

Resolutions

Following are the Resolutions passed by the delegates to the 25th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, hereinafter referred to as the "Federation," meeting September 1, 2, 3, 1956 at Fan Lake, Washington.

RESOLUTION No. 1 — Reaffirmation of Policies

IT IS RESOLVED that the Federation reaffirms its position taken in 1955 and previous years as follows:

1. The Federation urges that Dinosaur National Monument be given the dignity and protection of National Park status and that the Congress be urged to take immediate action to achieve this status.
2. The Federation supports continued efforts to create a wilderness preserve in Arctic Alaska.
3. The Federation urges that the Chief Forester establish the proposed Mt. Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Areas as soon as possible.
4. The Federation opposes in principle salvage logging in National Parks.

RESOLUTION No. 2 — Scenic Resources Review

1. The national need for scenic resources—parks, wilderness, wildlife, and related outdoor recreation—is increasing apace with the need for commodity resources as a direct result of the increase in population, leisure time, and ease of access.
2. Plans for development of commodity resources such as timber, minerals, and water, are well advanced on a long-range basis, and irrevocable land-use decisions are now being made for these resources which look ahead 50 to 100 years.
3. The scenic resource needs are not being similarly planned for on a long-range basis. The National Park Service has, as of Mission 66, cooperated with local, state, and Federal agencies in the study and planning of recreational development which will have lasting results in lessening the recreational load on National Parks and in drawing many people to less well known but equally enjoyable recreation areas.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation:

1. Commends the National Park Service

for its cooperation with other agencies in local and regional recreational planning, and urges Congressional support for continuing this cooperative program.

2. Urges the immediate initiation of a broad scenic resources review, to be undertaken by the National Park Service, United States Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service and cooperating agencies and organizations to determine as accurately as possible the nation's scenic-resources needs by the year 2000.
3. That a preliminary review be made on a crash-program basis so that estimates of scenic-resource needs can be placed on a footing comparable with commodity-need estimates already available.

RESOLUTION No. 3 — Proposed Bruce's Eddy and Penny Cliff Dams

There has not been formulated a comprehensive plan to integrate the preservation of scenic and wildlife resources with the development of water, power, and flood control in the Columbia Basin and no impartial review of these development plans has yet been accomplished, nor has the effect of new sources of energy upon these plans been appraised, and there are scenic and wildlife resources of national importance threatened by the proposed development on the Clearwater River.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that, in the absence of such a study, the Federation opposes the construction of the proposed Bruce's Eddy and Penny Cliff Dams.

RESOLUTION No. 4 — Wilderness Preservation Bill

IT IS RESOLVED that, to give Congressional recognition and protection to the nation's wilderness areas, the Federation urges the creation of a National Wilderness Preservation System as proposed in the legislation introduced in the 84th Congress by Senator Hubert Humphrey and others in the Senate and by Representative John P. Saylor and others in the House.

RESOLUTION No. 5 — Glacier Peak Wilderness

The Glacier Peak area is one of surpassing scenic beauty. It offers magnificent possibilities for the enjoyment of wilderness because there is in it sufficient area, rugged alpine peaks and lowland forested valleys. The area originally outlined by the wise

planners of the Forest Service in 1939 took into account these facts and possibilities. Our recent investigations of the region have confirmed the far-reaching wisdom of the boundaries set forth at that time.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation recommends to the Forest Service that in its reclassification of the Glacier Peak area from limited to wilderness status, recognition be given to the surpassing wilderness worth of the area and that its boundaries be established, where possible, on logical geographic features, essentially as they were originally set forth in 1939.

RESOLUTION No. 6 — Forest Trail

Maintenance

Recreationists have long suffered from the inadequacies of the trail maintenance program whereby insufficient funds are allocated for repair of the trail system resulting in neglect or abandonment of many trails of high recreational value while roads and other projects consume the lion's share of available funds.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation requests the Forest Service to revise its allotment policy to provide more adequate maintenance of major recreational trails.

RESOLUTION No. 7 — Three Sisters Wilderness Area

Current studies of the western portion of the Three Sisters Primitive Area demonstrate its great recreational, educational, and scientific value. The proposal by the Oregon Academy of Science to establish yearly study camps in this area for college students, the interest of geologists and ecologists in this region of the older Cascades, and the increasing pressure by a growing population seeking unspoiled recreational areas, strongly indicate the wisdom of retaining this western part of the Primitive Area in the proposed Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation urges that the present Primitive area of the Three Sisters be retained in the proposed Wilderness Area with boundaries substantially unchanged, or that no decision be made to reduce the area until comprehensive studies are made and the results evaluated.

RESOLUTION No. 8—Beaver Marsh Project

The McKenzie River region has great scenic and recreational value. The Forest Service and the Oregon State Water Resources Board are now engaged in surveys

in order to establish a comprehensive plan for recreation, timber harvest, watershed and other appropriate uses. The Governor's Advisory Committee on Natural Resources has repeatedly stated its decision that the river should be reserved for recreational use. The proposed Beaver Marsh Project would irreparably damage the recreational value of the river and subsequent projects already under consideration would complete the destruction.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation expresses to the Federal Power Commission and to the Eugene Water and Electric Board strong opposition to either an extension of time in which to start construction or transfer of the license to any other agency and requests that the license be revoked or allowed to expire.

RESOLUTION No. 9 — Buildings in Grand Canyon

The Federation is in sympathy with the need of the people of Grand Canyon Village for a proper place to worship. The National Park Service has given permission to a corporation known as the Shrine of the Ages Chapel Corp. to build a one million dollar structure on the edge of the Grand Canyon in Grand Canyon National Park and the Corporation is engaged in a public money-raising campaign for that purpose. Such a structure in such a location would call attention to itself rather than to the beauties of the Grand Canyon thus violating the primary objectives of the National Park Service and setting a dangerous precedent for other national parks. Such a church is neither appropriate nor necessary. Other sites for a church are available in locations more suitable to the general long-range plan for development of the community center of Grand Canyon.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation disapproves of this project in its present form and requests the Director of the National Park Service to withdraw permission for this structure and to deny any privileges of this kind to any other applicant.

RESOLUTION No. 10 — Olympic Park Beach Strip Road

It has been proposed in Mission 66 plans for Olympic National Park that a road be located from LaPush along the ocean strip and running west of Lake Ozette north to connect with the present Cape Flattery road. In order to keep the wilderness character of the narrow two-mile strip between Lake Ozette and the ocean it would be more desirable to locate

such a road east of Lake Ozette to Cape Flattery.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation urges the National Park Service to locate any such road east of Lake Ozette.

RESOLUTION No. 11 — Pacific Crest Trail

The Pacific Crest Trail is a primary recreation trail providing great opportunity for enjoyment of mountain country and scenery. Over the years roads and other constructions have made a substantial section of the trail into a road. Recently the Forest Service adopted a policy of reconstruction of the trail where it follows a road or is otherwise not well placed.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation

1. Commends the Forest Service for its policy regarding trails and roads in relation to the Pacific Crest Trail and urges that it implement this policy diligently.
2. Requests the Forest Service to continue its routing of the P.C.T. to follow the crest of the mountains as much as possible where feasible.
3. Ask that the trail be maintained accord-

ing to recognized standards of grade alignment and tread as study shows to be desirable to accomplish this objective.

4. Appreciates the cooperation and assistance of the Forest Service for its help to those planning trips along the Pacific Crest Trail and for the manner in which it has promoted the enjoyment of the trail.

RESOLUTION No. 12 — Washington State Public Lands

Much of the confusion and misunderstanding in the land policies of the state of Washington stem from a lack of factual information on the part of the public and even state agencies as to the land under state public domain and its value. One way that this situation could be corrected would be to compile an inventory of Washington state lands which could serve as a basis for recommendations for future management.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation recommends that the State of Washington compile an inventory of its public lands and, using this as a base, project its lands needs into the future.

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but little from the valley. Abundance of flowers when we got there but a flock of sheep came through and wiped the whole valley clean of all they could reach and left a plague of flies that could bite worse than the mosquitoes. No swimming—river too fast and cold and the lake shores too muddy. The road from Salmon Le Sac in is rough and narrow but not dangerous; grades not bad.

EDITOR EATS CROW

The editor added the last paragraph to the Three Sisters article in the August issue: the paragraph was inaccurate and apologies are herewith offered to any offended people. (Actually the people who might have been concerned were not the kind to be ruffled by unintentional errors made by a volunteer amateur.)

Mr. Preston Macy, superintendent of Rainier National Park, was misquoted in the May issue report on the Wilderness Conference. In answer to a question from the floor after he had made his prepared

statement, Mr. Macy said that the national parks now have funds to assist state and local agencies in *planning* expanded recreational facilities—not in *building* them as we had misunderstood him to say. We are sorry, Mr. Macy. (The editor had added that morsel from her notes while re-typing Martha Ann's story.)

This is the last issue of the *Quarterly* under my *aegis*. It's been worlds of fun; I've met dozens and dozens of wonderful people. If I had a page left over I'd fill it with names of those who have helped. At least I have room to say that without Margaret Peper and my fellow Chemeke-tans I would have quit after the first issue. The printers have been marvelously helpful. (Bring your printing to Mr. Barnhart at the *Statesman Publishing Co.* for fine work.) Every member club and every 1956 officer has pitched in to help. Extra special credit should go to Martha Ann Platt, to H. L. Jennison as the most reliable club reporter, Ned Graves, Una Davies, Betty Morse, Pat Goldsworthy and the Onthinks. You've been wonderful. 'Bye now.