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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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Enclosed for your information and use is a copy of a survey Congressman Harley Staggars mailed to each household in Randolph, Tucker, Pocahontas, Webster, Grant and Pendleton Counties. THE RESULTS ARE SHOWN IN INK ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The Congressman plans to report on the survey results to the House Interior Committee, which is considering various proposals to add new areas to the National Wilderness Preservation System. The Senate approved a wilderness bill on May 31.

Although many areas have been considered for wilderness protection, officials of both the Interior Committee and the Forest Service tell us that this is the first time that a member of Congress has conducted such a survey solely to determine the views of the people who live closest to proposed wilderness areas.

We've sent a news release dated June 19 to the county papers involved, but those releases deal mainly with individual county totals. This note to you is the first announcement of the total figures.

The enclosed questionnaire will provide further information. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-202-225-7625.

Sincerely,

Phil Jordan

Phil Jordan
Press Secretary

(Note: This info along with questionnaire & results sent to UPI, AP in Charleston as well as the Gazette. To be mailed June 17 for release on 19th. Each weekly paper got a specialized article for release on the 19th. These were mailed on the 13th. George Hohmann of CHNS also was sent this info.