LBJ ASSERTS CONSERVATION GAINS GROUND

Claims More Land Saved than Lost

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Washington, Oct. 13 - President Johnson said today that the United States has reached a turning point in its conservation efforts and that more land is now being saved for parks and recreation areas than is being lost to such uses as shopping centers, highways and airports.

Next year, the President said, "every additional acre of land will be conserved for the American people. By committing to the use of our lost land should never have been touched."

In an address to the first Congress for Recreation and Parks sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, Johnson also mentioned he would like action on projected park fronting on his Texas ranch.

"I Like It"

"The area may not be beautiful to all of us in the world but me but I like it," he remarked.

The President told his audience of 2,000 delegates in a Washington hotel that the goal of the National Recreation and Parks Society is to "build the America of tomorrow, we are building today" - are developing areas of land for outdoor recreation and education that are a source of health for the body, and recreation and beauty for the human spirit.

He declared that the America of tomorrow will be a nation of national forests and parks, cities, free of smog, open and air and pure lakes and rivers. He promised to "use the power of the purse." Uplinesed, he is demeaning, offensive and spiritually deprived.

Will Sign Six Bills

Johnson announced tonight that on Saturday he will sign six bills covering outdoor recreation and recreation bills "giving all Americans a greater share in the natural heritage of America."

They include: one establishing the Rocky Mountains National Park in New Mexico and Utah and legislation to protect American wildlife threatened with extinction.

He said he also will sign soon a bill "cleaning up" the 1964 Civil Rights Act in Congress approved earlier today.

He said his administration wants to protect a national scenic rivers system, a nationwide nature trail system and a national wildlife refuge system.

In an ad in the Chicago Daily Tribune, Johnson said he wanted "imaginative," expert action on the "little park across the street," a national park.

This was a reference to land across the Pedernales River from the LBJ Ranch and it is likely that most of the chief executive's buying to establish a state park, the President's "little park.

The area is in danger of becoming a tourist mecca of motels, restaurants and other commercial enterprises.

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