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## Letter from Eugene D. Weigel to John W. Noble, 1892 Sep 28.

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Department of the Interior,

Yosemite Valley, Sept. 28th, 1892.

Genl. John W. Noble,  
Secretary of the Interior,

Dear General:

Your telegram was repeated to me by Maj. Stidger from San Francisco and caught me at Wawona, from where I at once came here. I find that a contract had been let to Mr. Washburn to remove the underbrush near the Steneman House and around the stables, and has about been completed. The work was ordered done by the Commissioners of the State Park under the supervision of Mr. Galen Clark, the Guardian, and was ostensibly for the purpose of reducing the danger of fires. While it is perhaps true that some of the thickets should be judiciously thinned out in places, this work has not been done artistically, Mr. Clark making no pretensions to being a landscape gardener. If it is the intention to proceed any further with it next year, it should certainly be put in less destructive hands. On my return to San Francisco I shall endeavor to obtain the ideas of the Commissioners about it.

The wire fences have in many places been removed, and where they remain have been set back so as to be less objectionable. There are several unsightly shanties in the valley, and, where new structures are required for any purpose, more attention should be paid to making them ornamental.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Eugene D. Weigel,

Special Land Inspector.

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