

McClure Promises Act On To Protect Hells Canyon

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BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Legislation to provide protection of the Hells Canyon area of the Middle Snake River will come out despite opposition within the Idaho congressional delegation, Sen. James A. McClure said Sunday.

Interviewed by newsmen on a Boise television program, McClure said legislation introduced by Idaho and Oregon senators to create a Hells Canyon National Recreation Area is in the national interest.

The Idaho Republican said the opposition of Rep. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, would not necessarily lead to its defeat because of lack of unanimous support.

"This is a matter of national interest," said McClure. "On

matters of national interest if the Idaho delegation is not together then the legislation is written by other forces. National interest is focused on Hells Canyon, the Middle Snake and the Seven Devils and some legislation will come out."

The senator said he anticipated some changes in the legislation as the result of Senate Interior Committee hearings in La Grande, Ore., and Lewiston last December. One would be a reduction in potential wilderness in the Rapid River areas on the Idaho side of the canyon.

He said the chances of Hells Canyon legislation getting through both houses this year "are slim."

In discussing other issues, McClure said:

—There is a danger of an immediate price movement following the lifting of wage and price controls April 30, but that ultimate good will result because "the wage and price control system is distorting our economy."

—He will disclose his personal finances as did Sen. Frank Church, but did not intend to disclose who contributed to his campaign prior to April 7, 1972, when the new campaign disclosure law became effective.

Moorer Denies Secrecy Obsession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Sunday the White House is not obsessed with secrecy and maintained he has been informed on all defense related matters.

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer said he was

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