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## Resolution 1959-03-25 Protesting the Bottleneck of Land Withdrawal for Recreation Use

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

### **ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL AREAS FROM FEDERAL HIGHWAYS**

Whereas, the limited access highway system in the United States does not now provide nor at present contemplate consideration of adequate access to various recreational areas, and

Whereas such lack of consideration hinders the enjoyment of those areas by citizens of the United States, and

Whereas, much undue hardship could be eliminated by sympathetic consideration of the program of access to recreational areas by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and state highway departments,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby urge and request the respective highway departments and U. S. Bureau of Public Roads to make every effort to obtain reasonable access to all recreational areas to assist in meeting the ever increasing demands.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

### **U. S. FOREST SERVICE "OPERATION OUTDOORS"**

#### **PART II**

Whereas, the U. S. Forest Service "Operation Outdoors" Part I program for development of recreational facilities as submitted to congress set up certain necessary annual appropriations, and

Whereas the appropriation for the fiscal year 1957 was reduced substantially from the amount considered necessary under the proposed program with the assumption that the first year operations would not permit full program activities, and

Whereas, the Bureau of the Budget for fiscal years 1959 and 1960 has not recommended to congress, and congress has not appropriated, funds equal to the 1957 appropriation, and

Whereas, there is an unprecedented increase in the use of the national forests for recreation, thereby aiding the economy of the nation, resulting in a great national need for appropriations under the "Operation Outdoors" program in excess of those originally contemplated,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the Bureau of the Budget recommend to congress increased appropriations for the fiscal year 1961 at least equivalent to those originally contemplated.

Be it further resolved that the President of the U. S. include in the budget and congress approve substantial funds for the Forest Service to initiate Part II, the wildlife phase of "Operation Outdoors," for wildlife habitat development in cooperation with the state fish and game departments.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

### **PROTESTING THE BOTTLENECK OF LAND WITHDRAWAL FOR RECREATION USE**

Whereas, the need exists to speed up the processing of land withdrawals for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, and

Whereas, there is a definite obligation on the part of certain state and federal agencies to meet the public's growing need for recreation, and

Whereas, such needed withdrawals of public domain lands will not exclude grazing, but emphasize the multiple use concept, and

Whereas, since there is a backlog of withdrawal applications that has piled up during the past five years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby strongly urge the Department of the Interior to see that the Bureau of Land Management is given the needed adjuncts necessary to speed up the processing of all applications for withdrawals of public domain lands submitted for recreational use under the Coordination Act or other applicable federal statute in accordance with the desires of the individual states concerned.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL**

Whereas, Public Law 660 of the 84th congress included the sewage treatment construction grants program authorized thereby, has resulted in substantial progress in the abatement of stream pollution in the United States, and