

# Establishment of Mt. Jefferson Wild Area Is Proposed

Portland — Establishment of a 96,944-acre Mt. Jefferson Wild Area in the Oregon Cascades has been proposed by J. Herbert Stone, regional forester of the U.S. forest service.

Under intensive forest service study for the past few years, the proposed new Wild area would take the place of the existing 86,700-acre Mt. Jefferson Primitive Area which has been so classified since the early 1930s.

The prospective Mt. Jefferson Wild Area, dominated by the namesake peak which is Oregon's second highest mountain, is located about 60 miles southeast of Salem and takes in portions of the Deschutes, Mt. Hood, and Willamette National forests. The area, averaging about six miles in width, extends along the Cascades crest from the vicinity of Breitenbush Lake southward approximately 24 miles, almost to the Santiam highway.

"This is a magnificent alpine recreation area for hikers, riders, hunters, fishermen, photographers and mountain climbers," Stone said.

## 200 Miles of Trails

Besides 10,497-foot Mt. Jefferson, the proposed Wild area also features nearly 200 miles of trails and nearly 100 lakes, at least half of which are considered good fishing prospects. There is an abundance of wild game, including mule deer, black-tailed deer, elk, bear, and cougar.

Stone explained that the Mt. Jefferson Wild Area proposal is in line with forest service objectives to reclassify all primitive areas which have a predominate value as wilderness.

A public hearing will be held locally beforehand if there appears to be sufficient public interest. The public hearing record and the Regional Forester's recommendations will be forwarded to Forest Service Chief Edward P. Cliff for final action.

## Be Best Use

"Our studies have shown that Wild area classification would be the highest and best use for the Mt. Jefferson area, and would be in harmony with the multiple-use concept of National Forest management," Stone said.

While about 1.3 billion board feet of timber is located within the proposed wild area boundaries, the timber pro-

duction potential is relatively low because of shallow, rocky soils and low soil fertility. There is almost no grass-producing land except for scattered meadows offering limited forage for pack and saddle stock.

Forest Service Wilderness and Wild areas are identical in purpose and management, the regional forester explained, with these exceptions: Wild areas are under 100,000 acres and are classified by the Forest Service chief, while

Wilderness areas are more than 100,000 acres and are classified by the Secretary of Agriculture.

## Harvest Not Permitted

Timber harvest, road construction and commercial development are not permitted

under either classification, while grazing, hunting, fishing and prospecting are permitted.

The proposed Wild area status for Mt. Jefferson would represent a gain of 10,244 acres over the existing primitive area classification. Additions would include the 3,970-acre Candle Creek area, consisting of extensive lava flows surrounding an island of Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine and white fir. Also included would be 5,447 acres in the Santiam Pass vicinity, 630

acres around Pamela Lake, and 819 acres along the south fork of the Breitenbush river.

The proposal calls for excluding 1,440 acres along Minto creek, including parts of Lizard and Bingham Ridges, because the area has only limited Wilderness value and contains commercial forest land which should be managed for timber production.

A 393-acre area around Marion lake also would be omitted to become part of a new 1,430-acre scenic area, accessible by trail only, which

would include Marion lake, Marion Falls, and Lake Ann. Management plans for this area will provide for protection of natural and scenic beauty, while improved campgrounds will be developed at several points around Marion Lake to accommodate heavy recreation use.

Additional information on the reclassification proposal may be obtained from the supervisors of the Deschutes, Willamette, and Mt. Hood National forests and from the regional forester.

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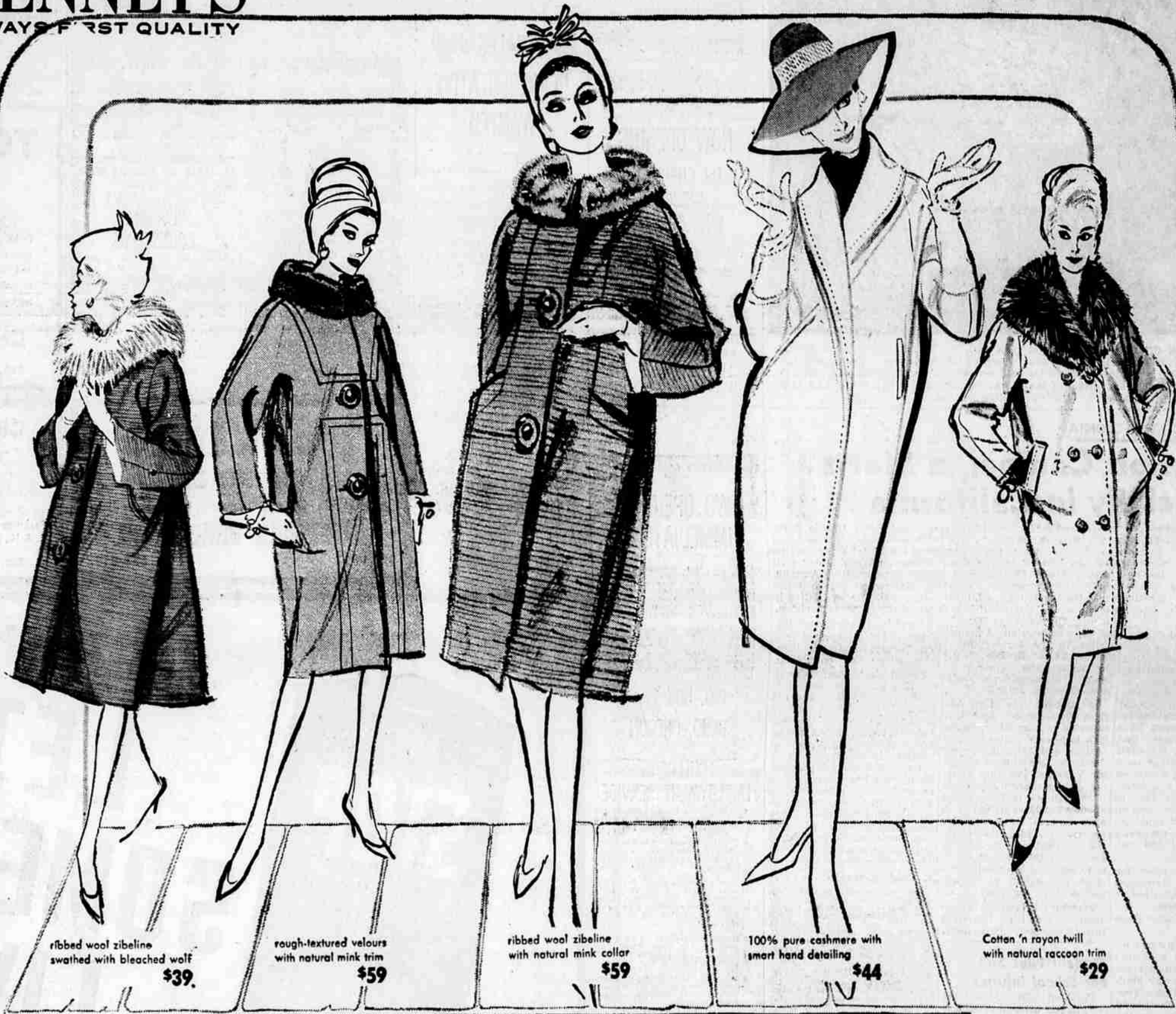
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## PET TALK

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### SUMMER HINTS

There is nothing more important during this hot weather than to have cool, clean water available at all times for all animals. Especially remember the caged animals and birds, the dogs on chains and horses worked or ridden in blistering heat.

Check your pets for fleas and other parasites. Any veterinarian will recommend a good remedy. Don't allow a cat or dog to suffer for a few minutes time. Brush long-haired cats daily as a preventative for stomach hair-balls and try a little vegetable oil in food or a few yeast tablets daily for general health and glossy fur.

A number of cats and dogs have been reported as missing this summer. Valuable animals are often stolen, taken to other localities and sold. Licensed pets as well as unlicensed are picked up. Tags are destroyed. Other stolen animals are sold to laboratories for experimental purposes.

As you disperse on vacations—be sure that the pet you leave behind will not suffer from lack of food, water or shelter.

### CRUELTY

Cruelty to animals is one of the most significant vices of a low and ignoble people. Whenever one notices them, they constitute a sure sign of ignorance and brutality which cannot be painted over even by all the evidence of wealth and luxury.

Statistics prove that humane organizations are universally sustained by those in lower income brackets, but with true education and true learning.

It has often been said, that if animals could vote, speak or spend money, there would be more prosperous humane societies. Just because one does not beat or starve animals, he fancies himself a kind person. But, not to be actively kind, is cruel.

### A Daily Thought

Let me tonight look back  
Across the span  
Twist dawn and dark and  
To my conscience say  
Because of some good act—  
To beast or man  
"The world is better that  
I lived today."