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ASK PLANNING GROUP AID ON BAKER LAKE

Active promotion of the Baker Lake area as a recreation spot was urged upon the Skagit County Planning Council last Monday evening by Editor Dwelley of the Concrete Herald, who has again resumed his post as chairman of the council's sub-committee on recreation.

The Baker Lake district holds a wealth of scenic and tourist attractions, equal in possibilities to the Mt. Rainier development, yet while located in Whatcom county, can only be reached through Skagit. Development by Skagit county is the logical move and the planning council accepted this view with a motion to place the project on their approved list of developments.

As outlined, the plan will include a large lodge at the site of the present fish hatchery, new camp grounds at Noisy Creek and near the bridge on the west side; one or two more camps for organized groups; two sites near the lake for leasing grounds to private persons for cabins; and further development of the privately owned camps.

Additional development projects include camps at Park Creek and the Hot Springs. Also eventual extension of the road to Schriber's cabin and Mazama park to open up a ski lodge and the fine skiing terrain on this side of the mountain.

Seek Timber Cooperation

A big step in maintaining the scenic value of the Baker Lake development lies in seeing that the privately owned timber land is

not denuded. Two large blocks remain in the area owned by the Lyman Timber Co. An effort will be made to persuade this company to duplicate their excellent job of selective logging just completed on the north shore of the lake.

U. M. Dickey and Henry Dennis of Lyman Timber have been highly complimented on this job, completed with cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service, which effectively logged an area in direct view from the lake on which the cutting is hardly noticeable.

The planning council has urged the forest service to continue its cooperation and will work to secure a similar proposal for the remaining timber so that the beauty of the lake will remain intact.