

PACIFIC COAST PILGRIMAGE

Arriving at Los Angeles on September 22 the caravan of the National Conference on State Parks made its way up through California to Gearhart, Oregon, where the 25th annual meeting was brought to an official ending on October 2.

Twenty-two states were represented on the trip. Officers in attendance included Harold Lathrop, retiring president; James F. Evans, director of state parks of Albany, New York, newly elected president, and Miss Harlean James, reelected secretary.

Acting as host and guide were officials and representatives of the California Division of Beaches and Parks, and State Park Commission, and Oregon State Highway Commission, and Parks Department.

Visits to giant redwood parks and to scenic rugged coastal parks thrilled all, and the pilgrimage was declared an outstanding success.

The next annual meeting of the body will be at Washington.

PARK REPORT

Preston Macy, superintendent of Olympic National Park, reports a fine year with many visitors and camping parties enjoying the park, hiking and mountain climbing. Several parties climbed Mt. Olympus, reporting little difficulty with crevasses. Unusually heavy winter snows prevented opening of some crevasses, making going easier. Trails are yet in unsatisfactory condition in places because no funds were available during war years and no opportunity has been had to do any work since hostilities ceased. Mr. Macy expresses the hope that the proposed trail program can be completed and existing trails improved to afford enjoyment of the loop trips in the park.

Editor's Note:

In 1945 three numbers of this bulletin were published, Volume XII, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. The October number was omitted.

In 1946 Volume XIII, No. 1 was published in July under the title "Western Outdoor Bulletin."

We now resume the earlier title "Western Outdoor Quarterly, Bulletin of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs," of which this will be Volume XIII, No. 2. There will not be Nos. 3 and 4.

In January of 1947 Volume XIV, No. 1 will appear.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Fifteenth Annual Convention,
September 2, 1946

1. Program to fight Vandalism.

Whereas, the growth of vandalism in National Parks and National Forests is increasing to an alarming extent, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day Weekend of 1946, that we request the National Park Service and the Forest Service to take measures to protect the areas under their respective supervision against vandalism and to adopt measures to educate users of the National Parks and

the National Forests in this respect through the posting of signs and through other means, and

Be it further resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urges its member clubs to institute a program of education against vandalism in the National Parks and National Forests thru (1) the sponsorship among school children of poster contests with appropriate prizes and (2) the urging of civic groups, character-building organizations, and commercial organizations that have previously sponsored poster campaigns against carelessness with fire to join in the program for the preservation of the National Parks and National

Forests against vandalism.

2. Whereas, many of our national parks and monuments contain within their borders privately-owned lands which interfere with the satisfactory regulation and management of said national parks and monuments, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day of 1946, that we petition the President of the United States and Congress to provide, by appropriate legislation, for the early acquisition of all of said privately-owned lands.

3. Whereas, Hell's Canyon on the Snake River is one of the deepest canyons in continental United States, and

Whereas, the area is geologically old enough to be of scenic and scientific value in its primitive state, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day of 1946, that if any bill should be introduced for the establishment of a Columbia Valley Authority, such bill should provide that the canyon of the Snake River, between Lewiston, Idaho, and Weiser, Idaho, be exempted from the Columbia Valley Authority development and be left in its primitive state, and furthermore,

Be it resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each United States senator and representative in Congress from the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

4. Whereas, there has been introduced in the Congress of the United States two bills, S. 555 by Murray and H.R. 2203 by Cochran, to establish a Missouri Valley Authority, and

Whereas, these said bills are too uncertain as to the purpose, limits and meaning in the development of the Missouri River Watershed, and

Whereas, when this development of this river does take place that said bill should stipulate that it would not invade or interfere, in any manner whatsoever, with the Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park, or any other national park or monument now existing, or hereafter to be established; also, that when dams are built they should be so constructed as not to interfere with fishlife or wildlife on the Missouri River or its tributaries, now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day of 1946, that we are opposed to any and all such legislation as set up in these bills, S. 555 and H.R. 2203, as outlined above, but that said bills be amended or that new bills be drafted containing provisions as outlined above, and said bill or bills to have the approval of the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service under the Department of the Interior, before such introduction in the Congress, and

Be it further resolved, that we request our representatives and senators to work and vote against any and all such legislation as S. 555 and H.R. 2203, in their present form, or any bill which does not protect these two national parks, or any other national park or monument in the United States, from intrusion therein in the development of this watershed, or any other watershed on this continental United States, and at the same time protect our fish, fowl and wildlife in this said development.

5. Whereas, the National Park Service, now that the war has ended, has a great increase of users of recreational facilities in our national parks, and

Whereas, this increased use is highly desirable for the welfare of the nation and especially for the younger generation, and,

Whereas, the budgets for this purpose have not been adequate in the past and will be entirely inadequate in the future, based on a reasonable estimate,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, that we petition all members of Congress, of both houses, to make appropriations in the coming budget of adequate funds to provide for the development and administration of such recreation facilities and to provide, as well, for adequate sanitation and fire protection.

Be it further resolved, that those present at this convention urge all its member clubs to take similar action.

6. Whereas, the United States Forest Service, now that the war has ended, has a great increase of users of recreational facilities in our national forests, and

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Whereas, the budgets for this purpose have not been adequate in the past and will be entirely inadequate in the future, based on a reasonable estimate,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, that we petition all members of Congress, of both houses, to make appropriations in the coming budget of adequate funds to provide for the development and administration of such recreation facilities and to provide, as well, for adequate sanitation and fire protection.

Be it further resolved, that those present at this convention urge all its member clubs to take similar action.

7. Whereas, a determined effort is being made for the abolition of the Joshua Tree National Monument or to have said monument thrown open to mining, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day Weekend of 1946, that we petition Congress to enact a bill similar to H.R. 4703 which will modify the boundaries of said monument in such a way as to eliminate all mining of known value from said monument and to provide for the purchase of all privately-owned lands in said monument.

8. Whereas, there is an increased use of both the National Parks and the National Forests by organized groups, both adult and juvenile, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, during the Labor Day weekend of 1946, that the National Park Service and the Forest Service be requested to set aside in or adjacent to regular camp grounds such campsites which would be designated for the use of such groups.

9. Whereas, pressure has been brought to bear in the past and undoubtedly pressure will be applied in the future to the Forest Service to set aside the restrictions covering the San Geronio Primitive area in the San Bernardino National Forest to permit the construction and operation of a winter sports resort, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of

Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor day weekend of 1946, that although we are highly in favor of winter sports activities, we are opposed to any change in the boundaries of the San Geronio Wilderness Area or any modification of the Forest Service regulations that now safeguard the wilderness beauty of the area, and

Be it further resolved, that the Forest Service be requested to ascertain the possibility of a winter sports site outside of the boundaries of the primitive area.

10. Whereas, the indiscriminate use of aircraft flying over wilderness areas violates the spirit of the wilderness, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, that we are opposed to all low flying over or landing in wilderness areas and/or National Parks by other than Government or emergency aircraft used for protective or emergency purposes.

11. Whereas, the retention of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park as a wilderness area has since its inception been the policy of the California State Park Commission, which policy we endorse heartily, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, during the Labor Day weekend of 1946, that we petition the president and members of the California State Park Commission to grant no contract to the Winter Sports Authority of Palm Springs that will jeopardize the wilderness beauty of the San Jacinto State Park.

12. Whereas, the temporary permit for the construction of a radio testing station on the summit of Mt. San Geronio in the San Geronio Primitive Area of the San Bernardino National Forest will expire shortly, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, that the Forest Service and the Secretary of Agriculture be petitioned to refuse any permit for its renewal, and,

Be it further resolved, that the Forest Service and the Department of Agri-

culture be requested to deny any application for a permanent installation for such radio station, and

Be it still further resolved, that the Forest Service determine a definite policy in opposition to the construction of radio stations on major mountain summits.

13. Whereas, the scenic beauty of the primeval forest on both sides of highways in our National Forests is of inestimable value, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, that the policy of the Forest Service setting aside an adequate corridor of forest cover on either side of such roads through the National Forests as a protective strip to guarantee perpetual retention of primeval beauty is hereby endorsed.

14. Whereas, there are now certain privately-owned lands within the boundaries of the National Parks and Monuments, and

Whereas, such privately-owned lands constitute a menace to the objectives and operation of said National Parks and Monuments, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946 that we petition the Congress to enact legislation to empower the Department of the Interior to exchange lands under their jurisdiction outside of said National Parks and Monuments for said privately-owned lands within the boundaries of National Parks and Monuments.

15. Whereas, the old Hopi city of Oraibi, the oldest continuously-inhabited city in the United States, and one of the most interesting of historic spots in the West, is rapidly disintegrating into a heap of rubble, now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946 that the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior be petitioned to undertake the restoration and preservation of Oraibi so that this unique community site may be safeguarded for posterity, both Indian and White.

16. Whereas, Mr. Stuart Bevier Show, who has served in the capacity of Regional Forester for the California Re-

gion of the U. S. Forest Service during the past twenty years is now leaving to accept the position of Assistant Director of the Forestry Division of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, now therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, on Labor Day weekend of 1946, extend to Mr. Show our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and wish him success in his new world-wide position.

17. Whereas, the National Park Service has extended to the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs the courtesy of the use of the Mendocino Woodlands area in California as the site of its 15th Annual Convention, now therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express to the National Park Service its appreciation for its contribution to the success of the convention held during the Labor Day weekend of 1946.

18. Whereas, the Contra Costa Hills Club of Oakland, California, our hosts at the 15th Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, have taken such excellent care of all our wants, both physical and social, now therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its appreciation for the delightful hospitality extended to it at Mendocino Woodlands, California, during the Labor Day weekend of 1946.

19. Whereas, prior to the 15th Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, the Mazamas of Portland, Oregon, scheduled a huckleberry-picking trip for the express purpose of providing berries for pies to be served at said convention, now therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs extend a hearty vote of thanks to the participants of that trip, especially to its leaders, Daisy and Dwight Henderson, for their contribution to the success of the convention.

20. Resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Mendocino Woodlands, California, during the Labor Day weekend of 1946, extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year for the services which they have so enthusiastically performed.