

through the Payroll Savings Plan and set an example for all Americans in securing their country's future.

The heads of departments and agencies, who make up the Interagency Savings Bonds Committee, have the special responsibility to offer and promote the Payroll Savings Plan to every employee.

I am confident that, under your leadership, the 1978 Federal campaign will attain a new high level of participation. You have my full support in this important endeavor.

JIMMY CARTER

### Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness in Montana

*Statement on Signing S. 1671 Into Law.  
March 27, 1978*

I am signing into law today S. 1671, which designates the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness in the State of Montana.

This act adds 904,500 acres of some of Montana's most rugged and beautiful backcountry alpine lakes, meadows, and mountains to the National Wilderness Preservation System. It is the product of years of work by that tireless and dedicated conservationist, the late Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana. The enactment of this bill fulfills one of his dreams. I want to express my appreciation for the dedication of Senator Metcalf and to his colleagues in the Senate and House of Representatives who have helped make this act possible.

This administration's goal of incorporating the Nation's most deserving areas as wilderness before they are lost forever

moves an important step closer to realization with the enactment of this bill.

NOTE: As enacted, S. 1671 is Public Law 95-249, approved March 27.

### Redwood National Park Expansion Bill

*Statement on Signing H.R. 3813 Into Law.  
March 27, 1978*

I take great pleasure today in signing into law H.R. 3813, which expands the boundaries of the Redwood National Park in California. Enactment of this bill implements one of the recommendations in the environmental message I sent to Congress last year.

This act will permit more people to visit the magnificent groves along Redwood Creek that contain the world's tallest trees and will ensure that those trees are adequately protected. The existing park will be nearly doubled in size by the addition of 48,000 acres of land. Some of the land to be acquired has been damaged by logging operations, and this bill will enable the Secretary of the Interior to restore it to as close to its natural state as possible.

I commend the many supporters of this important legislation. I especially want to thank Representative Phillip Burton and Senator Alan Cranston, both of California, and Senator James Abourezk for their leadership and commitment to the passage of this bill. Thanks also to Secretary Andrus, who made support of this legislation one of the first acts of this administration, and to Senator Clifford Hansen for his help in guiding the bill through the Senate.