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San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 17, 1895.

My dear Mr. Muir:

Mr. Henry Gannett,
the chief topographer of the United
States, was in last week to entreat
my aid in helping him to find
out whether estimates of the
standing timber had been
made in California and, if
they had been compiled,
where these estimates were
to be found.

The U. S. Govt. seems at last
to be making an effort to
discover how many trees it
owns or ought to own.

I could not tell him
anything; but advised him
to go to see you.

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this, he could not do for lack of time, so I promised to write to you for him to find out whether you could set him on the track of the desired information.

He has been able to get the data in Washington and Oregon and seems satisfied that the lumber men have given him reliable information. I would feel like doubting facts so obtained; but he may have verified them by some personal observation.

If you can aid the Govt. in this matter you may be doing a great service for the trees.

Dr. Merriam of Washington has been camping on Mt. Shasta at timber line nearly all

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summer. He reports the ^{coniferous} trees as without fruit this year. Carl Purdy was at Summit recently and could not find a single tree of a magnificent with a cone in it.

You were very fortunate to find a tree in bloom last spring. I ought not to say "fortunate" since you were guided by knowledge.

Sincerely yours,
Alice Eastwood.

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