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Given the question, more
or less careful attention
apparently ^{fix} \$250,000 (or more)
as the annual rental ~~from~~
what are called ^{which the} grazing
lands (U.S. Govt) of this state
ought to yield. I am
not enough of an expert
to know if this ~~is~~ estimate
is a fair one, but the
reason why I have looked
upon the leasing of the
grazing lands as a sound
proposition, and have been
attracted toward it is
as follows: A revenue
can be obtained which
can be devoted to a forest
ry service, and to irrigation
works, without calling on

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will flock into the training schools which will
spring up in our Universities to fit for this work
I shall hope to see you there with me
Congress for special appropriations for such a service
for such works, (and it is
generally conceded that
the East is too little
interested in these questions
to support such measures in
Congress.) As funds will
then be available from
such rentals, the creation
of an expert forestry service
a U.S. Govt Service - would
be almost a logical necessity.
The temporary service of "rangers"
should, as soon as possible give
way to this expert service
under the a U.S. Division of Forestry
Your idea of civil service tests
coincides with mine. We both
desire trained men. (Such as
the U.S. Geol. Survey has) for
this hoped-for, great Division of
Forestry. Pinehot is the best man
possible to organize such a bureau
and of steady employment is as-
sured, young men in numbers