

EXHIBIT 13

*Letter of R. McDonald, Inyo County Supervisor
to C. Record, Calif. Desert Advisory Comm. (Oct. 19, 1978)
(from Inyo County files)*

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Mr. Clayton A. Record, Chairman
California Desert Advisory Committee
C/O California Desert Planning
3610 Central Ave., Suite 402
Riverside, Calif. 92506

Dear Clayton:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a panel member on your September 29, 1978 Desert Advisory Committee Meeting. I left, however, somewhat frustrated with myself, not being able to convey my feelings as to the potential impacts that could have detrimental effects on Inyo County. I am surprised and somewhat dismayed at the broad brush approach used by the Bureau in distinguishing potential roadless wilderness areas. They have painted green existing roads, (by their own criteria) known mining interests, private property, etc. Then, to compound my concerns, Mr. Haste's statement "that this is very close to being if not the final map".

I pray that during your evaluation of their proposal that you do not lose sight of the fact that our total sum and substance is our mining and recreation and that any action taken that would upset the balance would have devastating effects on the economy of our County.

Please take into account that Death Valley Monument is already treated as roadless wilderness. Also, the U. S. Naval Weapons Center is a restricted area not open to the public. Color both of those green and what is left for our mining and recreation, virtually nothing!

Taking time to digest Mr. Mortenson's "Market Area One" report, I am sure that his twelve quotes are accurate and his over view of the various areas measurably correct but (as I read it) there was a great deal of emphasis on the numbers that reside in the area. You must take into consideration that our total County population is just in excess of 17,000 so when he refers to "that only about 1,000" represents approximately 17% of the total residence.

A brief comment on your slide presentation which Dave presented at the end of the program on why people live in the desert, which seemed to gather some laughter, I hope this was not an effort on anyone's part to make light of people's feelings and concerns. What we have and cherish can't always be put into writing and words and I do not believe we need someone to lead us up out of the desert and teach us the true meaning of why we are there.



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In summary - I would like to inform the Committee that with the concensus of the Board and Planning Dept., I have put together an advisory group, maybe not as prestigious and scholarly as yours, but by living and working in the area of concern for many years are as, or possibly more familiar with this area that is proposed wilderness. Through this effort our County will prepare and adopt a map for your consideration. I have also attached a letter dated October 13, 1978 to Mr. Bob Rice, Forest Supervisor for Inyo County. This might give you a little further insight as to our feeling towards the wilderness.

Sincerely,

Richard B. McDonald
Supervisor Fifth District

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- Enclosures:
- 1-Petitions of Support for Resolution 78-111 (567 signatures)
 - 2-Letters of Concern: High Desert Scribe - Southern Inyo Search & Rescue Squad, Inc.
James O. Randolph, Jr.
 - 3-Letter to Mr. Robert Rice, Forest Supervisor

- Copy or Letter to:
- Senator Walter W. Stiern
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