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Wilderness Area
Selway-Bitterroot

Memorandum for Forest Supervisor

I note with interest Mr. Rachford's letter of May 4 concerning the proposal to designate a portion of the Selway-Bitterroot Primitive Area as the "Bob Marshall Wilderness Area". I also noted in a recent Washington bulletin that a portion of his five to ten million dollar estate was to be set aside for the encouragement of the use of primitive areas by people of limited means.

It would seem to me that the trustees of this estate could select no better project than the providing of facilities in this area for such people of limited means.

I am attaching a map on which I have outlined a little over seven hundred thousand acres which I believe should be included within the unit. ~~Not only~~ To make this area meet the needs of the type of people that Bob had in mind approximately five hundred miles of trail would have to be constructed or reconstructed. It would also be desirable to construct one to two hundred over-night shelters of the Adirondack type. The estimated cost is approximately five hundred thousand dollars.

In order to be effectively spent this amount should be spread over a ten year period at the rate of fifty thousand dollars a year.

If there is some way of getting this proposal before the estate trustees I trust that you will take the necessary action.

Yours very sincerely,

George W. Case

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*Talk to Wolff & R. R. Terry -
Not encouraged by Wolff
Terry supposed to follow up*

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