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**Letter from Ellen M. Wright to John Muir, 1895 Jul 30.**

Ellen M. Wright

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Medford July 30th 1895.

Mr. John Muir,

Dear Sir;

My best thanks for your valuable and fascinating book, "The Mountains of California," and for the honor your presentation does me. My brother and I read his copy aloud together last winter, and it made us both wish more such books might be written and read; for not only is the preservation of the forests - for which it is the most stirring sort of appeal - fundamental to the preservation of about all else worth preserving - human life included, but before that preservation can take place, we need to learn, just what it teaches, how to love and to enjoy Nature for her own sublime, wonderful and infinitely instructive sake. Its invigorating spirit, with its science and rare power of description, is enough to lift the tamest soul above itself; and its keen and loving sympathy with all the separate little and big lives of that vast wild region, is awfully catching. Such a book ought to encourage the broadest and most generous politics; and put to shame all that is ungenerous, careless, cruel or unnecessarily destructive in private enterprise and in our enjoyments. My own copy shall have place with the books I love best on my shelves; and for an exploring trip so real, and to the grandest inspirations of Nature, so just and appreciative, I shall often take it down.

Yours very truly,

Ellen M. Wright.

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Helen Wrights Letter

Just think of the green leafy innocent  
peace of these globe-burn islands

Witnesses of history

White homes -

poor souls (Can)