

# RESOLUTIONS

## CAN BE MORE THAN PIOUS SENTIMENTS

### . . . YOU CAN ACT ON THEM INDIVIDUALLY

The following resolutions were adopted by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs assembled in convention at the Clair Tappaan Lodge of the Sierra Club, Norden, California, during the Labor Day weekend, 1950. Note that following each resolution are the addresses of public officials to whom you may write to add your individual support to the Federation's stand.

#### 1. Dams in National Parks, Monuments, and Wilderness Areas.

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress approved August 25, 1916, expressly provides that "the fundamental purpose" of the national parks and monuments "is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations" (16 USC 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1921 and August 26, 1935, amending the Federal Power Act, expressly prohibit the granting of permits for storage of water or development of power within the national parks and monuments (16 USC 796-2); and

WHEREAS, the regulations established by the secretary of agriculture, pursuant to Acts of Congress, prohibit the development of water-storage projects which involve road construction within wild, wilderness, and primitive areas established pursuant to such regulations; and,

WHEREAS, many attempts are currently being made to invade our national parks, monuments, and wilderness areas with dams for various purposes, directly contrary to the long-established policies of the Congress of the United States, examples being within:

1. Cloud Peak Wild Area.
2. Dinosaur National Monument.
3. Glacier National Park.
4. Grand Canyon National Monument.
5. Grand Canyon National Park.
6. Kings Canyon National Park.
7. Mammoth Caves National Park; and

WHEREAS, we fully recognize the urgent need for efficient use of our water resources but believe that greater public

values will be realized if these resources are developed outside the outstanding scenic areas, with park, monument, and wilderness watersheds being retained in their natural condition to provide effective, natural, and inexpensive regulation of water flow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, to urge the Congress and the President of the United States strongly to reaffirm the national policy that our national parks, national monuments, and formally dedicated wilderness areas shall be reserved for their primary purposes as set forth, so that they may be passed on "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

#### WRITE TO:

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN,  
White House,  
Washington, D. C.

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,  
Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

NEWTON B. DRURY, Director,  
National Park Service  
Washington, D. C.

LT. GEN. RAYMOND A. WHEELER, Chief of Engineers,  
Corps of Engineers,  
Washington, D. C.

MICHAEL W. STRAUS, Commissioner of Reclamation  
U. S. Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.  
Your Representative and Senators.

#### 2. Jackson Hole National Monument.

WHEREAS, the Jackson Hole National Monument has been under attack and under threat of being abolished since March, 1943; and

WHEREAS, this monument is of such character as to be considered an integral part of the Grand Teton National Park, from geological, biological, scenic, and recreational aspects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, to work actively to secure the consolidation of Jackson Hole National Monument and Grand Teton National Park into one unit, to be known as the Grand Teton National Park, and to that end urge the President of the United States to sign the legislation pending before him.

Mission accomplished. The bill was signed shortly after our convention.

### 3. San Jacinto Tramway

WHEREAS, evidence presented at the forest service hearing of last April on the application for right of way over Federal lands to permit construction of an aerial tramway to the summit area of Mt. San Jacinto, has been reviewed at this annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs; and

WHEREAS, we believe no adequate or convincing evidence was presented at the hearing by the tramway proponents to justify invasion of this area which the Federal government and the State of California dedicated nearly 20 years ago to be held in its primitive condition as its highest public use; and

WHEREAS, the final decision on the application for a right of way across the primitive area rests with the Secretary of the Interior under the act of March 3, 1899; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service recommendation has been referred to the Secretary of the Interior for final action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend, 1950, restate its previous opposition to this proposal which would lead to the eventual destruction of the primitive nature of the San Jacinto Wilderness Area, and that it so advise the Secretary of the Interior at once.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urge its member clubs and associate members to take like action.

#### WRITE TO:

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN,  
Sacramento, California.

LYLE F. WATTS, Chief,  
U. S. Forest Service,  
Washington, D. C.

### 4. Conservation Education.

WHEREAS, preservation and wise use of all of our natural resources, including wilderness, depends on the development of an enlightened public and a concept of stewardship over the resources of the earth; and

WHEREAS, this is best accomplished through a program of education at all age levels achieved through adequate teacher

training programs in conservation in colleges and universities plus suitable materials and teaching aids; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, go on record as favoring development of teacher training programs to promote conservation education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federation commend and lend assistance to those states which are developing conservation education programs.

#### WRITE TO:

Director, State Department of Education in the  
States of California, Oregon, Washington, and  
Utah.

### 5. Oregon State Department of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, there is under consideration in the State of Oregon the formation of a State Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, lands having their greatest value when used for recreational purposes should be recognized as a natural resource; and

WHEREAS, in the proposed plan for a State Department of Natural Resources there does not appear to be any recognition of the recreational value of land as a natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the member clubs of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs have a genuine interest in seeing that the recreational value of lands in Oregon and other parts of the United States is fully recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled over the Labor Day weekend, 1950, to urge that in the establishment of any State Department of Natural Resources in Oregon, provision be made for recognizing as a natural resource the recreational value of land.

#### WRITE TO:

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS MCKAY,  
Salem, Oregon.

### 6. Roadside Parks.

WHEREAS, some states, notably Michigan and Oregon, have made fine progress in establishing small but scenic roadside picnic spots and small parks; and

WHEREAS, such parks do much to increase public participation in and enjoy-

ment of the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, such parks contribute to road safety by providing adequate turn-outs for parking and picnic purposes, and

WHEREAS, such parks also do much to assist in keeping the roadsides clean and attractive; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, urge its member clubs and associate members to initiate and assist in programs in their particular states for the creation and maintenance of such roadside parks.

**WRITE TO:**

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN,  
Sacramento, California.

GOVERNOR ARTHUR B. LANGLEY,  
Olympia, Washington.

GOVERNOR J. BRACKEN LEE,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOSEPH KNOWLAND, Chairman,  
California State Park Commission,  
Sacramento, California.

MRS. RUTH PEELER,  
Washington State Park Commission,  
Olympia, Washington.

**7. Establishment of Wild Areas in Oregon Cascades**

WHEREAS, much of the land adjoining the Cascade Mountain range in Oregon is of a wilderness character reached only by trail and is otherwise undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, such lands have very limited value when used commercially but have a high value for recreational use when preserved in their primitive state; and

WHEREAS, some changes in boundaries should be made in the Three Sisters Primitive Area in order to eliminate some parts which are not truly wilderness in character and to add some lands which are wilderness country and should be included in the Area; and

WHEREAS, certain areas have been set aside in the last few years as limited areas by the United States Forest Service pending a more intimate study prior to classification; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, to request the United States Forest Service to:

1. Establish Wild Areas in the vicinity of Diamond Peak, Waldo Lake, and Mount Washington.

2. Modify the boundaries of the Three Sisters Primitive Area so that the revised area more truly represents the wilderness country in the Three Sisters Area.

3. Withdraw the Limited Area designation of the Summit Lake Limited Area without reserving any of that land as a Wild Area.

**WRITE TO:**

LYLE F. WATTS, Chief  
U. S. Forest Service,  
Washington, D. C.

H. J. ANDREWS, Regional Forester,  
Post Office Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

**8. Overnight Camping in Oregon State Parks.**

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon maintains many state parks along the main highway of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, very few of such Oregon State Parks have provision for overnight camping; and

WHEREAS, there is a demand for overnight camping facilities along these highways from tourists, both residents and non-residents of Oregon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled over the Labor Day weekend in 1950, that the Oregon State Highway Commission be urged to make provision for overnight camping in the State Parks of Oregon suitable for that purpose, especially those parks which are easily reached from main highways.

**WRITE TO:**

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS McKAY,  
Salem, Oregon.

OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION,  
Salem, Oregon.

**9. California Condors.**

WHEREAS, there are now only about 60 California Condors left and the species is in definite danger of extinction; and

WHEREAS, a small group of individuals is anxious to procure permits to drill for oil in the Condor Sanctuary now established in the Los Padres National Forests; and

WHEREAS, such drilling would in all probability result in the extinction of the Condor species; and

WHEREAS, slant-drilling methods make it possible to carry on exploratory

and development work without disturbing the nesting places in this Sanctuary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend in 1950, to urge the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior to safeguard the Condor Sanctuary of Los Padres National Forest by refusing any permits for oil exploration or development which would disturb the nesting places in the Sanctuary.

**WRITE TO:**

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

M. CLAWSON, Director,  
Bureau of Land Management,  
Washington, D. C.

**10. Organization Campsites in National Parks.**

WHEREAS, there is a great increase in the use of our National Parks by both adults and youth organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proper and efficient conduct of such camping parties is most effective when they can use sites established in our National Parks as organization campsites; and

WHEREAS, some organization campsites, notably in Zion Canyon, have been discontinued by the National Park Service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend, 1950, to urge the National Park Service to set aside more such organization campsites in areas convenient for hiking and climbing parties.

**WRITE TO:**

NEWTON B. DRURY, Director,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

MAJOR O. A. TOMLINSON,  
Regional Director,  
National Park Service,  
180 New Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California.

**11. Vote of Appreciation to Officers and Committees**

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club, our host at the 19th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, has taken such excellent care of all our wants and needs, both for our personal comfort and our entertainment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled on Labor Day weekend, 1950, express its appreciation to the Sierra Club for the delightful hospitality extended at their lodge, situated at Norden, California.

**WRITE TO:**

SIERRA CLUB,  
220 Bush Street,  
San Francisco, California.

**12. Vote of Appreciation to Officers and Committees.**

WHEREAS, the officers and committee 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 Norden, California, during the Labor Day weekend, 1950, extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year for these fine services.

**WRITE TO:**

HARRY C. JAMES, Past President,  
P. O. Box 716  
Banning, California.

**Unsolved Problems at the Convention**

How to get a spoonful of mayonnaise from a two quart jar, using a small spoon, without getting it all over your hands, etc. How to sleep in a roomful of militant snorers. Many answered this by taking to the hills. How to take a shower in a two-shower narrow room, using one handle for two levers and control a leak at the top that playfully sprayed cold water on the occupant of the adjoining shower. How to balance a plateful of salad and sandwiches, an apple and cupful of coffee, spread some butter and—oh well, I wouldn't have made it anyway!

Sam Deal.

A crew of Oregon State Game Commission live-trapping experts recently released six mountain goats at the head of Wallowa Lake. When last seen, these specimens of the Mazama tribe were making an ascent of Chief Joseph Mountain, in record time. The goats were brought from Mt. Chopaka in Northern Washington. Within the memory of man, they have never been found in Oregon.