

Editorial

Another successful Federation Convention is now in the past but is still very fresh in the memories of those who attended.

The Wasatch Mountain Club entertained the Convention at its lodge at Brighton, Utah, and did a good job. The lodge has a beautiful setting in Big Cottonwood Canyon twenty-eight miles from Salt Lake City. Situated at an elevation of 8600 feet it overlooks the little resort village of Brighton and a vista of forest on the surrounding mountains. An icy-cold stream races down the hillside just a few feet from the lodge.

Interesting trails ramble off in all directions and almost everyone took time off to explore at least one of them. The weather was perfect, the food was good, entertainment excellent, and to all appearances all of the seventy-six visitors had an enjoyable time.

The officers and delegates spent many long hours in business sessions and much work was accomplished. Nine resolutions were debated and adopted. They appear in this issue. New officers were elected and you will find them listed on the back cover.

The Chemeketans of Salem, Oregon, invited the Federation to hold its 1948

convention in their city and the invitation was accepted. Some of our California friends had better start practicing on the name of their future hosts. Even though they can't say the name when they come to Salem next year we'll guarantee they will be singing its praises before they leave.

NOW A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS: There never has been an editor more green at editing than this one. We are literally as green as we want to keep Oregon but with time and a little experience we hope to improve.

We are asking each member club to appoint a reporter to write up their club news for the Quarterly. This way we'll be sure to get the most interesting news about each club and we'll all be able to enjoy your trips and doings with you. This should reach the editor by the first of the month preceding each publication date.

Keep on sending us your publication also. If you do not have the Quarterly editor on your mailing list please put us on at once. We need your help and ask for any helpful suggestions you can give us, and in return we'll do our best to learn how to edit.

—MARIE TRAPPE



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

**Sixteenth Annual Convention,
September 1, 1947**

1. Olympic National Park.

WHEREAS, the several bills now pending in Congress provide for the elimination from the Olympic National Park of substantial areas of the virgin forest which the Park was set up to preserve for all times; and

WHEREAS, interests have endeavored to secure removal of certain areas of the park for their own benefit, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention

assembled at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge, Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend, 1947, that we are opposed to removal from this Park any area of national park calibre or any area which should be retained in the Park to provide protection to areas of national park calibre; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federation is opposed to all present and future efforts on the part of special interests to impair the value of the Park or to reduce its boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federation, in its own name, and

its member clubs take appropriate action to bring about the defeat of H. R. Res. 84 and H. R. 2750, introduced by the late Mr. Norman; H. R. 4053 and H. R. 4054, introduced by Mr. Mack; H. R. 2751 introduced by Mr. Jackson; S. 711 introduced by Senator Magnuson and S. 1240 introduced by Senator Cain, inasmuch as these measures either directly or indirectly are designed to: (1) withdraw from the Olympic National Park areas which are of national park calibre or which should be retained in the Park to provide protection to areas which are of national park calibre, or (2) impair the value of the park or reduce its boundaries for the benefit of special interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federation be represented at the Public Hearings to be held in the state of Washington, and in Washington, D. C., and that the member clubs take appropriate action by communicating with their Congressmen and with other public officials.

2. Jackson Hole National Monument.

WHEREAS, Jackson Hole National Monument is in danger of being abolished by action of the 80th Congress as the result of introduction of H. R. 1330, amended (Barrett) and S. 91 (Robertson); and

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend, 1947, is opposed to the Barrett Bill H. A. 1330, amended, as it is designed to break up this integrated unit, and to Robertson's Bill S. 91 as it is designed to indirectly abolish the Jackson Hole National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs go on record as being in favor of the Jackson Hole National Monument being incorporated in the Grand Teton National Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor

Clubs actively work to defeat the two bills previously mentioned and to work actively toward the goal of the combining of the Grand Teton National Park and the Jackson Hole National Monument.

3. Disposal of Public Lands.

WHEREAS, a minority group of Western Livestock growers, politically powerful, and purporting to represent the whole wool and livestock industry of the West, is throwing all its strength into a movement to secure through Congressional action, control and eventual ownership of the greater part of the federal lands of the Western states and the undeveloped minerals in these lands, under the guise of states' rights, tax equalization and stabilization of the livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Bills S. 32, S. 33, and S. 34, introduced in the first session of the 80th Congress, the way would be opened for the furtherance of these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the public lands, which include national forests and public domain, were created for multiple use for the benefit of all of the general public, and

WHEREAS, these three bills tend to abrogate the multiple use principle under which these lands were intended to be administered, by diverting them to a single use to the exclusion of recreation, wildlife protection, and public watershed protection; and

WHEREAS, this attempt to gain control of our public lands and related natural resources (water, timber, minerals, wild life) is not the first such attempt, and indicates the strength and persistence of the group behind this movement; and

WHEREAS, our federal lands are now being used to their maximum capacity for the grazing of domestic animals, and such utilization of these lands is not adversely affected by any use that is made of them for recreation or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled use of these lands for grazing would impair watersheds, cause floods, impair irrigation and reclamation projects, result in heavy loss of crops and forage, reduce wild life and destroy recreational val-

ues, and in time cause serious damage to the balanced economy and the security of our nations; and

WHEREAS, the various federal agencies which are the long established custodians of public property have been censured for giving publicity to public rights and relative values regarding our federal lands, even though it is part of their duty to conduct such educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of the nation's natural resources is in keeping with the objectives of this organization, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend, 1947, realizing that the administration of the federal lands of the Western states is a matter of concern and importance to the whole nation and that the greatest value of these lands lies in public ownership under federal supervision, go on record as opposed to the transfer of these lands to state or private ownership, or the creation by legislation of any vested rights or privileges to any group or individual superior to those of the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we commend the various federal agencies for their work in informing the public concerning its rights in relation to our federal lands, and the proper use and management of these lands; that we urge them to continue this educational work vigorously and continuously; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we urge the Committee on Public Lands of the National Congress before they give consideration to any legislation that would dispose of, or relinquish control of, any of our public lands, to hold hearings at which the relative values of all the natural resources of our Federal lands can be considered with respect to use, development, and management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all outdoor clubs, sportsmen's organizations, and leading magazines in the United States, with the urgent request that they take definite action in supporting our stand to keep the public

lands public, and that additional copies be forwarded to our various state delegations in the national Congress, and to the Governors of our various states.

4. Predator Control—Mt. McKinley National Park.

WHEREAS, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is interested in the maintenance of primitive natural conditions in the few remaining representative areas of American wilderness, and in the proper administration of wildlife resources, and is aware of the considerable decreases in numbers of Dall Sheep in Mt. McKinley National Park in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a scientific appraisal of the status of the Dall mountain sheep, the wolf, and other wildlife of Mt. McKinley National Park was started by the Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service as early as 1939 and continues at the present time to determine the best action to take should any predator control be advisable; and

WHEREAS, qualified evidence has not been produced to show that the wolf has been primarily responsible for the reduction of Dall mountain sheep; and

WHEREAS, field studies indicate that the wolf population of the park has suffered a considerable decline; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation and duty of the National Park Service to maintain all kinds of animal life without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service already has the legal authority to reduce the number of wolves in the park, and is now taking necessary action to encourage recovery of the sheep population; and

WHEREAS, political action to require predator control in any National Park would set a precedent which would be out of keeping with the principles for which National Parks have been established, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend of 1947, go on record as opposed to S. 891 and H. R. 2863, as unnecessary and ill advised.

5. Whitman National Monument.

WHEREAS, the Whitman National

Monument is situated in the southeast portion of the state of Washington, near the city of Walla Walla; and

WHEREAS, the above said Whitman National Monument is of real national interest, being of rare pioneer nature; and

WHEREAS, a recent visit by some of the members of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs to the said Whitman National Monument, disclosed the fact that there are no public facilities available, such as sanitary equipment, or even a registry book, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend of 1947, through its secretary, bring all possible pressure to bear on the National Park Service to correct immediately the above mentioned deplorable conditions and to make any other improvements in keeping with the historical and otherwise general spirit of this Monument.

6. Hell's Canyon of the Snake River.

WHEREAS, Hell's Canyon on the Snake River is the deepest in continental United States, and is one of the wildest areas still unprotected by governmental action; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of the natural wonders of this area by the proposed dams constitutes a loss to the recreational resources of the country which is not compensated for by the electrical power to be produced, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend in 1947, go on record as opposing the construction of the proposed dams in the above designated area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the above designated area be left in its present condition and given adequate protection.

7. Park Service Educational Program.

WHEREAS, the tremendous growth in patronage of our National Parks demands an increase in the education of prospective park patrons in conserva-

tion and proper park use. Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend in 1947, to actively work to persuade the Congress to allow the National Park Service to extend its educational program during its slack season to include lectures to groups in schools, and organizations such as service clubs, civic groups, P.T.A.'s, and so on, throughout the country, to the end that prospective visitors to our parks may more adequately plan their visits and to guarantee a better use and a lessening of vandalism in our parks.

8. Vote of Appreciation to Host Club.

WHEREAS, the Wasatch Mountain Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, our host at the 16th Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, has taken such excellent care of all wants and needs, both for our physical comfort and our entertainment, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, in convention assembled at Brighton, Utah, on Labor Day Weekend in 1947, express its appreciation to the Wasatch Mountain Club for the delightful hospitality extended at the mountain home of the club, situated at Brighton, Utah, during the Labor Day Weekend of 1947.

9. Vote of Appreciation to Officers and Committees:

WHEREAS, the officers and committees 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 Brighton, Utah, during the Labor Day Weekend in 1947, extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year, for these fine services.

NOTE: Resolution 3, Re: DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LANDS, was presented in person to the House Committee on Public Lands in San Francisco on September 24, 1947 by Cyrus W. Washburn.