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Western Association of State
Game and Fish Commissioners

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I&E No. 891

Regional Foresters
and Directors

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of four resolutions adopted by the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners during its annual conference at Long Beach, California, June 3. These resolutions are for in-Service information.

Very truly yours,

Dana Parkinson

DANA PARKINSON, Chief
Div. of Information & Education

Enclosures

RESOLUTION NO. 3

(National Livestock Legislation)

WHEREAS, the National Livestock Association had introduced in Congress H. R. 4023 and S.B. 1491 purported to be for the purpose of setting up a uniform grazing code for National Forests, Taylor Grazing Lands, and other public lands, and

WHEREAS, these bills would favor the livestock interests to the detriment of watersheds, timber, recreation, wildlife, and the public interests in general, and

WHEREAS, the present multiple use policies established by the Secretary of Agriculture and administered by the U. S. Forest Service which call for the consideration of the use of resources or services such as watersheds, timber production, recreation, and wildlife as well as grazing, and

WHEREAS, the present laws and policies are adequate and in the public interest, and there is no need for such legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners goes on record as opposing these bills sponsored by the National Livestock Association and reaffirms our confidence in the principle of multiple land use.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

(Mining Laws)

WHEREAS, the mining laws which now apply to the public lands are outdated and are detrimental to the welfare of the general public, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4983 and S.B. 1830 do not repeal the present mining laws or correct the fundamental weaknesses of these laws,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, at its annual meeting in Long Beach, California, goes on record as opposing the two bills above mentioned, and requests that Congress pass H.R. 334 which calls for the removal of sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, and cinders from the provisions of the present mining laws, and S. 783 that separates surface rights from sub-surface rights, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs in the Senate and the House; the House Committee on Agriculture; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and Forestry; the Secretary of the Interior; and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5

(Administration of Public Lands)

WHEREAS, the administration of the public lands used for live-stock grazing is now under the jurisdiction of two separate and distinct agencies of the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, under the administrative reorganization program the President is empowered to consolidate these agencies in the interests of economy and more efficient administration, and

WHEREAS, the record of administration of the Forest Service under the Department of Agriculture in the administration of the Forest lands has been long tested by experience and has been proven satisfactory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in the event of consolidation of administration of the public lands that these lands be placed in the custodianship of the Department of Agriculture for administration by the Forest Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

(Browse Revegetation Committee)

WHEREAS, the forage production of our ranges is the basic controlling factor of our big game herds, and

WHEREAS, palatable browse plants have been reduced or eliminated from many of our ranges, and

WHEREAS, there is no known practical method for bringing such ranges into maximum browse production,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners goes on record as being aware of the necessity for developing new plants and techniques of use in revegetating browse ranges for game use, and to further that objective, each of the member states shall appoint a representative to serve as a member of an active committee to outline and coordinate a browse research program, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the member of said committee representing the State of Washington shall be the chairman of the committee for the year 1953-54 and shall aid in the arrangements for committee organization and meetings in order to effectuate this program, that said committee shall make a full and complete report covering information and facts at hand at the next annual meeting and the desirability of further exchange of methods and information regarding browse rehabilitation.

ADOPTED BY THE
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 3, 1953