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CITIZENS COMMITTEE ENDORSES

SITE PLAN FOR NCAR DEVELOPMENT

Boulder, Colo.--A citizens advisory committee to the National Center for Atmospheric Research Thursday endorsed plans for the development of the 500-acre NCAR Table Mountain Site.

The statement was made following a meeting of the committee with Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, NCAR director, and other members of the NCAR staff, at which the site plan and preliminary outline plans for the main buildings were reviewed.

"We are very enthusiastic about the current plans," Dr. Albert A. Bartlett, committee chairman, said. "The plans call for a laboratory on the mesa that is bold, flexible and suited to the site," he said.

Current plans call for a number of four-story buildings, closely grouped together near the south rim of Table Mountain, he said. Locations are provided for possible future buildings in the valley to the north of Table Mountain, though it is not contemplated that such buildings will be built in the foreseeable future. He said the committee was pleased with the apparent care for appearance with which roadways and utility installation are being planned.

The east boundary of the site would have to be fenced during the major phase of construction, Dr. Bartlett said. But he said the committee had recommended, and Dr. Roberts had endorsed, the placing of stiles along the fence so that hikers would feel welcome, either to visit the NCAR site or to cross into the westernmost section of the property where, behind a steep hogback, the Mesa Trail extends southward from Enchanted Mesa. The Mesa Trail area of the site would be left undisturbed and open to hikers as it is now, Dr. Bartlett said.

In addition to Dr. Bartlett, who is a member of the Physics Department of the University of Colorado, the committee includes Trafton H. Bean, planning consultant and former Planning Director of the City of Boulder; Donald R. Beeson, businessman and civic leader; Frank Havice, city councilman; Hugh L. Phillips, real estate developer; Damon D. Phinney, engineer and president of the Colorado Mountain Club; Mrs. Addison M. Talbott, a leader in the League of Women Voters and other civic activities; and William A. Weber, CU biologist and specialist on the vegetation of the mesa area.