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Subject: Six amendments (not five) to SEKI bill
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Ara, here are the six amendments we are talking about. Apparently Arthur is wondering what the language is that we are objecting to. It would be possible to look it up and paste it in under each of these amendments, but I am concerned that it could result in further confusion. Perhaps we need to make sure that people have the full text of the bill, then they can look it up on their own if they wish. I assume you have the text. If not, let me know. George

(Desired amendments to H.R. 3022, the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness bill:)

1. As has been done for roads and development in other Wilderness designations, the setback should be from 100 feet to 200 feet off the center line of the road, and from 100 to 200 feet away from other existing developments. [H.R. 3022 presently calls for one-half mile from the center line of the road and from one-quarter to one-half mile from cabin developments.]
2. Saddle and pack stock should be managed within the framework of existing management plans and planning processes. The present language in Section 4(e) should be dropped.
3. As has been done for pre-existing, non-conforming uses in other Wilderness designations, the four check dams should be designated as potential Wilderness additions rather than be set aside as exclusions.
4. Access to hydrologic, meteorologic, or climatologic devices and facilities should be as currently practiced, consistent with House Report 98-40. The present language in Section 4(c)(1) should be dropped.
5. The use of helicopters for inspection or surveillance of utility facilities should be as currently practiced, consistent with House Report 98-40 and as provided for by the minimum requirement provision of the Wilderness Act. The present language in Section 4(c)(2) should be dropped.
6. The impact on Wilderness from activities outside of designated Wilderness should be addressed as at present. The present language in Section 4(d)(2) should be dropped.