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SUBJECT: U - CLASSIFICATION - Wilderness Area - Bitterroot Selway Primitive Area

In reply to Mr. Harmon's memorandum of March 3, 1954, the following information is submitted:

Private ranches which are used as "dude ranches" are numbered in red on enclosed map.

1. Moose Creek Ranches, located in Section 25, T33N., R12E., and Section 30, T33N., R13E., used as dude ranch and as base for packing of hunters. Has airport on ranch which will accommodate small planes. About 1200 feet runway. Elevation 2500 feet above sea level.
2. Richardson's Ranch, located in Section 2, T32N., R12E. Summer home and hunting lodge. Accommodates a small number of guests.
3. Selway Lodge, located in Section 21, T31N., R13E. Used as dude ranch and hunter packing base. Many of the dudes are flown in to Shearer Airport.
4. North Star Ranch. Located in Section 15, T30N., R13E. Used as base for hunter packers.

There are three more homesteads on Moose Creek which are not occupied at present.

Campgrounds: Marked in blue pencil on enclosed map.

1. Paradise - Section 9, T29N., R14E. Partially improved campground on White Cap Creek on end of road. Used by commercial hunter packer in fall. Also used as camping area during summer. Two Adirondack shelters for public use.
2. Indian Creek Camp - Section 5, T28N., R14E. Used as base camp for hunter packing in fall. Also used for tourist camp area in summer. Very little improvement has been done.
3. Magruder Camp - Section 29, T28N., R14E. Forest Service campground. Partially improved.
4. Kit Carson Camp - Used as hunter packing base in fall. Also used by tourists during summer. No improvements.

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5, 6 & 7. Located in Section 33 & 34, T5N, R23W, and Section 8, T32N., R16E., at head Lost Horse Creek. Used by summer tourists and campers and by Hunter packers in fall. Minor improvements.

The only mineralized zone of any importance is along Deep Creek in T27N., R15E., from Slow Gulch to Cayuse Creek where placer mining for gold has been attempted for thirty years. No worthwhile deposits have been found as yet, but there is some gold scattered through the sand. Other areas have scattered claims but we are skeptical of their value as mines.

Roads, trails and cabins are as shown on map.

If this information is not sufficient, please let us know.

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Attachment