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Martinez, Feb. 14, 1893.

My dear Mr Johnson:

At a meeting of the directors of the Sierra Club last Saturday I urged your views as to the advantage of pushing the Yosemite recession question to a vote in our legislature. All were opposed or doubtful as to the wisdom of doing so, though recognizing the value of keeping the matter alive by agitation in the papers & by attacking the annual appropriation for Yosemite when it comes up in the legislature. All seem to think that at present the question of mismanagement should be held in abeyance, but that we cannot be wrong in requesting our legislature to voluntarily give back the valley to the General Government & to urge economy

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+ the natural fitness of things in placing
the valley & surrounding park under
one management, inasmuch as the
valley & the National Park are
in fact one & inseparable.

I met our Senator McAllister after
the meeting & discussed Yosemite matters
with him, next day I received the
enclosed letter. I advised him
in reply to go ahead & make a name
for himself on Park & valley
affairs. One of our members a
lawyer will probably draft a bill
or resolution of some sort or other
to guide the senator who unfortunately
is young & inexperienced.
Waite Secretary of State is cordially
with us on recession.

Cordially your friend
John Muir

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