

RESOLUTIONS

Following are the Resolutions passed by the delegates to the 23rd annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, meeting September 4-5-6, 1954, at Nesika Lodge, Oregon.

RESOLUTION No. 1—Reaffirmation of Policies

Resolutions with regard to the following subjects were passed in September, 1953. It is felt that a reaffirmation of the principles in these resolutions is necessary and important in 1954.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs reaffirms its belief in the principles expressed in the following resolutions of 1953:

1. The Federation urges that Dinosaur National Monument be given the dignity of National Park status and states its opposition to the sacrifice of the unique and irreplaceable values now present and reserved for public benefit.
2. The Federation supports 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 toward its preservation.
3. The Federation recommends that mining laws be changed to: (a) Retain for the people the resources on public lands, or value thereof, which are not actually needed in the exploitation of a mineral claim.
(b) Protect public lands having important values other than minerals by recognizing the relative values involved.
(c) Enable efficient administration of public lands on a multiple-use basis in cooperation with mining activities.

RESOLUTION No. 2—Development in National Parks

The national parks and monuments of the United States have been created in areas of outstanding scenic or scientific worth to provide enjoyment for all the people for all time. The purposes in all these areas involve their preservation for future citizens as well as their use by this generation. The established principles of the National Park System are in accord with these objectives. It is imperative that no development

inconsistent with these principles be countenanced.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. Commend the National Park Service for its policies favoring only those public-use activities which do not adversely affect the natural scene and beauty of our national parks and monuments.
2. Suggest to the Secretary of the Interior that an emphatic declaration in support of the established principles of the National Park System is in the public interest.

RESOLUTION No. 3—Aerial Tramway Or Lift On Mount Rainier

Construction of a permanent aerial tramway or lift on Mount Rainier would violate the principles stated in the National Park Organic Act of 1916. Erection of this tramway or other proposed commercialized recreational facilities in the National Park would set a precedent leading to the breakdown of the historic concept of national parks.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is opposed to any permanent lift in Mount Rainier National Park, as well as to any other forms of commercialized recreation in Mount Rainier National Park.

RESOLUTION No. 4—The Three Sisters Wilderness Area

The foresight demonstrated by the United States Forest Service in setting aside wilderness areas has provided a valuable resource in the Three Sisters Primitive Area in Oregon. It is pertinent to review the principles that prompted the reservation of such areas.

Wilderness areas were set aside to preserve selected portions of the public domain as nearly as possible in their undisturbed natural condition. To serve their purposes these areas should include adequate samples of the boundless primeval forest which met the eye of the pioneer.

Repeated recent investigations of the Three Sisters Primitive Area have confirmed the importance of preserving intact the entire watershed of Horse Creek.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

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1. Express appreciation to the United States Forest Service officials at all levels for their courtesy and co-operation in our efforts to study further the Three Sisters Wilderness Area problem.
2. Reaffirm the stand stated in the resolution of 1952 that the western boundary for the Three Sisters Wilderness Area should be the high ridge west of Horse Creek known as the Horsepasture Mountain-Olallie Mountain ridge.

RESOLUTION No. 5—Mountain Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Areas

Since the time of the 1953 convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, the Regional Forester of the U.S. Forest Service, Region 6, has filed formal recommendation for establishment of the Mount Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Areas in Oregon.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs commend the Regional Forester on his recommendation to set aside the Mount Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Areas, and request that these areas be established as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION No. 6—Glacier Peak Limited Area

The Glacier Peak Limited Area, in the State of Washington, is an outstanding example of the western wilderness, both of alpine country and lowland timbered valleys, and deserves establishment as a wilderness area by the United Forest Service.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs cooperate with the United States Forest Service in the study of this proposed wilderness to the end that suitable boundaries may be established including both alpine country and lowland timbered valleys.

RESOLUTION No. 7—Proposed Columbia River Gorge Park

The Columbia River Gorge is of tremendous scenic importance, as a prime tourist attraction and as an area with increasing recreational value. The threat of defacement by logging and commercialization on approximately 18,000 acres of privately owned land constitutes a problem of paramount urgency.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. Commend the Columbia River Gorge Commission, created by the 1953 Oregon Legislature, on the objectives of its comprehensive plan for acquisition, development and administration.

2. Record with the authorities of the State of Oregon, its approval of the protection of Columbia Gorge scenery, and urge that funds be provided immediately for the land acquisition necessary to prevent further defacement.

RESOLUTION No. 8—Mountain Goats in Washington

Recreationists have noted the absence of mountain goats from their natural habitat and a lack of accessible lands. The opportunity of seeing these animals as a part of the natural scene is being lost.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs request the Washington State Game Commission, in conference with other Washington State officials, with Federal officials, and wildlife organizations, to seek means of preserving this natural attraction. It is further requested that the hunting of mountain goats be discontinued pending the result of this study.

RESOLUTION No. 9—Upper McKenzie River Dams

The McKenzie River is nationally known for its scenery, fishing and recreational use. The upper portion of this river, including its source, is of especially great scenic beauty. It is being used to the full extent of present recreational development and will be used increasingly as additional facilities are completed.

The Eugene Water and Electric Board has available federally generated electric power that will adequately supply its known requirements without the necessity of constructing more hydro electric power plants.

The construction of power-generating facilities on the upper river would seriously alter the character of the river and destroy much of its scenic and recreational value.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. In reaffirmation of its resolution No. 6 of 1951, request the Federal Power Commission to deny the application of the Eugene Water and Electric Board for power developments on the upper McKenzie River and to rescind the 1911 withdrawal of this area for power purposes.
2. Commend the United States Forest Service on its administration of this area for recreational use, and express approval of the work of the Service in preserving the area in a natural state.

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RESOLUTION No. 10 — Overnight Campsite Facilities

Unprecedented and constantly increasing use of campsites by transient car campers in park and forest areas set aside primarily for scenic value presents a problem that is widespread and acute throughout the western States. The overcrowding impairs the vacationers' experience and the overuse damages the terrain. Preservation of both can be achieved only if additional camping areas are made available, permitting travelers to find overnight campsites without aggravating the overcrowding on the present camps.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs record with the Congress and with the legislatures of the several states its urgent recommendation that funds be provided to the National Park Service, United States Forest Service and state park and highway agencies for providing and administering overnight campsites in areas not now adequately provided with them.

RESOLUTION No. 11—Clean-up Program

Litter strewn along highways and in other public areas has become a public disgrace throughout this country and effective means are needed to combat the spread of this menace.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:

1. Request its member clubs and associate members to initiate litter bag campaigns and educational programs in their own communities and to encourage oil companies, highway departments and others to promote a widespread program of trash containers and disposal.
2. Request the authorities to find means for more adequate enforcement of laws designed to keep our highways free of trash and litter.

RESOLUTION No. 12 — Convention Management

IT IS RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its sincere appreciation to the Trails Club of Oregon 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 Ed Neubauer, for the time and effort spent in keeping us happy.

Seein' Things at the Convention

Singing on the point in the starlight.
The long and short of it—L. A. Nelson and Ernest Haag.
Plenty of time to take a walk before breakfast.
Explaining our unusual weather to the Californians.
Mike Stahl spouting poetry.
The Angoras' Ida Jarvis giving instructions in hula dancing.
The CAC caravan on the way to Spirit Lake.
President Wayburn forgetting the gavel and Inez Waespe handing him a hammer to take its place.
The tent city on the hill for the Trails Club workers.
Harold Mace doing a fine job of handling the P.A. system.
Henry Waespe hauling the luggage.
Mel Becker getting a rest while performing in the Mt. St. Helens Club skit.
Ding Cannon MCing.
The impressive mountain rescue demonstration by the Crag Rats.
The Roamers represented by two fine families.
One Angora lost overnight—couldn't find the trail in the dark.
Conventioneers seeing the sights from the top of Larch Mt., on the way home.
Lively song sessions each night after the program.

THANK YOU

As this is my swan song, I wish to say THANK YOU to all who sent in articles for the last nine issues of the FWOC Quarterly. Your prompt cooperation was most sincerely appreciated.

—BETTY D. MORSE

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The Secretary was pleased to have so many renewals come in at the convention, for every one received before the end of January no statement will have to be sent. So send that \$1 to Ramona Wascher, 2741 Clay St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

CARRIAGE TRADE

A new daughter arrived at the Wayburn house the end of September. The count is now 2 and 2; everyone doing fine, including Papa Ed.