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Letter from Arnold Hague to Elliott McAllister, 1897 Feb 6.

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Elliott McAllister

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UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 6, 1897.

Mr. Elliott McAlister,
Secretary, Sierra Club,
Academy of Sciences Building, Room 51 A,
San Francisco, California:

Dear Mr. McAlister:-

If we may judge from newspapers, I suppose that the selection of Judge McKenna, of San Francisco, has been determined upon for our next Secretary of the Interior under McKinley. I write to ask if you know the Judge, and if you are able to give the Forestry Commission any information as to what position he would take in regard to new forest reserves, and what aid we might expect from him in bringing about some radical legislation in regard to our forests on the public lands.

I think you will be surprised before long to see what stand we are going to take in regard to reserves, and what radical changes in the laws we are about to propose. It is of much importance to us to know if Judge McKenna will look favorably upon large reserves and their proper management by the general government.

If you know him, or if any member of the Sierra Club is personally acquainted with him, it would be of great service to the cause if he was rightly posted in regard to the forestry matters

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before he leaves San Francisco for Washington.

I have to thank you for the notes you sent me in regard to the claims in the Yosemite National Park. I am surprised at their number, but it is about as easy to adjust 20 as 5.

I have just returned from Boston where we had several long sessions of the Commission. I expect Professor Sargent here today.

Very truly yours,

Arnold Hague

~~Dear~~ Mr. Muir —

As you have already seen Judge

McKenna, will you not take ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ hand the matter suggested in this letter —

Yours truly

Frederic M. Allen

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