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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Montana)

Subject: Big Hole National Monument

Mr. President, on Saturday, August 26, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Big Hole Valley in western Montana signifying the beginning of construction on new facilities at the site of a historic Indian battle. The Monument is under the management of the National Park Service and is west of the community of Wisdom. The Monument commemorates the site of one of the most spectacular battles in the retreat of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians to the Canadian border in 1877. This is a ceremony I would like very much to attend, but it does not look as though it will be possible. One of the most interesting aspects of the program scheduled is that one of the participants will be the last known survivor of the Big Hole Battle. He is Josiah Red Wolf, 94 years old and a member of the Nez Perce Tribe now living in Idaho. This battlefield monument has been enthusiastically received by the people of western Montana, and, because of the cooperation extended by the National Park Service, we will soon have another fine addition to the many recreation and tourist facilities in the Big Sky Country.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Congressional Record the feature story which appeared in the August 6, 1967, issue of the Montana Standard, as well as the Sunday editions of most of Montana's dailies.