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## Letter from T[heodore] P. Lukens to John Muir, 1897 Mar 22.

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Pasadena, Cal., March 22 1897

Prof John Muir  
Martinez Cal

Dear Friend Muir

Your favor at hand  
Yes I have seen the devilish spirit in Congress  
toward our Reservations. I have been to work  
all winter. I have sent long telegrams to our  
representatives imploring them to do all they  
could to prevent our Reservations being cut  
down to any extent. but I tell you there  
are so many who care nothing for the Forests  
and care nothing for the devastating effect on  
the country. the cutting of the timber would  
bring about. they only hope to make a few  
dollars out of it. I recomendations by  
the State board of Forestry. the State board of Trade,  
& by the Sierra Club. would have much greater  
influence with Congress. than the pleadings of  
individuals. Prof Sargent and his associates  
with whom you worked last summer. could



do a great deal of good. No one man in  
the world can place the forests claims before them  
so clear and forcibly as your own dear self.  
No one knows so well as you the value of our  
forests. that their use for lumber is but a small  
part of the value.

I am very sorry there has been no  
meeting of the Sierra Club. I was anxious to  
attend, and here lots of these things, discussed.

Mr. Lukens & I have been quite sick  
for two weeks, just getting around a little.

I am trying hard to get out of business &  
spend the rest of my days in the mountains

We all including little Lottie send love  
kindest regards to you and family

Sincerely Yours  
J. P. Lukens