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## Letter from C. Hart Merriam to John Muir, 1899 Apr 19.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 19, 1899.

My dear Mr. Muir:

Glad to learn that you are likely to be  
with us on the Alaska trip. I can now  
give you some additional details.

The expedition belongs to Mr. E. H. Harriman of New  
York. Mr. Harriman is a wealthy and exceedingly busy  
business man. He engaged the ship and asked my  
cooperation in making up the scientific party. We  
went over a list and selected certain names, yours  
among them, and at Mr. Harriman's request I am acting  
as his representative in making up the party and attending to  
other matters, as he is too busy and away too much of  
the time. He has lately been to New Orleans, Chicago, and  
several other places and I have no idea where he  
is today.

The expedition will probably leave Seattle about May 30,  
and I hope you will get out of the Yosemite trip - or  
postpone it so I can go with you when we get back -  
and go with us. I am sure you will be interested  
in the St. Elias and Cook Inlet country.

We are taking half a dozen camp outfits & packers  
for shore excursions.

I think John Burroughs - a great admirer of you -  
will go with us.

We all want you to go and I most earnestly trust  
nothing will happen to prevent. I shall be glad to  
answer any questions you may want to ask.

Wm. John Muir, Marquette, Mich.

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E. H. Harriman