

want a big slice of Olympic National Park. We are still so board-feet-minded as a nation we are having trouble keeping our wilderness areas on national forests intact.

Overshadowing all this is the present concerted move to do away with public lands in a big way. On a national scale there have been bitter fights over certain bills in Congress, and more are on the way. The operation of the present mining regulations has become a national scandal, removing, by various subterfuges, thousands of acres from government ownership. The way we are crowding the Pacific salmon into oblivion is indication of what can happen when certain financial interests invoke the sacred formula "the national economy" or "the local economy," to gain their ends.

Here, in the struggle for public land—to seize it versus to keep it—is the arena for modern conservation. Each citizen, whether a scientist or not, can serve by associating with his favorite conservation organization so as to be informed on the issues as they confront us—and then act.

We believe there are enough people who are sympathetic to conservation objectives, or would be if they knew. The problem is to reach them, and to have it understood that all must take part individually as each crisis arises.—OLAUS J. MURIE.

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