

“NO NATIONAL PARK” SIGNS

Leaving the Okanagan Valley in Canada, we noticed many signs posted in yards and business properties that protested the National Park, and asking for a no vote. After researching the subject, it boils down to this. Large landowners want to sell a lot of mountainous and grassland property for millions, to the Federal Canadian Government for a National Park. The Provincial Government now controls the use of it. Grazing permits allow cattle to use the land, and raising cattle is a huge part of the valley economy. Large agricultural use also contributes to jobs, etc.

Federal Parks permit no unharnessed animals in the Parks and all business is controlled and limited and taxed. The valley economy would be virtually destroyed, for the wealth of a few.

The politics is rotten. Meetings are held 100 miles away and furnish information that is lies! It will be interesting to see if it actually becomes a National Park.

From there we drove to a nice quiet park on Loon Lake. A private lake and city, where $\frac{3}{4}$ of the population heads south to AZ for the winter to escape the snow.



Three nights later we headed for Lewiston, ID and the Hells Gate State Park. This unusual Basalt rock formation is located about 2 miles from the Park, on the Snake River.

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