

January 1, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 322 - Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Oregon and Idaho. This bill establishes the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Oregon and Idaho, and authorizes appropriations of not more than \$10,000,000, \$10,000,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively, for land acquisition, development, and archeological site protection.

S. 322 will establish the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area comprising about 662,000 acres (includes 32,000 acres of private lands) to be developed, administered, and protected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

This bill will prohibit the Federal Power Commission from licensing the construction of any new dam, water conduit, reservoir, powerhouse, transmission line or other projects within the recreation area.

#