

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1—

REAFFIRMATION OF POLICES

Resolutions with regard to the following subjects were passed by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at its meeting in September, 1952. It is felt that a reaffirmation of the principles in these resolutions is important and necessary in 1953.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs reaffirm its belief in the principles expressed in the following resolutions of 1952:

1. a law by the Congress of the United States which would prohibit the construction, operation or maintenance of any dam, reservoir, power plant, or other project for the storage or delivery of water within, or which may adversely affect the National Parks or National Monuments of the United States.
2. The Federation urges that all its component clubs do whatever they can to encourage Clean Camp Campaigns in their locales.

RESOLUTION No. 2—

POLICY FOR WILDERNESS AREAS

The concept of full protection of dedicated Wild and Wilderness Areas is being incorporated more and more into legislation and into regulations of various governmental agencies.

The rapidly increasing population and the decreasing availability of undeveloped areas in the West suggest a revision of the concept of the amount of land which should be set aside for wilderness purposes.

Areas previously set aside as U. S. Forest Service Primitive and Limited Areas are now in the process of reclassification.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs recommend to the U. S. Forest Service:

1. That more aggressive action be taken in the areas presently considered for wilderness status; that consideration be given to expansion rather than contraction of these areas.
2. That additional areas be investigated for consideration as Wild and Wilderness Areas.
3. That efforts be made to strengthen

the protection of Wilderness Areas against all kinds of conflicting use.

RESOLUTION No. 3—

ARCTIC WILDERNESS PRESERVE

Recent studies in Alaska indicate that a portion of the Arctic landscape must soon be placed under public protection if it is to escape impairment of its primeval values.

Investigation shows that there exists in Northeastern Alaska a large undisturbed area which contains unusual and inspiring Arctic scenery; a typical Arctic tundra, Arctic foothills, and a fine section of the impressive Brooks Range. On the warmer southern slopes of these mountains are spruce forests, lakes and extensive game population. Preservation of this area as an Arctic wilderness would provide an ecological research laboratory of great importance and a recreational area of highly interesting possibilities.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs support an effort to create an Arctic wilderness preserve and stimulate interest in the project among its membership by publication of information about the area and about progress towards its preservation.

RESOLUTION No. 4—

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Dinosaur National Monument contains a system of canyons unique in their beauty and inherent recreational value. These canyons now face the threat of extinction through the proposed Echo Park and Split Mountain dams. There is convincing evidence set forth in the reports of the Bureau of Reclamation and other authorities that reservoir sites outside the Monument are available to meet the objectives sought in the Upper Colorado Water Storage Project.

Needless destruction of the Monument would squander potential reserves in the National Park System at a time when overcrowding indicates the necessity for increasing the area of our Parks rather than reducing them. The breach of any Park boundary would establish the dangerous precedent that Park units are inviolable only until an economic use for them can be found. Such a precedent would threaten the entire National Park System.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urge that the area of the Dinosaur National Monument be given the dignity of National Park status which its quality warrants.

The Federation reiterates its previously stated opposition to the sacrifice of the unique and irreplaceable values now present and reserved for public benefit in the Dinosaur National Monument.

We urge the Secretary of the Interior to continue steadfastly to oppose such dismemberment of one of our National Park units. We urge him to insist that alternate reservoir sites be substituted, in order that objectives necessarily sought in water conservation may be met while the natural values of the Monument are preserved.

RESOLUTION No. 5— OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

In view of continued efforts to reduce the size of the Olympic National Park and particularly because the Governor of the State of Washington has appointed a committee to study its boundaries, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs feels it should reiterate its position with regard to this National Park.

It is noted that the Secretary of the Interior has stated to the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce that Congress fully studied and debated this problem in establishing the present boundaries of Olympic Park in 1938, and that the Department is opposed to any change in the present boundaries of the Park.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. Advise the Governor's Committee studying the boundaries of the Olympic National Park that it favors retention of the present boundaries.
2. Commend the Secretary of the Interior for his statement to the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce that the Department is opposed to any changes in the present boundaries of the Park.

RESOLUTION No. 6— MINING CLAIMS

Legitimate mineral development can and should be encouraged to the maximum extent possible in coordination with protection and full public use of renewable surface resources.

A large number of claimants are taking advantage of opportunities un-

der the mining laws to obtain, at public expense, valuable rights and interests which are not truly mineral in character.

Administration of public lands on a multiple-use basis is severely handicapped under present laws, partly because mineral values occupy a primary position regardless of other values.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs work to bring about legislation which will change the mining laws in order to:

1. Retain for the people the resources on public lands, or the value thereof, which are not actually needed in the exploitation of a mineral claim.
2. Protect public lands having important values other than minerals by recognizing the relative values involved.
3. Enable efficient administration of public lands on a multiple-use basis in cooperation with mining activities.

RESOLUTION No. 7— JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT

The proposal of a new highway which would cut across the Joshua Tree National Monument, thereby seriously harming its value, has been rejected by the National Park Service as a violation of National Park standards.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its commendation of the firm stand taken by the National Park Service to protect the natural values of the Joshua Tree National Monument by denying the request for a road through the heart of this area.

RESOLUTION No. 8— PUBLIC USE FACILITIES IN NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL FORESTS

Funds to maintain, operate and develop facilities for public use in the National Parks and National Forests have been sadly inadequate in view of the increased utilization of these areas.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. Commend the Administration and Congress for recognizing this need by the provision of \$250,000 during the past year for the improvement of sanitary facilities in the National Forests.

2. Urge the Administration and Congress that this supplement be greatly increased to provide more adequate funds for maintenance, operation and development of facilities for public use in the National Parks and National Forests.

RESOLUTION No. 9—

CONVENTION MANAGEMENT

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its sincere appreciation to the California Alpine Club for its wonderful hospitality in making this convention a memorable three days.

The Federation further thanks the members of the Convention Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Budd Smith, for the time and effort spent in keeping us all happy.

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Convention Twitters

A Little Bird Told Me

THAT . . . Same Deal was caught using the dining-room table for an elbow-rest.

. . . The meals were wonderful, service A-1, and all the waitresses were PRETTY.

. . . The Californians showed WAC Delegate Laura Murry such a super time, she says she is going back for more, but soon.

. . . Jean Barnard took to water skiing (her first attempt) as aptly as she took to framing resolutions at previous conventions.

. . . Leo Gallagher had a sniffing acquaintance with a black and white kitty.

. . . Tilly Smedberg is to be invited to join the C.A.C. "Sitzmark" Club, having qualified by taking 2 spills at the convention. Her sprains and bruises are healing nicely.

. . . L. A. Nelson had pajama troubles—they were his sister's?

. . . Pauline Kestler, registrar of the convention, was busier than a one-armed paper hanger with the itch all during the convention but didn't once lose that pleasant smile.

. . . Amy Deeter's Paul Bunyan stories evoked an unsolicited compliment. Clare Hendee's son said, "Dad, why don't you tell interesting stories like Miss Deeter; that's the kind people like to hear."

. . . Dr. Wayburn's two children won the hearts of all who were at the convention. Didn't you wish you could make mud pies while you were listening to the speeches too?

30 TWITTERS

CLUB NOTES

TRAILFINDERS

Banning, California—President Harry C. James is travelling in Europe for four months, in charge of a Trailfinders party of teen-age boys. Their itinerary includes Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, France, and England. Many climbs were made from

Zermatt, one member of the party making the Matterhorn just the day before the snows came that ended the season's climbs.

The Life Members reunion in early June was attended by more than 200. This was the occasion of the launching of the controversial Mt. Whitney proposal.

Thirty-two boys attended the annual summer camp. Two weeks were spent at the campsite here in the San Jacintos and a month in the Hopi and Canyon country of Arizona and at Zion Canyon in Utah. During these weeks 14 talks and conferences dealt with conservation and the outdoors.

The President has accepted the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee of the Idyllwild School of Conservation and the Natural Sciences. Also, he has been gratified to learn that the Caxton Printers are to publish his book on the history and culture of the Hopi Indians.

All good wishes to the new officers of the Federation.

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ANGORAS

Astoria, Ore.—The Angoras, five strong, including yours truly as the official delegate, went to the Lake Tahoe conference of F.W.O.C., and had a wonderful time in that beautiful setting. The food was excellent, the fellowship with other club members was heartwarming and we learned about other club's problems. It was inspiring to join our small strength with the rest of the Pacific slope outdoor clubs and know that we helped accomplish a job. As I told the convention, even though we come from a lovely scenic country, somehow the other guy's scenery down over the horizon is always more interesting.

On Oct. 3 and 4th, the Angoras went to Spirit Lake to stay with the Mt. St. Helens Club at their lodge over the week-end. It was a beautiful two-day outing, with Mt. St. Helens wrapped in a brand new ermine coat.

—Arthur G. Stangland

