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Memorandum

TO : E. F. Barry, Assistant Regional Forester
FROM : E. C. Slusher, Chief, Wilderness Management
SUBJECT: Wildernesses and Primitive Areas
Date: December 14, 1966
File No. 2320
Your reference:

A meeting was held in the library on December 13, 1966, to arrive at a study boundary for the Salmon River Breaks Primitive Area. This boundary shown on the enclosed map, would be furnished to the U.S. Geological Survey for their mineral survey. This is a part of the program to study the mineral values on all primitive areas. This study boundary in no way reflects our present thinking on a proposed wilderness boundary which requires a separate study.

It was suggested that we also contact Region 4 to determine if they want to include within the study area boundary a part of the Horse Creek drainage on the Salmon Forest.

During the meeting, we also discussed wilderness classification. The consensus was that the Salmon River Breaks should be studied along with the Idaho Primitive Area, and probably designated as one single wilderness. The Nezperce feels there should be no permanent camps (resorts) along the river. The Bitterroot feels there may be a need for resorts and we should make provision for them in the classification process.

The use of the Salmon River Breaks and northern part of the Idaho Primitive Area is generally tied to use on the Salmon River. Management along the river and wilderness classification should be coordinated with Region 4.

Those attending the meeting were Jim Harvey - Nezperce, Arne Nousianen, Bob Shackelford, Frank Schumaker - Bitterroot, Ed Slusher and Vern Thompson of Regional Office.

cc: Bitterroot NF ✓
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Edward C. Slusher

Enclosure
E.F. Barry says we should keep the mineral study boundary along the present primitive area boundary for Region 1.
Vern Thompson

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