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Martinez, Jan. 23. 1899.

My dear Johnson,

I learned the other day from a reliable source that 200000 sheep were pastured in the Sierra Forest Reservation this last season, & that a company of sheep owners & speculators have sent a man to Washington to try to obtain a lease of the reservation for pasturage for next season. & that they claim the Sierra Club favors leasing the forest lands for this fine use. This is as we might expect after the Washington & Oregon Reserves were thrown open. Do you know the new Secretary of the Int.

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on the head of the Land Office  
I have written to our Senator  
& Pinchot. Pinchot says he  
can do little in the matter  
An editorial in the magazine  
would be a grand help & in  
the N. Y. newspapers.

This has been a deadly hard  
year for forests destruction  
has gone forward without  
let or hindrance & the outlook  
is discouraging - a fine J. P. Irish  
year. Sheep Year. Grippe Year  
I hope you have escaped the  
grippe a miserable disease. Mrs Min  
is down with. - has been in bed  
a month, Try to head off these  
forest destroyers in Washington  
Ever yours John Muir

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