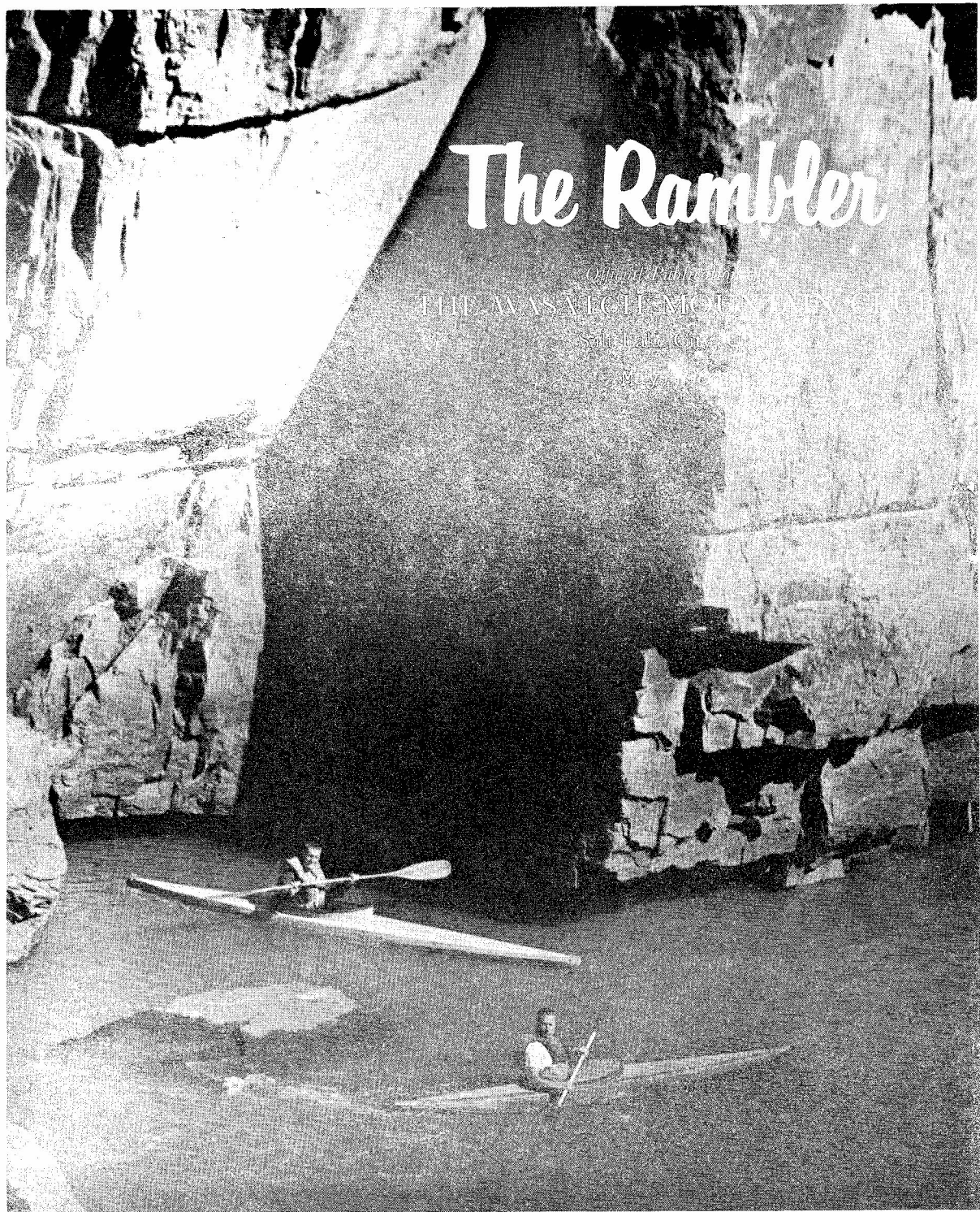


The Rambler

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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1968

- May 2
Thurs. CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK (about 5400 S Wasatch Blvd.). This is a good starting point for conditioning hikes as well as practice climbing. Also, the 2nd session of the Hiker's Climbing Course (HCC--see Mountaineering Notes) will be held. With all this technical stuff, it is hard to remember the prime purpose of these sessions--socializing with other active mountaineers and lovers of the mountains. If it's raining, bring raingear. Diehards will still be active.
- May 4
Sat. MT. AIRE -- Elev. 8,621, rating 3.0. A short easy hike starting in Mill Creek Canyon. Registration is not required. Meet at the Red Carpet Inn, about 3900 Wasatch Blvd., at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Ohlsen (364-2159).
- May 4 & 5
Sat. & Sun. DRUID ARCH- CANYONLANDS PACK TRIP -- Of the many spectacular features of the Canyonlands, Druid Arch is one of the most renowned. The hike into the Arch is about 7 miles each way, and somewhat strenuous. Beginning back-packers and older children are welcome. Transportation will be in individual cars, leaving Salt Lake Friday evening. Register by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. For additional information, call the leader: Pat King (486-9705)
- May 5
Sun. MT. OLYMPUS -- Elev. 9,026, rating 8.0. This is an ever-popular hike usually scheduled several times during the hiking season. Though some water might be available, you might do well to carry some along with a lunch. Meet at the Red Carpet Inn at Wasatch Blvd. and 3900 South at 7:30 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m., May 4. Leader: Gerhard Hentschel (355-1667).
- May 9
Thurs. EVENING SESSIONS AT STORM MOUNTAIN -- starts tonight. Multipitch climbing. Socializing. Third session of the Hiker's Climbing Course. If it's raining, we boulder beneath an overhang and sop suds. Come out and bring a friend.
- May 11
Sat. BEGINNERS' CLIMBING COURSE -- First Session. Register by May 5 with Pete at Club headquarters, pay \$5 registration fee at this session. Meet at the "Y", mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, by 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch, water, hard hat, rubber-soled shoes, and sling material. For added information, call Dave Allen at 278-0230.
- May 12
Sun. GRANDEUR PEAK -- Rating 4.5, Elev. 8,299. The hike will start from the Mill Creek side. The peak affords a good view of the valley. Register by 5:30 p.m. Sat. Meet at the Red Carpet Inn (3923 Wasatch Blvd.) At 9:00 a.m. Leader: Lyman Lewis (277-6816).
- May 12
Sun. PROVO RIVER KAYAK AND CANOE TRIP -- The water is cold, cold, cold, so you may want to bring a wet suit or jacket. A good beginning and intermediate trip, except all participants should have some experience at least on flat water. We hope to have an active kayak and canoe program this year, so it would be well to start on this early trip if you want to catch some of the big rivers later. A good life preserver is required. Register with the leader, Cal Giddings (359-2588), by 9:00 p.m. Friday for trip details.

May 16
Thurs.

CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN -- Summer and the lure of the high mountains are drawing near. Are you ready for them? Come to the cliffs at Storm Mountain and get the feel of sound rock again. Also, psychological preparation is accomplished over flowing suds. Climb, watch, or socialize. No food yet--just drinks and chips.

May 18
Sat.

BEGINNERS CLIMBING CLASS - SNOW SESSION -- Meet at (shudder) 5 a.m. This is necessary to get hard snow and to minimize avalanche hazard. Meet at the lower parking lot at Storm Mountain. About noon, we shall start the practice of rappels and piton craft, so bring the full assortment of gear. Try to get an ice axe. Also, other climbers are welcome to practice their snow craft.

May 18
Sat.

REYNOLDS PEAK -- A relatively short hike with a 4.5 rating. The hike goes up Mill D north to Dog Lake, and then up to the peak at elevation 9,422. The return is down Butler Fork to the highway. Wear adequate boots, since snow will probably be encountered. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Register by 5:30 p.m. Friday. Children welcome. Leader: Carol Wiens (487-2584).

May 18, 19
Fri. Night,
Sat. & Sun

GRAND TETON SPRING OUTING --The roads in Yellowstone are scheduled to be plowed at this time, providing us with the opportunity to do some short and scenic ski tours such as Mt. Washburn (the equivalent of Alta to Brighton). In the Jackson Hole Country there will be many possibilities for both hikes and ski tours to fit the desires and abilities of the group. The two parks are in their full glory in this season and are considerably more accessible than in winter. Tentatively, we will plan to drive to Jackson Friday night, and return Sunday night. Things may be coordinated to allow for either motel or car camping. Contact leader Dennis Caldwell (278-2100, 322-7664) for more details. Register by May 16.

May 18, 19
Sat. & Sun.

WEEKEND FOR DESERT RATS AND/OR ROCKHOUNDS -- The Dugway Pass Geode Beds are scheduled as the main objective of this weekend. A visit to Topaz Mtn. might also be included. Diligent hunting on this trip might reward the rockhound with good samples of geodes, topaz, garnets, fluorite, and bixbite. Historically, a portion of the route will be over the old Pony Express Road. The desert has a fascination all its own. But, like good wine, the taste may have to be developed, and so to minimize hangovers, bring lots of water, a shovel, a pick, and a rock hammer. This is a good family trip; children are welcome. Meet at 8:00 a.m. Sat. at Albertson's parking lot 48 South and Redwood Rd. Register with the leader by 8:00 p.m. Thurs. Leader; Elmer Boyd (298-5537).

May 18, 19
Sat. & Sun.

DOLORES RIVER FLOAT TRIP--On this beginner's trip we will float from Slick Rock to Bedrock, through spectacular Slick Rock Canyon, 49 miles in all. Because of the late runoff, we were not able to run this river last year, so don't miss it this time! Everyone planning to go should attend the Work Party on Tuesday evening, May 14th, at 6:45 p.m. at the Ice Plant (430 W 2nd N). Kayaks and canoes are welcome on this trip; however, it is recommended that canoes be decked. Register by paying the \$16 fee by 5:00 p.m., May 15, at Club Headquarters. Departure time is 7:00 p.m. sharp, Friday, May 17, from the Ice Plant. Call trip leader, Fred Bruenger (485-2639) for additional information.

- May 23
Thurs. CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN--These sessions can be invaluable to climbers of all degrees of competence. Discussions and interchanges of ideas-meeting of fellow climbers-trip planning-personal instruction-and, of course, multipitch climbing. Refreshments after.
- May 25
Sat. BEGINNERS' CLIMBING CLASS--Third and last session. Meet at 8 a.m. at the lower parking lot at Storm Mountain. Bring climbing gear, lunch, and beverage.
- May 26
Sun. ROCK CANYON - NEAR PROVO--An easy hike offering an excellent view of the south side of Mt. Timpanogos and the Utah Lake valley. This is a good family hike; however, for those interested, more challenging vistas can be found. Rock Canyon has not been listed as a Club hike, at least not in recent years, so it should prove novel to most hiking Club members. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Pioneer Monument, Point of the Mountain on Highway 89, at 8:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Leader: Carl Bauer (355-6036).
- May 30
Thurs. CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN--A Memorial Day session; it will be short on the amenities--only beer. But those who are locally bound for the four-day weekend can find climbing and socializing here.
- May 30
Thurs. FERGUSON CANYON TO STORM MOUNTAIN--This is an intermediate hike with a 9.0 rating. The canyon trail is just south of Big Cottonwood Canyon. This time of year a stream should be running, so water will probably be available. Wear adequate boots, since snow will be encountered; also proper clothing, since the brush can be quite dense. Bring a lunch to enjoy on top of Storm Mountain. Register by 5:00 p.m. Wed., May 29. Leader: Boone Newson (277-5783).
- May 30-Jun 2
Thurs. to Sun. DESOLATION CANYON--The Desolation run is one of my real enthusiasms and I consider it one of the best all-round river trips in the region. Desolation was also my first river trip, and after covering over 600 miles of additional western rivers, my nostalgia for Desolation remains high. This year we will plan to use a motor for the first day, which will make the trip less demanding. For the rest of the trip we will paddle as usual. There are lots of "fun" rapids in Desolation, i.e., those which give a good ride but which are unlikely to give significant difficulty. The trip takes us through some of the most remote areas of Utah and offers exceptional scenery. See you at the work party, Sunday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., at the Ice Plant (430 W 2nd N). Register by paying the trip fee (\$25) at Club Headquarters. First come, first served. Eight people already have reservations and the bus holds only 21. If more than 21 want to go, you will have to work out your own transportation. Bus departure at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29. Place of departure will be decided at the work party. Trip leader: Del Wiens, (487-2584).
- May 30-June 2
Thurs.-Sat. MOUNTAINEERING WEEKEND--Destination will depend on weather (Tetons, Sawtooths, or local high camp). Destination will be announced by the May 23 climbing session. Or, call Dave Allen (278-0230).

- June 1 Sat. MT. TIMPANOGOS-HEAD OF ROCK CANYON--This is planned as a family hike. If the road is opened to the head of Rock Canyon, we'll be able to drive to the foot of several large snow fields where glissading can be enjoyed. (Incidentally, this Rock Canyon is not the same one listed in an earlier scheduled hike). Hikes of various lengths and difficulties can be evolved from here depending upon the the participants. Bring lunch and a change of clothes for young glissaders. Meet at the Timponeke Guard Station at 9:30 a.m. Register by 5:30 p.m. Friday. Leader: Milt Hollander (466-7567).
- June 2 Sun. MT. RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK TO MT. OLYMPUS RIDGE RUN--This is an extended ridge run from Mt. Raymond at elevation 10,241 ft., to Mt. Olympus at an elevation of 9,000 plus, back down to Pete's Rock. Bring water and two lunches since this is a long hike of 9 to 10 miles, with about a 4,000 foot ascent, and a 5,000 foot descent, with numerous relatively short elevation changes along the way. Hiking boots are necessary and gators helpful. Registration is required to facilitate the time involved in car shuttling. Register by 5:30 p.m. Sat. Meet at Pete's Rock at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Dale Green (277-6417).
- June 6 Thurs. CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN--Dynamic belay session. The first line of defense in climbing is not to fall. If a fall occurs, though, the second line is not faith, but is a good belay. Everyone is welcome at this session. Refreshments afterwards.
- June 8 & 9 Sat & Sun. LONE PEAK HIGH CAMP AND HIKE
- June 15 & 16 Sat. & Sun. SNAKE RIVER FAMILY TRIP--Jackson Lake to Moose or Alpine, a beginner's trip. MEMBERSHIP MEETING - KEG PARTY, June 21, Friday
- June 22 & 23 Sat. & Sun. ORDERVILLE CANYON TO VIRGIN RIVER-ZION'S TRIP
- June 29-July 7 Sat.-Sun. SELWAY RIVER--A small, swift river in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness area. Intermediate-advanced trip.
- July 4 WHEELER PARK TRIP
- July 14 LODGE WORK PARTY
- Mid-July TETONS TRIP
- July 27-28 GREEN RIVER-CANYON OF LODORE--Intermediate-advanced. Added by popular demand. Leader: Al Mathews (363-2378)
- Early Aug. AMETHYST LAKE-HIGH UINTAS TRIP
- August 11 LODGE WORK PARTY
- Aug. 17-18 Sat. & Sun. GREEN RIVER FAMILY TRIP--Flaming Gorge to Gates of Lodore. Beginner's trip.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 Sat.-Mon. SNAKE RIVER--Jackson Lake to Alpine, beginner's trip.

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Sept. 12-15 CATARACT CANYON--Moab to Lake Powell, advanced trip.
Thurs-Sun.

COVER PHOTO BY ALEXIS KELNER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - KEG PARTY AT LODGE JUNE 12th

CLUB NEWS by Dale Green

Many thanks to Fred and Evelyn Bruenger for their donation of \$15.55 to the Conservation Fund. The money was the proceeds from their winter social. Congratulations to Steve Macdonald on becoming a Life Member. Steve has been with the Club for over, 25 years and is a past President.

A genuine treat was the season's last winter social held at Steve and Norma MacDonald's. Steve designed and built his beautiful house on the site of the original mill at the mouth of Mill Creek Canyon. The old mill race with water still pouring over it is just outside their kitchen window. Old time members Carl & Helen Chindgren, Orson & Phyllis Spencer, Stan & Avon Murdock, and Janet Christensen were there. Steve, by the way, designed the houses of two of our Board members; Ann MacDonald, and Dave & Judy Allen.

Speaking of beautiful homes, Clint & Ann Barker are moving out of theirs soon. Clint has been permanently transferred to Boston. I'm sure every one who has known this couple will miss them. Clint and Ann can't bear selling their house, so Dale and Noreen Ogden are going to rent it.

It's a small world. Lyman Lewis, who built the Barker's house, quit the building business and went to work at Univac (formerly Sperry Utah) next to Bob J. Wright. He naturally soon joined

our Club. The house that the Barkers used to live in was rented to Leon Edwards and was the scene of the tragedy described in last month's Rambler.

Married-Dorothy M. Holland to Roger O. Porter on April 19th.

Injured-Rush Spedden pulled tendons in both knees while skiing.

Recovered-Leon Edwards is out of the hospital and in fine shape, I hear. He is now living with brother Keith.

Rough and rugged again-Court Richards has the cast off of his foot. I understand he removed it himself.

Dick Nielson has the splint off his pinky finger.

Condolences -To O'Dell Peterson whose twin brother died this month in California.

What do you want to do???? Your Board of Directors, especially some of the newer members, are never quite sure. It's easy for us to simply duplicate previous efforts, but this leads to disinterest of the membership in a few years.

We can schedule new events, but there is no reason to schedule a new dud when we can have a new success if we know what you people want to do. Please give us your ideas. Call me (277-6417) or the Board Member most directly concerned.

The Great Ice Plant Fire of '68

At about 6:30 pm on April 12, the radio announced a general alarm fire at 430 West 2nd North. They further explained that a general alarm fire means all available men and equipment must respond. Looking out the window I could see huge billows of smoke from over ten miles away. I didn't think too much more of it until I heard the address the second time. It sounded awfully close to the Ice Plant where we store the bus and boats. Grabbing the Rambler, I confirmed that it was, indeed, the Ice Plant. Del Wiens responded immediately to my phone call and went down. I tried to finish eating, but after a few calls from John Davis, the manager of the Plant, I dashed down myself. When I arrived, the fire was nearly under control, but the smoke was still intense. The main source of the blaze was 20,000 empty banana boxes, which are generally stacked all around the bus. John saw me shortly after I arrived and said that the Club hadn't lost a dime. It seems that the bus had been taken out a few days before for inspection, and the boats were protected very well by the fire doors. A check by Del after things cooled down revealed that John was right. A near disaster-but as Del said, "We came out smelling like a burned banana box." (A later story in the Sunday Tribune stated that we had lost \$3,000 of rubber boats; this is an error.)

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MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS by Dave Allen

As in past years, the WMC is again offering a Beginner's Climbing Course. This course is designed to teach the neophyte fundamentals of roped rock climbing. It is a longer and more comprehensive course than the Hiker's Climbing Course and is a natural followup to the Hiker's Climbing Course for those who desire to learn more about climbing. At the end of the three 8-hour sessions, the climber will have basic knowledge and ability to follow technically difficult leads, belay safely, rappel, and all the auxiliary bits that make up the above.

The first session will be Saturday, May 11, in Little Cottonwood Canyon. This session on granite will acquaint the climber with the joys of climbing and ways to avoid the hazards. Actual practice will be stressed-lectures will be held to a minimum. We will learn how to tie a few knots, how to belay, how to rappel, and how to climb properly.

The second (and early) session will consist of a half day of snow climbing practice and a half day of advanced belaying practice. The third session will consist of actual multipitch climbing along with demonstrations of aid climbing, piton placement, and the setting up of rappels.

Details:

Registration: Club Headquarters by May 10. Pay \$5 fee at first session.

Personal Equipment Required:

Hard Hat

Rubber-soled shoes

10 feet of sling rope or webbing

Piton hammer

2 or 3 pitons

5 carabiners or 3 carabiners and a brake bar

Try to borrow an ice axe for the snow climbing session.

Information: Details on course-Dave Allen (278-0230)

Equipment Advice:

Timberline Sports

The Mountaineer

Any experienced mountaineer

ALTA TO SNAKE CREEK - Gerry Horton

We drew a beautiful day for this trip. The temperature was a little on the warm side, but otherwise perfect. The only discordant notes were a late start due to a long car shuttle to the powerhouse in Snake Creek and the long line on the Albion lift.

From the Albion lift, we took the usual route to Katherine Pass. However, from here we took a very seldom-used route up the ridge to the head of Dry Fork of American Fork, down Dry Fork and over the pass by the ant knolls into Snake Creek. It was a long easy run from here to the cars,-easy, that is, except for the "spiral fracture" crust brought about by the hot midday sun and afternoon shadows.

The trip was highlighted by the traverse out of Dry Fork, which required a little rock climbing on skins; very interesting rock climbing, too.

Members on the trip were: Hafty Hafterson, George Swanson, June Viavant, Carol Weins, Phyllis Snyder, June Wickham, Al Wickham, and Charles Lesley. Guests were Harold Tippetts of the Utah Park & Recreation Commission, Neil Hunsaker of the Forest Service, and a friend of Harold's whose name I must apologize for having forgotten (and I've thrown the registration list away already).

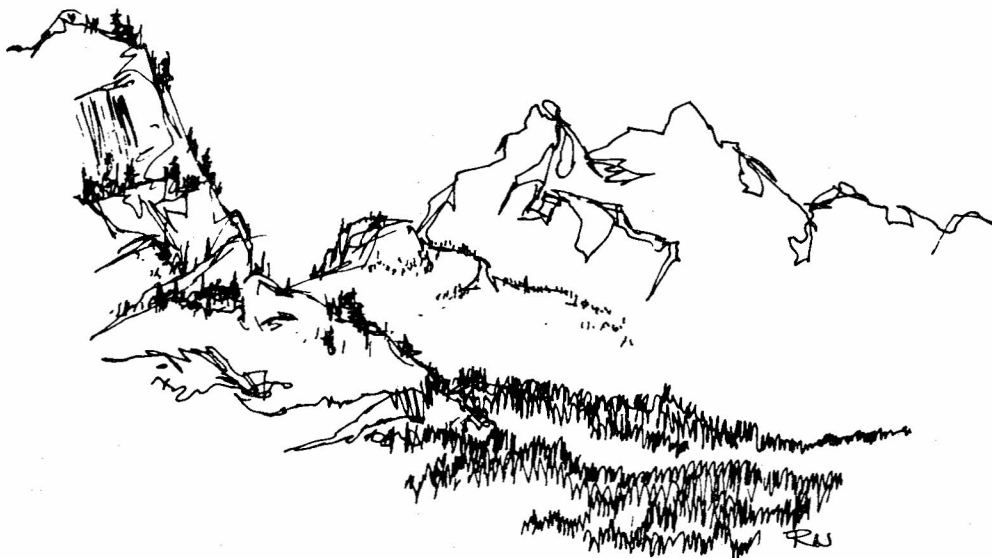
ALTA TO WHITE PINE SKI TOUR
by Milt Hollander

Alta to American Fork Canyon, via Mary Ellen Gulch, had been scheduled as the ski tour on Sunday, March 24. Poor conditions had been the primary reason for cancelling most of March's ski tours. On this pleasant, warm spring day, we decided to cancel the scheduled tour and substitute Alta to White Pine via Gad Valley. After spotting cars and "touring" on the Albion and Sugar Loaf lifts, we six participants enjoyed the view from Germania Hut looking toward the head of Gad Valley. Impressive cornices hung from the ridges and made us feel very self-conscious and wary as we passed well below them. South of Hidden Peak a steep but cornice-free route promised the safest ascent. Bruce, as usual, was kind enough to kick some excellent steps up to the ridge. The wind on the ridge at the head of Gad Valley was very heavy, and despite the magnificent view, we were happy to get into the shelter of a cirque below American Fork Twins.

After a pleasant lunch, we started. A long, easy traverse--frequently through powder snow--onto the ridge leading into White Pine Fork. Several of us followed a more time-consuming route up the last few hundred feet to the ridge.

This gave the others more time to enjoy the view while waiting for us to join them. The descent into White Pine Fork initially took us down a large tree-spotted slope on slushy snow. We made another brief lunch stop at the bottom of this first slope.

Claims were made (by the misguided leader) that powder snow would reward us in the canyon bottom. The last of the powder snow was in the shadow of several larger trees just before joining the canyon bottom. The remainder of the run-out was on heavy, wet snow, but, fortunately, little clung to our skis. Participants were: Lyman Lewis; Bob Frohboese; George Swanson; Mike Treshow; Bruce Christianson; and leader, Milt Hollander.



CONSERVATION

CONVERSATION

by Jack McLellan

HOOVER DAM WOULD CAUSE FLOODING OF SEVERAL MILES OF THE GILA WILDERNESS, AMERICA'S FIRST WILDERNESS AREA - -

Will you help prevent the construction of DAMS and RESERVOIRS in the scenic WILD CANYONS OF OUR NATIONAL WILDERNESS SYSTEM?

If this first invasion of a Wilderness Area is allowed, ALL OTHER AREAS OF WILDERNESS WILL BE IN JEOPARDY.

If you do want to help, PLEASE SIGN THE LETTER ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE, ADD YOUR HOME ADDRESS BELOW YOUR NAME, AND MAIL IT TO MR. ASPINALL. (Other copies could be mailed to Laurence J. Burton (Utah), and John P. Saylor (Penn), both at House Office Building, Washington, D. C.)

LAKE POWELL, LAKE MEAD LEVEL STILL BELOW STANDARD. Long-range forecast is poor. According to Bureau of Reclamation figures, Lake Powell will be about seven feet higher this season than it was last season; this is still more than 30 feet below minimum standards for power generation.

Forecast for total runoff is less than 7 million acre-feet; average is supposed to be about 8-1/2 m.a.f. Runoff below Glen Canyon dam is expected to be about 80 percent of normal.

Lake Mead is 88 feet below the spillway gates at Hoover Dam, and contains 14-7/10 m.a.f., 56 percent of its capacity --- yet "the opposition" battles for more dams on the Colorado River drainage.

It would be interesting to know what the runoff into Lake Mead would be if there were no Glen Canyon Dam, and none of the other dams built the last few years --- how many thousands of acre feet are lost because of evaporation and seepage into aquifers from dams that really aren't needed?

FINAL HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON REDWOOD AND NORTH CASCADE PARK PROPOSALS. The last great test for bills to bring a Redwood and a North Cascades national park into being is now at hand. Following passage of bills on both subjects by the Senate last year, the House of Representatives is now beginning to deliberate. Hearings started in mid-April, a sampling of public sentiment, will set the tone for the action to follow.

All the commercial opponents of the parks will be out in force. Those who believe that virgin redwoods and scenic alpland deserve a better fate than logging and mining must turn out in greater force, and write letters, if they are to prevail. The 1968 session of Congress will probably present the last good chance for both bills.

Letters to the record can counterbalance the heavy representation of commercial interests at local hearings. The record will probably remain open to receive statements until April 30 on Redwoods and until May 8 on North Cascades. A simple statement of opinion is sufficient --- nothing fancy needed.

On Redwoods, the Conservation Committee believes that H.R. 2849 by Rep. Jeffery Cohelan and H.R. 1311 by Rep. John Saylor are the best bills. They would establish a national park of 90,000 acres in Redwood Creek. However, if \$100 million is accepted as the ceiling on cost, then we should support the general approach of S. 2515 which passed the Senate. However, we should urge that the size be increased from 64,000 acres to 72,000 acres.

In the North Cascades, cost is not a limiting factor. Most of the land is publicly owned. Lumber companies, hunters, and chambers of commerce are the opponents. H.R. 12139 (Pelly) is the best bill. It would establish a park of 1 million acres, including Glacier Peak Wilderness and endangered lands to the west and north.

BELL TOWERS - by Dave Allen

The Bell Towers are a series of quartz monzonite buttresses on the ridge separating Little Cottonwood Canyon and Bells Canyon. There are three main towers, plus some smaller points. Most climbing attention has been centered on two towers - Middle Bell and West Bell - because they offer the longest sustained routes (from 400 to 600 of technical climbing).

The towers are about a 1½ hour hike up Bells Canyon. Park on South Little Cottonwood Road about 200 yards east of Wasatch Blvd (by the covered cistern) and hike over the ridge. Follow the road past the north side of the lower reservoir. The area above the reservoir is a jumble of oak brush, game trails, and the correct trail. Shortly above the lake, the road veers right while the trail continues straight (east). In a couple hundred yards, the trail bends right (southeast) and heads for the creek. Cross a rickety wooden bridge and follow the trail for 2 miles to above the lower falls. If the destination is Middle or East Bell Tower, continue on the trail until the Middle Tower is due north, then bushwhack down to the creek, cross the creek at a boulder field, and bushwhack to the destination. For West Bell, jump the creek at a point just above the falls and contour through dense brush to the tower. Early in the season, creek jumps can be hazardous. Therefore, cross at the boulder field and stoically accept the longer bushwhack.

Most climbs on the Bell Towers require a set of about 20 pitons, ranging from thin horizontals to 2-inch angles. Hero loops and runners are very handy.

Route 1 - McQuarrie-Ellsworth Route- III F 7

First ascent by Steve Ellsworth and Mark McQuarrie, August 9, 1964. This

route ascends the great left-facing open book. Either climb directly up the chimney into the book or climb a ramp on the right side of the book, and traverse into the book. Primarily layback the book (ledges offer resting spots) to the overhang which is passed on the right. Above the overhang, climb the right hand crack in the right facing wall. Rotten rock will be encountered on this last lead. Bong Bongs are needed for protection.

Route 2 The Great Chimney IV F9 A3

First ascent by Ed Anderson and George Lowe on May 7, 1966. This route ascends the major crack system on the left (west) side of the smooth center slab. Starting one ramp east of this system, climb up and east over the next ramp. Climb a short open book and then climb up steep ledges leading left to the main crack system. A difficult move into the crack system and strenuous chimneying lead to a belay just below a large overhang. Nail right around the overhang and climb the crack for 140 feet (F9) to a good ledge below another overhang. Climb the right wall to pass the overhang, then return into the crack system chimney. Two more chimneys lead to a pile of chockstones just beneath the final, wide, rotten, overhanging chimney, which is NOT climbed. Climb the right wall over progressively easier rock to the summit. Twenty-five assorted pins, including two 2½-inch and two 3-inch bongs are required.

Route 3-Easy Way Up. III F7.

First ascent (with bottom variation-see below) by George and Jeff Lowe, May 1967. Climb the great cleft, using small holds on the right side. Go up the first crack above the cleft. At the junction of two cracks, climb the east crack a few feet, go left, then traverse left on the face using solution pockets for holds to the west crack, which is followed for



MIDDLE BELL TOWER

about 20 feet to a right-hand bend. Traverse right on solution pockets on the face to a bush in the east crack and a belay (160-foot lead). Continue climbing in this crack to a belay in a bush. Leave the main crack and climb the face and intermittent cracks to a projecting flake. Climb a short lead to the bulging crack above, belaying at the bush. The bulging crack is avoided by traversing left and up 50 feet to a crack system on the east (poor protection) which is followed to a belay (long lead). Great care must be taken in passing the chockstone near the top. Twenty more feet of climbing around a rotten overhang leads to the top.

Variation F 7 First ascent as above. Instead of doing the great cleft, climb the far right jam crack (two leads).

Variation - F 7 Climb the jam crack to the left of the above variation (J. Reid & D. Allen, June 1967). The bushes offer good protection and an excellent struggle.

Route 4 Wilson Ream Route III F 8 A 3

First ascent by Ted Wilson and Rich Ream, Sept. 2, 1963. Ascend the great cleft and the ramp to the second crack system. Climb up on solution holds to a crack which is followed to a small overhang which is passed on the right. Traverse right, then climb another crack until it ends. Traverse left and up, using intermittent cracks, to the crack system which leads to the summit.

Route 4 Variation F 9 Actually, the first ascent of Route 4 George Lowe and Max Townsend, July 1967. Instead of making the circuitous traverse, climb the cracks leading directly to the upper crack. This eliminates the aid on the Wilson-Ream route.

Route 5 Easy Way Out II F 6

Probable first ascent by J. Reid and D. Allen, August 1967. Climb the great cleft and follow the ramp to its end at the overhang. Climb the crack system on the right for two leads until it is possible to scramble to the notch (loose and rotten rock). Descend 15 feet and traverse over to an obvious crack system. Follow this crack to a large fir tree. Down climb to the couloir. This route is for those who want to climb on Bell Towers but want something easier. It doesn't lead to the summit.

Descent Route - Hike down the ridge to the gap by West Bell Tower. Bushwhack down to the bottom of West Bell, then contour through brush to above the falls. A less satisfactory descent can be made by hiking down the east side of Middle Bell.

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One umbrella at the Viavants' at the River Rats' Review. Owner may have same by identifying and demonstrating how to ride a rapid in an upturned umbrella. Call 364-9684.

JEEPSTERS - by Ed Cook

Any members who have 4-wheel drive units and would like to tag along with Ed Cook the second week in June through Canyonlands Park and vicinity are welcome. This will be a one week family trip, with the first night, Saturday, June 9th, in the Moab area, then on through Canyonlands Park, Natural Bridges, and on down to Bullfrog Basin Marina on Lake Powell by Thursday, the 13th. We will be on the Lake for a couple of days and return to SLC Sunday, the 16th. Call Ed Cook, 355-5522 for details and arrangements. You are welcome on all or part of the trip.

JEEP SURVEY

Many club members have 4-wheel drive vehicles and would like to join others in small groups for week-end outings in remote areas for camping, hiking, and exploring. We do not want to compete with any of the many "Jeep Clubs" in the valley, and the idea is not to promote jeep competition. We wish to set up a clearing house of information for members who have the equipment and the experience of traveling remote jeep roads to gain access to areas where hikes or points of interest might be explored further. If you have a 4-wheel drive unit and will complete the information form at the bottom, and return it to Ed Cook, 1236 East First South, Salt Lake City, we will have a chance to survey the interest among members and place future notices in the Rambler concerning such events.

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NEW COURTESY REGULATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY OF NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUNDS - by Gerry Horton

The general increase in leisure time, new developments in equipment, and a great increase in outdoor recreation have resulted in many new problems in the management of National Forest campgrounds. Many of these are the usual thoughtless actions such as littering, damaging improvements, and carelessness with fire. However, there are some disturbing new trends, such as moving house trailers into a campground for a summer home, complete with pets, using electrical generators and other noisy machinery, and using roads and trails for motor scooter racetracks.

The Secretary of Agriculture has issued several new regulations intended to reduce these discourteous actions in National Forest campgrounds (National Forest, not National Park) and to make a visit to recreation areas more enjoyable.

The new regulations will be of little concern to mountain clubbers since they seldom go "armed" with motor scooters, horses and pets, don't use campground roads for racetracks, and are generally a considerate bunch. However, there is one specific new rule that climbers and backpackers, in particular, should be aware of. This rule states that you cannot leave a camp unit unoccupied during the first night after camping equipment has been set up or leave camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours thereafter without the permission of the Forest Officer.

Information about the new courtesy regulations will be posted at most campgrounds or can be obtained at a district ranger station.

THE DEATH CANYON TRIP or
THE STRANGE & STARTLING SAGA OF THE
CIRCULAR SEAT SITUATION
by jane daurelle

Even though a season has passed, this adventure is too---something or other to relegate to the dead past. Even though snow is on the ski slopes and the Death Canyon trails have been covered for well nigh on to six months, the vision of Mike King ensconced on the john drawn up to the fire is too entirely much not to share.

The hike had started out as a rather sane deal. It was to be by my son David's first backpacking trip and strangely enough, even under the ensuing peculiar circumstances, he learned a love of the high trails. The members of the trip were Ann McDonald, Anne Carter, Ellen Catmull, Jane Daurelle, David Daurelle, Ed Cook, John Podlesny, and leader, Mike King.

We had a fairly uneventful hike up Death Canyon to the camping area where our first (to me, anyhow) hilarious event took place. Ed Cook and both Annes decided that the horse corral, since unused at the time, afforded a perfect, flat, sensible place to pitch their tents. They therefore took sticks and cleaned the place out, while I hung over the rails laughing my head off, picturing the return of the horse pack in the middle of the night with our errant friends asleep in their tents with the bewildered horses stamping around attempting to retake their rightful places. Perhaps succeeding. We disdained the immediate area and found ourselves a site out of danger.

A hike was then initiated, the purpose of which was to see how far we could get to Rimrock Lake, the location of which no one knew, which meant that we could afterwards relax around the campfire feeling that we had done something, knowing that we hadn't, but no one could prove it. If you follow me.

Anyhow, we did some fun rock scrambling, during the course of which John plucked me out of thin air by one wrist and thunked me up to safety with a mere tensing of his biceps.

We neared the base of the waterfall and sage of the mountain trails Ann McDonald (who had forgotten the guide book but had read it) announced after some thought that the trail was to the right of the waterfall, or to the left of the waterfall.....After we digested that, we drew straws, picked a route, and did a little more scrambling.

Soon the group stopped to do some slower rock work, and since my fatigue had become bothersome (first trip of the year for me) I decided to lie down in the tall weeds to watch everyone work. As I drifted off to sleep, a thought suddenly shot into my head jerking me wide awake. The thought was----one does not lie down in a couloir' when one's companions are climbing above one. As I tensed my muscles to rise, I felt, before I heard the cry of "ROCK". I dove headfirst through the air into the vegetation without even picking a landing spot and---you guessed it. (How else could a story like this go???) Right where I had been lying a fair sized boulder bounced on its noisy way down the couloir. (I hope you aren't reading this, Tom Stevenson.)

Well, we fooled around a little more, during which time David got a rather spectacular and somewhat unexpected view of the valley from an interesting height. We eventually returned to camp, and as we cooked our dinner, a huge deer crashed through the forest almost on top of our sleeping bags, giving me something to think about as we went to bed later. As a matter of actual fact, I was awakened the next night by the heavy ground vibrations of a large animal moving fast and close. Not finding anything of interest in our vicinity (there are certainly some implications there) it moved on.

The next AM, Mike and John decided on a 30-mile stroll. The others planned to accompany them part way, but since I was completely out of condition, David and I felt a small promenade would be more in order. Somehow or other, we promenaded 10 miles, 5 miles steeply up to Static Peak Divide, and 5 miles back down. I haven't figured that one out yet.

When we returned to camp, somehow or other, even though everyone had disappeared into different directions for varying lengths of intended hikes, we all re-emerged at the campsite within ten minutes. John and Mike came literally bounding back from their 30-mile round trip. As they bounced high, they let out loud yips with each leap, producing intense jealousy amongst some of us who were nursing blistered, bloody feet and tired muscles. (Do you feel tired with a "let down" feeling at the end of a 10-mile hike when you were too tired to do anything except sit around in the first place?) There were one or two persons on the scene who blandly, barefacedly, and complacently admitted to indulging in a rather extensive relaxation period (otherwise known as a nap) whilst the others were more aggressively enjoying nature.

Then, after a delicious banquet ensued the start of the strange and startling saga of the circular seat. Mike King, well on his way to being an architect, had met and fallen in love with a-----yes, a-----john seat. It was actually more than a john seat; it was, in fact, a Work of Art. Yes, even I had to admit that after my initial period of adaptation ended. It was yay many years old, having stood out in the cleansing sunlight and air after giving way to a more modern convenience. It was a tall thing, about five feet or more, with arm, back, and foot rests, boasting the coolest paper holder in the universe. (An old rusty can nailed to the side of the chair.) It's hard

to guess how long it stood on its solitary spot until the hot eyes of Mike King happened upon it. He made remark after remark thru the day about how interesting a piece of architecture it was.

The evening proceeded for a time normally enough. We had had our dinner around the fire, and then a sip of wine was passed around. Apparently it sparked a spot of romance in Mike's soul as he sat by the crackling flames, for lo, he soon disappeared into the brush to lug his prize back to the fire. He needed a little help as his step was rather uncertain at that point, along with the fact that he had to cross a crazy little bridge consisting of two logs nailed together via small crossbars. The only sensible way to carry the thing was over his head, and his feet kept slipping down between the crosspieces because of the poor visibility. The men had gone over to help Mike, and I have never heard my son David laugh so hard during his entire 15 years of life. I really didn't think the boy was going to pull through. They finally got it over to the fire, where Mike climbed up, assumed a King-like pose (get it?????) and held court for the next three hours. I still had sore stomach muscles three days later from laughing. Can you believe a group of adults laughing without pause for three straight hours while the tears streamed down?

During the course of the evening, Mike decided that such a masterpiece was too good to leave behind, so with an offer from John Podlesny (who, incidentally, felt somewhat put upon at our frequent references to the john) to carry Mike's pack, Mike planned to carry the thing (oops, I mean, Work of Art) out over his head to the cars, a mere five miles away. Finally, the men assisted Mike over to his sleeping bag (the light was poor), and the night drew to a close.

It would be anti-climactic to relate the return trip. Just imagine for

yourself the stunned glances of by-passing hikers as their minds finally admit to what their eyes tell them. Merely let it be known that the Work of Art has an honored place in the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge for evermore, my son David has an unquenchable desire to return to the alpine trail, and as they say, a good time was had by all.

MOUNT HEYBORNE - by Dave Allen

One of the truisms of life is that we are never satisfied with where we are, but that we want something else. This, of course, is also true of climbers. Here we were, Hafty and I, sitting around in a drizzle in the magnificent Selkirks, discussing where to climb. Not minding the beautiful peaks around us, we instead thought of the Sawtooths in sunny Idaho. And, after climbing Macdonald, there is where we headed.

As might be expected, we hit Redfish Lake in a rainstorm. Undaunted, we set up camp and sat out the short storm. From this, we got an appreciation of the little things in life, such as the sweet smell after a shower, a refreshing swim in a lake actually warm enough to swim in, or getting information from Redfish Lodge on approaches. Or just looking at Heyborne, mirrored in Redfish Lake, surrounded by purple, pink, and salmon clouds, the whole countryside sheathed in pastel hues from the setting sun, while the peaks became turrets and battlemounts, muted by the oncoming night.

We were up early the next day. It was quiet and peaceful--just chatting squirrels and jays with a soft breeze in the pines. Any mountaineering trip is more approach than climb, and this was no exception. However, the approach to Heyborne is an easy one. The trail around Redfish Lake is gentle enough to allow spirited

conversation, and we ran into other hikers, such as Bob Bartholemew of the Sawtooth Conservation Council, who were fun to share a rest stop with. And the scenery, not awesomely rugged, is jagged enough to be interesting while still being peaceful and relaxing.

Then, after the trail, came the south couloir. Did we ever make a mistake! 3,000 feet of pea gravel and a hot sun. However, it had its good points. One rest allowed an intimate view of the sheer wall of the Grand Aiguille. A pause to look at deer tracks shaded by a pine. A bouldering problem or two. All breaks in the monotony of the grind up.

Finally, the monotony comes to an end; we are in the wrong couloir. Back down is not a feasible alternative. So we rope up, and I lead off. Hafty razzes me for being slow. Do I dare tell him how rotten the rock is? No. He will find out soon enough. I tear off a piece of granite, making a foothold, and move up. And thus it goes for 300 feet to a notch. We cross over to get a better view of our problem and spot our route--the Stur Chimney.

Our worry relieved, we eat a bite and are off again. Now, the rock is good, a pleasure to trust and have faith in. Climbing confidently, we brave oncoming clouds in a race to the summit. Three moderate fifth-class pitches and we get to the top while the clouds, badly beaten, dissipate.

After a leisurely summit lunch, we rappel down our route and head for home--this time via Bench Lake. Going down the pea gravel is fun. More rewarding is a brisk dip in one of the lakes, then drying off on warm rocks while basking in the sun. Even if it was five miles back to camp, this seemed to be the end of the trip--the final moment.

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RED PINE - MAYBIRD by Dennis Caldwell

It was only the thought of skiing down Maybird Gulch that kept this tour on schedule. Four of us started up the White Pine road with a few snow flurries to stimulate our progress. In settling down to chronicles of white-out ski tours, there are two equally irrelevant alternatives to a factual description: one may engage in verbal embroidery of the panorama concealed by the fog, or he may indulge himself in a character assassination of the other participants. There was really very little incentive along the latter line provided by fellow board members Hovingh and Hollander; now was there much to work with in the case of a stranger beyond the possibility of misspelling his name.

The two latecomers to the trip, the Caywoods, though unassailable themselves, could in a pinch serve as an introduction to a gratuitous diatribe on

the complexities of marriage as it was only their streamlined cross-country skis which allowed them to overcome the handicap of the late start so often attendant to the affairs of baby sitters.

This brings us back to the murky facts despite the limitless possibilities of the alternatives. We have not even begun to explore all the ways of using innocuous trip descriptions as a springboard into one's slough of prejudices - but to the report.

There is little that can be said about the trek up Red Pine Canyon except that some people thought the trail-finding left room for improvement. The traverse into Maybird seemed to offer little distinction from other traverses into Maybird. The final procession to timberline amidst wind and snow left one with no regrets that whether or not the Pfeifferhorn was actually in its assigned position, that

particular joy was to remain a purely academic point.

After an austere lunch, we were ready to indulge in the pleasures of the gulch. Particularly fascinating was the defiance of all known laws of mechanics by the artful performance of the cross-country skis, which many of us had erroneously relegated to the snow-shoe category.

We returned to the cars in daylight, what there was of it, an automatic criterion for a successful trip.

Present: Pete Hovingh; Milt Hollander; Bob Frohboese; Clarisse and Pat Caywood; and leader, Dennis Caldwell.

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30 April 1968

Mr. Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman
House Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Hooker Dam, Part of Central Arizona Project

Dear Mr. Aspinall:

I urgently request that the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs eliminate Hooker Dam from the Central Arizona Project, or at least substitute an alternate site further downstream.

The reservoir formed by Hooker Dam would back water several miles into the Gila Wilderness Area. It would destroy scenic wilderness lands and miles of wilderness river, eliminate significant fisheries and wildlife habitat, and obstruct access to the wilderness by foot and horseback. An alternate dam site downstream, particularly the Connor site, would provide more recreational facilities and much better flood control, without destroying wilderness values.

The Hooker Dam proposal is a test case, marking a crisis in the future of all wilderness in the United States. A reservoir in the Gila Wilderness Area would be the first violation of a Wilderness Area boundary. All other Wilderness Areas will be in jeopardy if a reservoir and associated developments are permitted in the Gila Wilderness.

A limited number of people would benefit from Hooker Dam. The Wilderness Act of 1964 specifies that within Wilderness Areas water projects may be authorized by the President only if they are in the national interest. Certainly a dam to be built with taxpayer's money that would destroy wilderness set aside for all people of the United States and which would benefit very few people cannot be considered in the national interest --- especially when equally good dam sites are present further downstream.

Sincerely,