

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Mr. Horace M. Albright
Director of National Parks
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Albright:

The Snowy Range Highway from Saratoga to Laramie is a distance of 82 miles. About 40 miles of this highway goes through the most beautiful part of the Medicine Bow National Forest, crossing the divide just under Medicine Bow Peak, which is an elevation of 12,005 feet. Within a small radius of Medicine Bow Peak, there are about 120 lakes. Tourists who travel this territory pronounce the Snowy Range Highway one of the most beautiful drives in the world, and undoubtedly that particular section of the Medicine Bow Range is equal to any scenery that could be found anywhere. A few short roads would connect most of these lakes and make a wonderful park.

We hereby petition you to look into this matter with the view of designating this a national park. We are sending a copy of this letter to our Governor, our two Senators, and our Congressman.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Campbell
 Secretary

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Campbell,
Secretary, Lions Club,
Saratoga, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your petition of August 30, requesting the establishment of a section of the Medicine Bow Range as a national park.

It is a well-established policy that areas considered for national park purposes must be of outstanding scenic quality, examples of unusual natural phenomena or extraordinary results of such phenomena, or of unusual historical or scientific interest. They must also be of sufficient size to allow the development of tourist facilities on a large and comprehensive scale and also should not duplicate the major characteristics of any existing national park. In other words, the policy is that each national park created should be a unique example of its kind, should be of national rather than local or sectional interest, and capable of broad comprehensive development for national use. Furthermore, in order to insure adequate and satisfactory Federal administration, protection and preservation, such areas should be entirely free from privately-owned lands.

If you believe that the area to which you have reference meets with the high standards set for the national parks the next step for you to take would be to have a petition prepared asking that the area be given a national park status, and this petition should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Senators from Wyoming and the Congressman. With the petition before us we will put the project on our schedule for investigation and when officers are available for a study of the area an investigation will be made.

I might say in closing, that I visited a part of this area last year at the time when a group of members of Congress, composed of the Interior Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, visited Saratoga in connection with the proposed Reclamation project. I left the party at Rawlins and in company with Supervisor Hilton of the Medicine Bow National Forest and District Forester Peck of Denver, went over a part of the road in the Medicine Bow Forest, going well across the top of the range beyond Medicine Bow Peak. It seemed to me at the time that while the country was very beautiful it could hardly be considered for national park purposes. One

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Medicine Bow Range

of the principal obstacles in the way of establishing the park would seem to be the need of the range for the grazing of sheep and cattle on an extensive scale. I greatly enjoyed the country and was very much impressed with the whole region as a place that would be interesting to tourists traveling between Rocky Mountain Park and Yellowstone.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) HORACE M. ALBRIGHT

Horace M. Albright
Director.

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MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CHEYENNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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October 9, 1932

~~Mr. Hanesworth~~
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Mr. Horace Albright
Superintendent of National Parks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

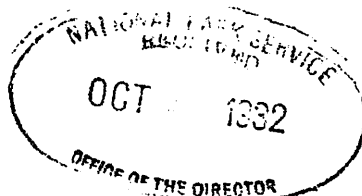
We have been requested to endorse a movement to have a portion of the Snowy Range Section of the Medicine Bow National Forest designated as a national park by the Lions Club of Saratoga, Wyoming.

The Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, before taking any action on this matter, desires to get information as to the benefits and disadvantages to be derived from such action. We would appreciate hearing from you as to the advisability of this procedure. We find that a good many commercial organizations endorse projects without getting the facts and we certainly desire to have all information possible before taking any action on this project.

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Very truly yours,

Robert D. Hanesworth
Robert D. Hanesworth
Secretary



IN ANSWERING REFER TO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Robert D. Hanesworth,
Secy., Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Mr. Hanesworth:

I have received your letter of October 9, informing me that the Lions Club of Saratoga, Wyo., has requested the support of your Chamber of Commerce, in advocating the establishment of a section of the Medicine Bow Range as a national park.

On August 30, 1932, we received a letter from Mr. Arthur Campbell, Secretary of the Lions Club, Saratoga, Wyo., calling this matter to our attention, and on September 27 I wrote him in reply. I believe the best way to answer your letter is to send you a carbon copy of my letter to Mr. Campbell. Therefore a carbon copy of this letter is inclosed. I believe it will give you all the information you desire.

I certainly appreciate the attitude of your Chamber of Commerce in looking into the matter thoroughly before taking action. It is a sound policy and one which is highly commendable to other organizations.

If we can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(S.D.) HORACE M. ALBRIGHT

HORACE M. ALBRIGHT.
Director.

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February 16, 1942

Mr. J. L. Bossemeyer, Supervisor
United States Travel Bureau
Old Mint Building, 5th & Mission Streets
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Bossemeyer:

I am sending you, under separate cover, five copies each of the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forest map folders, which were submitted to the Government Printing office early in 1941 and were recently received. I am also sending five copies of the Gunnison Pioneer Winter Sports Area sketch map. It will be appreciated if you will announce in the next issue of TRAVEL WEST that these are available at the Regional Office of the Forest Service in Denver.

Very sincerely yours,

FRED R. JOHNSON
Chief, Information and Education.

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San Francisco, Calif.,
February 25, 1942

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Mr. Fred R. Johnson
Chief, Information and Education
Regional Forester, Publications Distribution
United States Department of Agriculture
Post Office Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for sending with your letter of February 16th copies of the new folders on Medicine Box and Routt National Forests and the Gunnison Pioneer Winter Sports Area sketch maps. This information is greatly appreciated.

We are having to suspend publication of Travel West for the duration, but I will see what I can do to get mention of these new maps in our Official Bulletin and other publications issued from the Washington Office.

All other functions of the Western office are being continued so I hope you will keep in touch with us.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Bossensyer
Supervisor