

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Seventeenth Annual Convention
September 6, 1948

1. Reiterate Stand on Jackson Hole National Monument

WHEREAS, strong efforts continue to be made to abolish the Jackson Hole National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has previously considered and passed a resolution in favor of the retention of the Monument and the eventual inclusion of the Monument in the Grand Teton National Park; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, strongly reiterate its stand regarding the Jackson Hole National Monument.

2. Concessions in National Parks

WHEREAS, contracts for concessions in various National Parks are about to expire; and

WHEREAS, many of these concessions have been monopolistic by reason of the fact that their contracts embraced all facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, by reason of this type of monopolistic contracts certain unsatisfactory practices have developed; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed opinion of the National Government to discourage monopoly; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, that in most instances better results could be obtained in the larger parks by placing hotels, camp pack outfits, transportation, stores, etc., under separate management and contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs are definitely opposed to Government operation of hotels, restaurants, merchandising and transportation, either directly or indirectly, except in rare instances when no other means of providing services can be found; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That concession contracts should be entered into with corporations, partnerships or individuals having sufficient experience

and qualified to successfully carry on the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Interior and to such other public officials as the President of this Federation may direct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be provided member clubs with the request that they take similar action thereon.

3. Preservation of Wayside Strips

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Highway Commission has followed a generous and enlightened policy in the preservation of wayside strips and the acquisition of State Parks, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, that we commend the said Oregon State Highway Commission for its said conduct and actions, and the Secretary is hereby authorized to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Oregon State Highway Commission and each and every member thereof.

4. Oregon Myrtle Grove

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Board of Forestry has pursued an enlightened and generous policy in contributing to the acquisition of Myrtle Grove situated on the Chetco River; and

WHEREAS, the said grove is the largest Myrtle grove in Oregon; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, that we commend the said Oregon State Board of Forestry for its said conduct and actions, and the Secretary is hereby authorized to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Oregon State Board of Forestry and each and every member thereof.

5. Opposing Proposed Glacier View Dam (Glacier National Park)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Engineer Corps has proposed and the U. S. Reclamation Service has the authority to establish a dam on the proposed Glacier View dam site on the Flathead River in Montana, and

WHEREAS, the proposed dam site would flood areas within the Glacier National Park now of prime importance for the proper maintenance of the park wildlife, such as the moose and elk and of a high and undeveloped type of wilderness country available to wilderness recreation, and

WHEREAS, alternative possibilities of dams on the Flathead River which would not affect the Glacier National Park have not been fully explored; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, oppose the dam proposed at the Glacier View and that its officers and member clubs advise their representatives in Congress of such opposition.

6. Acquisition of Private Lands in National Parks and Monuments

WHEREAS, private land holdings in National Parks constitute a grave National Park Service administrative problem, and

WHEREAS, many of these private holdings are essential to the proper utilization of scenic and recreational possibilities of such National Parks, and

WHEREAS, these properties automatically increase in value and future cost year by year, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, on Labor Day week end, 1948, support and recommend that member clubs take steps to procure action in the new Congress to provide a continuing program to allot to the National Park Service appropriations to acquire these private holdings as rapidly as possible.

7. Supporting the Quetico Superior Wilderness Area

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has appointed a committee for the Quetico Superior Area, an important wilderness area in the Superior National Forest, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is planned to include this section as a roadless wilderness area in the proposed International Peace Park on the Canada-U. S. Boundary; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs give the President's Committee its full support

and cooperation in the establishment of this area as proposed.

8. Conservation Education

WHEREAS, vandalism and other desecration of campsites in all types of recreational areas are becoming an ever increasing menace; and

WHEREAS, much of this damage could be avoided by proper educational efforts of both youth and adults by intensified parental and school instruction and pictorial and written publicity leading to a better understanding of proper use of recreation areas and facilities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs do all possible and recommend to its member clubs that they cooperate with local and State educational authorities in providing proper education along these lines, and that officers and member clubs do all possible to help by promoting a campaign of written and pictorial publicity on camp courtesy and appreciation of outdoor recreational facilities.

9. Calaveras Grove State Parks (California)

WHEREAS, the movement to acquire the magnificent South Calaveras Redwood Grove is now in a very critical stage because of the need of raising more than a million dollars to acquire this tract from the owners who cannot long defer cutting operations, and

WHEREAS, the Calaveras Grove Association which led the fight to acquire the North Calaveras Grove has been revived and has a representative organization; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, do all possible to further the acquisition as a State Park of the said South Grove which is already nationally famous, and that the Calaveras Grove Association be advised of this support.

10. Gold Mining by Dredging

WHEREAS, the practice of gold mining by the use of dredging has resulted in the ruin of many acres of fine agricultural land and has caused many former attractive portions of the country to become eyesores, and

WHEREAS, the benefit and returns obtained from the practice of gold mining by dredging is not commensurate with

the future value of usefulness of the land so destroyed, and

WHEREAS, such damage could be minimized by the use of proper re-soiling dredges, and

WHEREAS, much of the said land that is being dredged in the Western states is first class agricultural land and capable of producing agricultural products necessary for the use of the American people, which use would continue over a long period of time, and which said use in the aggregate would be productive of much more wealth and benefit to the American people than can be realized by the dredging of said land for gold production; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, that the practice of gold dredging without re-soiling and restoring the area dredged to its former position, is contrary to public interest and welfare of the United States and the people thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That such practice is condemned by the convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be furnished to each of the member clubs of this Federation with the request that member clubs adopt similar resolutions and call the attention of the legislatures of their respective states to the existence of this evil, the possibility of correcting same, and of our protest to the said practice; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That other conservation organizations be requested to join with us in this protest.

11. Proposed Lake Solitude Dam

WHEREAS, the United State Reclamation Service has proposed to dam Lake Solitude in the Cloud Peak Primitive Area, Big Horn National Forest, Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, this lake and enclosing wilderness area are very important scenic and recreational assets, and

WHEREAS, there seems to be a lack of economic justification for this dam and there is much local opposition in the State of Wyoming to this invasion of the wilderness; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week

end, 1948, oppose this proposed dam and advise the Secretary of the Interior of their opposition.

12. Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Malheur Bird Refuge located in Harney County, Oregon, is universally resognized as one of the foremost bird refuges in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of adequate nesting, feeding and resting areas is necessary to the preservation of migratory wild fowl, and

WHEREAS, it is now proposed to open a portion of said Refuge, namely 23,000 acres on the Blitzen River, for settlement by Veterans of the late war, and

WHEREAS, the settlement of said 23,000 acres, or major portion thereof will materially reduce the usefulness of said Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and thereby materially reduce the number of wild geese and wild ducks in the western flyway thereby decreasing the number of ducks and geese available for shooting in the Western States, and

WHEREAS, other lands can be found available for said veterans, and

WHEREAS, this land is of such character that it is unfit for the successful pursuit of agricultural endeavors thereon and the settlement of Veterans thereon would be a source of disappointment and discouragement to said Veterans; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, opposes the diminution of said Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, or the diversion of any portion thereof, to any other purpose, and that the Secretary is instructed to furnish copies of this resolution to Mr. Kenneth F. McDonald, U. S. Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service, Swan Island 18, Oregon, and Secretary of the Interior and to such Senators and members of Congress and such other public officials as the President of this Federation shall in his discretion desire.

13. Funds For National Forests

WHEREAS, national forests are rapidly being recognized and used more and more as the great outdoor playgrounds of the American people, and

WHEREAS, due to growing population, in the west particularly, and also greater volume of tourist travel, many national forest recreation areas are be-

coming badly overcrowded, and do not serve the demand, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service has had no funds since 1940 for construction of additional facilities to meet this demand or to properly maintain those facilities that are now in existence, and

WHEREAS, this lack of funds for new construction or proper maintenance creates in many congested areas a dangerous situation both as to health due to inadequate sanitation facilities, and to fire control hazards due to unregulated use on unimproved areas, and

WHEREAS, so many national forest watersheds supply drinking water it is important that adequate sanitation facilities be available to protect the public health; now therefore

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ing, thereby increasing the chances of accidents, and

WHEREAS, an analysis of alpine accidents occurring in the past 24 months indicates that the vast majority could have been prevented had safe and sane mountaineering standards been observed; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Creek, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, that said Federation will urge all member clubs to standardize their mountaineering safety requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President of the Federation be directed to appoint a committee as may be necessary to cooperate with member clubs to adopt minimum standards of safety.

17. Mountain Rescue and Safety Council

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council of the Pacific Northwest regions is to foster safe and sane standards among Northwest climbing and skiing clubs, educate the general public on mountain safety and maintain a well organized cooperative mountain search and rescue patrol system for coping with summer and winter alpine emergencies, involving civil and military aircraft and mountain travelers, and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of the terrain and the technique of mountaineering possessed by individuals who make up the membership of clubs that compose the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs carries a responsibility, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Creek Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, express its appreciation for the leadership taken by the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the columns of the Quarterly welcome the dissemination of safety practice information, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: To urge all member clubs to help establish comparable councils where needed and to actively support morally and financially such councils.

18. Rogue River

WHEREAS, the Rogue River in Oregon, one of the most beautiful of mountain streams and finest steelhead and

salmon fishing streams in our nation is threatened with the construction of dams by the Reclamation Service, which would seriously damage the fish runs and destroy much of the beauty of the river, and

WHEREAS, there is no apparent economic necessity or justification for the construction of said dam, or dams, and no apparent economic benefit will result therefrom, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Silver Creek Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, go on record as being opposed to such dams and urge that no move be made which will tend to destroy the esthetic and recreational values of the Rogue River.

19. Vandalism in National Parks, Etc.

WHEREAS, certain difficulties have arisen in the National Parks of the United States by reason of the failure of the Government and Officers of the United States to provide U. S. Commissioners in some of the said parks as were formerly done, and

WHEREAS, acts of vandalism are increasing in said parks, and

WHEREAS, by reason of the failure to provide such Commissioners, it is impossible, or extremely difficult for the Superintendents, Chief Rangers and Rangers of said parks to successfully prosecute and secure proper punishment for persons committing such vandalism, and

WHEREAS, said vandalism in some cases is of a nature likely to do great and irreparable injury to the natural scenery and geological features of such parks, and in addition thereto great damage has been done to the facilities provided in said parks for the use of the public, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end, 1948, does hereby resolve that it is in the best interest of said National Parks and immediately necessary that United States Commissioners, be provided for said parks in each and every one thereof, and that the Government and Officers of the United States, are respectfully requested to provide such Commissioners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the

Attorney General of the United States, to Secretary of the Interior of the United States, and Director of National Park Service, to the Chairman of Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States and to the Chairman of Finance Committee of the Senate of the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is hereby authorized to send copies thereof to such other executive officers and committee chairmen of the Congress and Senate of the United States as he may deem fit, or as directed by the President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

20. Vote of Appreciation to the Host Club

WHEREAS, the Chemeketans of Salem, Oregon, our host at the 17th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, has taken excellent care of all wants and needs, both for our physical comfort and our entertainment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreation Area, Oregon, on Labor Day week end in 1948, express its appreciation to Chemeketans for the delightful hospitality extended at Silver Falls during the Labor Day week end, 1948.

21. Vote of Appreciation to the Officers and Committees

WHEREAS, the officers and committees elected to serve during the past year have performed their duties in an enthusiastic and highly able manner, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Silver Falls Recreational Area during the Labor Day week end in 1948, extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year, for those fine services.

GOOD NEWS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

One of the provisions of the new by-laws adopted at the 1948 Federation Convention was the establishment of a new membership classification for individuals, namely Life Memberships, upon payment to the Federation of twenty-five dollars.

Already three life members of the

Sierra Club have availed themselves of this provision, and it is believed that many more of the outdoor fraternity will welcome this opportunity to become members of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs for life.

Among the many advantages of life membership we list the following:

(1) Avoid the nuisance of writing checks for one dollar each year.

(2) Avoid the possibility of a lapse in your membership because of overlooking the payment of your annual dues.

(3) Save the Secretary much labor and postage in mailing out notices of dues each year.

(4) Future changes in rates of annual dues or life memberships will not affect you since you are a member for life.

(5) Should you be a member for over 25 years you will be financially ahead by the payment of twenty-five dollars.

(6) The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is a worthwhile organization and merits the wholehearted financial support of every lover of the outdoors not for one year only but for the remainder of his life.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

The undersigned has been appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee by President Gallagher. No written data seems to be available regarding the duties of one charged with this responsibility, therefore it might be logical to use the statement made by ex-Prexy Washburn regarding the duties of a State Vice-President as a guide: i.e., "the job is what the Vice-Presidents make it."

Suppose we make this job two-fold (a) Interest other outdoor clubs, such as the Colorado Mountain Club of Denver, the Timpanogas Mountain Club of Provo, Utah, and others to join the Federation. "It would be a fine thing if we could boast thirty member clubs in the Federation next year," says G. E. Cannon. Let's help make Ding's dream come true!

(b) Increase our Associate Memberships. The percentage of Associate Members in our clubs range from fifty per cent of the Angoras to absolute zero in—I'm sorry to say—too many clubs. The importance of getting more Associate Members cannot be too highly stressed. At the 1948 Federation Convention many note-worthy resolutions were passed, but, unless clubs and individual members of clubs, actively