



"We are at the threshold of a new era in recreation planning and recreation management in the United States. The monumental report of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, creation of a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in this Department, and Administration support of a new conception of financing this program evidence wide appreciation that old formulae and old shibboleths no longer suffice. The most hallowed of assumptions deserve reexamination; preconceptions and doctrinaire thinking have no place in our program because the new dimension of our task requires a re-checking of basic premises."

The 1916 Act which established the Park Service said areas in the park system are to be regulated so as "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Secretary Udall emphasized to the new advisory board that "I cannot and do not abdicate the responsibility which is mine for the difficult decisions which must be made in the interpretation of the 1916 National Park Act." He added, however, that the advisory board's prestige and insight will be extremely helpful.

The advisory board members include:

Chairman - Dr. A. Starker Leopold of Berkeley, Calif., assistant to the Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Vienna, Va., President of the Wildlife Management Institute and a former director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dr. Clarence Cottam, Sinton, Tex., director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation and a former assistant director of the Fish and Wildlife Service; Thomas L. Kimball, McLean, Va., executive director of the National Wildlife Federation, and Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Ann Arbor, Mich., professor and chairman of the Department of Conservation, University of Michigan.

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