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Action Must Be Taken At Once If Payette Lakes Is To Get State Park

Payette Lake, sheltered by its rugged horseshoe of granite peaks, has been recognized by those who know it, as a year-round recreation center of outstanding merit. More and more people are crowding in to build homes on lake-front lots.

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The hills surrounding the Lakes will assume new value when a prospective hill-side home owner knows that he is co-owner of nearly a thousand acre park with approximately six miles of shoreline.

The superiority of this area as a public park was recognized in 1909 when it was set aside by legislative act as a State Park for a period of 20 years. Those of us who have seen that act lapse, and have seen the Peninsula being enroached upon have been asleep at the switch. There may have been a time when apparent lack of state funds delayed action to

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Nevertheless the time will come when the Peninsula can be developed for the public good, if the land is set aside now, before it is too late. Operating as the entire state is, on an infinitesimal advertising budget, we must take advantage of methods of advertising which can be done indirectly. One is to set aside a Payette Lakes Peninsula State Park.

The mere fact that there is such a park here, designated on maps, will give snowball publicity to this area, increasing as it rolls.

FISHING AND ROAD CONDITIONS FAIR

Fishing in the Payette Lake is