

# Resolutions

Following are the Resolutions passed by the delegates to the 24th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, meeting September 3-4-5, 1955, at Hidden Lodge, Idyllwild, California.

## **RESOLUTION No. 1 — Reaffirmation of Policies**

Resolutions with regard to the following subjects were passed in September, 1954. It is felt that a reaffirmation of the principles in these Resolutions is necessary and important in 1955.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs reaffirms its position taken in Resolutions adopted in 1954 and previous years as follows:

1. The Federation urges that Dinosaur National Monument be given the dignity of National Park status. A greater knowledge and appreciation of its unique scenic beauty, historical and scientific values due to an increasing usage of the area in the last few years makes the establishment of this area as a National Park imperative.
2. The Federation supports continued efforts to create a wilderness preserve in Arctic Alaska.
3. The Federation requests its membership to continue to initiate anti-litterbug campaigns and educational programs in their local areas and to encourage industry, governmental departments and others to promote a nationwide clean-up program.
4. The Federation urges that the Chief Forester establish the proposed Mt. Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Areas as soon as possible.
5. The Federation is opposed to power development of the Upper McKenzie River.
6. The Federation urges the U. S. Forest Service and National and State Park authorities to develop adequate use facilities outside of scenic and wilderness areas which are becoming more and more subject to over-use, for travelers, campers and others not primarily seeking the enjoyment of such areas.

## **RESOLUTION No. 2 — Salvage Operations in National Parks**

Salvage logging in our National Parks, as authorized by the basic act of August 25, 1916, has tended to set the value of Park

resources in terms of salable material, thereby encouraging logging for Park income. When trees fall in a National Park, they should be allowed to remain where they fall. In the absence of proven epidemic infestation, isolated damage should be remedied as Nature has provided through the centuries as a revelation of the processes of its life cycle.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is opposed in principle to salvage logging in National Parks and believes these areas should be preserved as far as possible in their natural state for the enjoyment of the present and future generations.

## **RESOLUTION No. 3 — Roads in National Parks**

The Federation recognizes that the use of high speed standards for roads in National Parks and Monuments is, in many locations, in conflict with the maintenance of the scenic and wilderness values and the quiet atmosphere for the preservation of which the Parks were set aside.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs commend the Sierra Club for its thoroughgoing study, the results of which are published in "A Policy for Roads in National Parks and Monuments." It approves this policy and urges its adoption by the National Park Service.

## **RESOLUTION No. 4 — The Three Sisters Wilderness Area**

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has investigated and discussed the problem of the Three Sisters Primitive Area for the past five years. Intensive exploration of this area by scientists as well as by conservationists confirms the judgment of those Forest Service planners who set it aside. Its scenic, scientific and recreational values fully warrant preservation of the entire present primitive area in its reclassification to wilderness status.

The great increase in the population of the United States and the accelerating use of outdoor recreation make it necessary to plan for more rather than less area for wilderness recreation, particularly if our descendants are to inherit an appreciable sample of the wilderness bequeathed to us by the pioneers. In recognition of this, the

President of the Federation at the public hearing held by the Forest Service in February, 1955, urged strongly the reclassification of the area without reduction. Subsequent information further strengthens this position.

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

1. Express to the Forest Service its appreciation of the fair and courteous public hearing on the issues, held in Eugene in February, 1955.
2. Reaffirm the stand taken at the hearing by the President of the Federation that the Three Sisters Area be reclassified as a Wilderness Area without reduction in size.

**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 recognizes these facts and these 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 of Western Outdoor Clubs recommend to the Forest Service that in its reclassification of the Glacier Peak area from limited to wilderness status, recognition be given to the surpassing 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 — Recreational Use of National Forest Lands**

The growth of population, and of leisure, income, mobility and outdoor recreation is increasing at a rapid and accelerating rate the need for the recreational resources of National Forest lands. Funds for Forest Service public use facilities have for many years been inadequate although Congressional appropriations during the last session have contributed to the arrears in maintenance.

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

1. Urge that appropriate and adequate areas be set aside for recreational use, that such areas be preserved from lumbering and other conflicting uses, that they be provided with adequate trails and appropriate camping facilities.

2. Urge that adequate appropriations from public funds be made available to the U. S. Forest Service to facilitate and maintain such a program.

**RESOLUTION No. 7 — Mount San Jacinto Aerial Tramway**

Construction of the Mount San Jacinto Tramway by the California Winter Park Authority would destroy the Mount San Jacinto Wild Area. The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has stated repeatedly its opposition to such destruction of wilderness.

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

1. Recommends that the contract between the California State Park Commission and the California Winter Park Authority not be renewed if the tramway financing is not completed at the expiration of the existing contract.
2. Favors abrogation of the Winter Park Authority Act by any appropriate means.

**RESOLUTION No. 8 — Structural Developments in Dedicated Areas**

Structural developments inconsistent with the principles governing protected public lands (e.g. Wilderness and Wild Areas in National Forests, National Parks and State Parks) should not be allowed unless the national defense requires it.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urge the U. S. National Forest Service, the National Park Service and the several State Park Commissions to classify structural developments (including radio and television facilities) within dedicated areas as being contrary to the principles governing the use of such areas; and to establish policies opposing the approval of applications involving such construction.

**RESOLUTION No. 9 — Convention Management**

IT IS RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its sincere appreciation to the Roamer Hiking Club, Ramblers, Trailfinders and Southern California Chapters of the Sierra Club for their wonderful hospitality in making this convention a memorable three days.

The Federation further thanks the members of the Convention Committee, under the chairmanship of Byron Graff, for the time and effort spent in keeping us happy and expresses its appreciation to Miss Florence Mack and Mr. J. J. Berkeley for the hospitality and cooperation of the Hidden Lodge management.