

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1

Resolutions with regard to the following subjects were passed by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at its meeting in September, 1951. However, it is felt that a reaffirmation of principles in these resolutions is important and necessary in 1952.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs reaffirms its belief in the principles expressed in the following resolutions of 1951:

1. The Federation desires passage of 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 specifically is irrevocably opposed to the construction of the Echo Park and Split Mountain dams in the Dinosaur National Monument.
3. The Federation is opposed to the construction of a tramway in the San Jacinto State Park in California.

RESOLUTION No. 2

A great need exists for ever-increasing development and proper use of water, recreation, timber, wildlife, forage, and other renewable natural resources on public lands for the economic and social development of the West. Single-purpose exploitation at the expense of these general public values is detrimental to the national welfare of the United States.

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. We believe that the American Mining Congress has a great knowledge, awareness, and interest in this problem.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs subscribe to the principles and support legislation which would separate surface and sub-surface rights as well

as metallic and non-metallic minerals in order that the public lands produce their maximum opportunities for the general welfare along with the continued development of minerals.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs call upon the American Mining Congress to work earnestly with conservationists toward a solution to this great problem.

RESOLUTION No. 3

Appropriations of the United States Forest Service for public use and sanitation have been woefully inadequate for the past few years. The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs believes that it is essential for the public interest to have adequate appropriations for these purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urges that the Appropriations Committee of the Congress of the United States more fully consider the need for increased funds for public use and sanitation.

RESOLUTION No. 4

The Regional Office of the United States Forest Service held a recent public hearing on proposed boundary adjustments of the Gila Wilderness Area. This would reduce it, the first Wilderness Area established in the United States, from a present area of 567,000 acres to 375,000 acres by elimination of lands largely in the eastern and northern sections, incidentally deleting 60,000 acres which contain fine virgin timber in one of the most attractive scenic regions of the area.

These proposed boundary deletions were almost unanimously opposed by representatives of National and local conservation organizations present at the hearing, as well as other local and civic organizations. The clash of opinions makes it desirable that further study be given to readjustment of the boundaries.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs suggests that the Forest Service withdraw its proposal for boundary adjustments.

RESOLUTION No. 5

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs feels that it is essential to establish the Three Sisters Wilderness Area and the Diamond Peak, Waldo Lake and Mt. Washington Wild Areas as soon as possible.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs believes that the logical and defensible western boundary for the Three Sisters Wilderness Area is the high ridge west of Horse Creek and Eugene Creek, known as the Horsepasture Mountain—Ollallie Mountain Ridge. The remainder of the boundaries previously proposed for this wilderness area is satisfactory.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urges the United States Forest Service to proceed as rapidly as possible with the establishment of these wilderness and wild areas. The Federation suggests that the western boundary for the Three Sisters Wilderness Area should be the high ridge west of Horse Creek known as the Horsepasture Mountain—Ollallie Mountain Ridge.

RESOLUTION No. 6

Highways which have contiguous areas admittedly recognized for their inestimable scenic and recreational values should be preserved. Such a highway exists in the Columbia River Gorge. Within the past year logging operations which tend to depreciate these values have been carried on in this area. Governor McKay of Oregon has appointed a committee to work out a program for preservation of the scenic and recreational values of the Columbia Gorge.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs supports efforts to preserve areas contiguous to highways which have scenic and recreational values and specifically the Columbia Gorge; that it commend Governor McKay for his action in appointing the Oregon Columbia Gorge Committee, and that it recommend to Governor Langlie of Washington that he appoint a similar committee for the State of Washington.

RESOLUTION No. 7

A great deterrent to the full enjoyment of nature is the presence of trash, such as glass, cans, and other remnants of human activity, in camps and on trails

or peaks. The Sierra Club has initiated a CleanCamp campaign which has provoked widespread sympathy and cooperation among newspapers, radio and television broadcasters, magazines and the public at large. A campaign of this nature conducted on a wider scale should have an effect in increasing the enjoyment of the wilderness and the outdoors generally.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs go on record as being in favor of such a campaign and urges that all of its component clubs do whatever they can to encourage similar programs in their own localities.

RESOLUTION No. 8

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs extends its greetings to Mr. Lyle Watts, retiring Chief Forester of the National Forest Service of the United States of America, for his fine leadership in conservation as Chief of the Forest Service, and wishes him well in his retirement.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs furthermore congratulates Mr. Richard E. McArdle on his appointment to this high office, firm in the conviction that he will carry on the conservation principles established by his predecessors.

RESOLUTION No. 9

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs remembers the outstanding service of Cyrus C. Washburn, his never failing tact and courtesy to all. We hereby express our deep regret at the untimely passing of our Past President Cyrus C. Washburn and extend to his widow, Marjory Washburn, our sincere sympathy in her loss.

RESOLUTION No. 10

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs expresses its sincere appreciation to the Tacoma Mountaineers and the Washington Alpine Club for their wonderful hospitality in making this convention a memorable three days.

The Federation further thanks the members of the General Committee and the Commissary Committee for all the time and effort spent in keeping us all happy.