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Forces That Are at Work To Lay Waste Our Timber

caused by "sleepers." Incredible numbers of sleepers are driven to the mountain pastures every season, and their course is ever marked by desolation. Every wild pasture is stunned down, the shrubs are stripped of leaves as it were, and the trees are burned. Burning fires are set everywhere, with a view of clearing the ground of vegetation, and

fattening the movements of the flies and improving the pastures. The entire forest belt is thus swept and devastated from one extremity of the range to the other, and, with the exception of the redwood trees, appears a waste of stumps and stubs.

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The only way to prevent the destruction of the forests is to establish a system of forestry stations, and to appoint skilled foresters to watch over the forests and prevent the fires. The government should also establish a system of forest reserves, and to prevent the fires.

WHAT JOHN MUIR CALLS THE "FOUR-FOOTED LOCUSTS," A STRONG FACTOR IN THE DESTROYING FORCES.