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Martinez, Jan. 15 [19]07

Dear Mr. Colby:

I herewith return the draft of a Club report on Kings River region with my hearty approval, excepting the first two pages of the MS. [manuscript] in which the Yosemite and Kings River regions are compared. Every possible aid and encouragement should be given by the Club for the preservation, road and trail building, etc., for the development of the magnificent Kings River region, but unjust, one-sided comparisons, seeking to build up and glorify one region at the expense of lowering the other is useless work and should be left to real estate agents, promoters, rival hotel and stage owners, etc. Certainly the Club has nothing to do with such stuff, "Tremendous advantages", "Wealth and variety of mountain sculpture" depending on greater "depths and heights", etc., suggest boys with eyes to depth and height of butter and honey seeing tremendous advantages in one slice of bread over another cut from the same loaf.

Have you seen the President's Proclamation of December 8, ¹⁹⁰⁶ [19]96 creating the "Petrified Forest National Monument" under the Act of Congress of June 8 [19]06? ¹⁸⁹⁶ Contains 60,776,02 acres and includes the Blue Jasper Forest Helen and I found. 25,625 Dec. 8, 1906

The large new forest to the North of Adamana is to be added to the above.

Come up some Saturday night or Sunday and talk over matters.

Faithfully yours,

John Muir.