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Martinez Nov. 4 1907

Dear Mr Lummis

Many Thanks for your capital
Hetch Hetchy defense editorial, it's
strong & every blow is called for,
& must tell. Keith & I got back
two weeks ago from a Camp Trip
to Hetch Hetchy, Yosemite & our
grand old artist was charmed by it
into newness of life. He made
38 sketches, & declares that in fine
picturesque park beauty it surpasses
Yosemite. There is a short article
of mine in The Outlook for Nov. 2^d
which though not illustrated will give
you something like a general picture
of the Valley as it is, & would be drowned

We are trying to stir up the thousand members of
the Sierra Club & as many other lovers of
God's mountain handiwork, ^{as far as we can reach} to send on
protests to Washington in the form of
personal letters to the Secretary & President
keeping them flying thick as snow flakes
in a Sierra storm, until the voice of public
opinion can't be mistaken. Light is all
that's needed to defeat the plans of these
cunning moneychangers & waterchangers

The mountaineering clubs of Oregon
are coming to our help, so is
the Appalachian. I have no
news from Washington good
or bad except one encouraging
letter from the President

If successful in getting large
enough appropriations for a good
wagon road into the Valley & ~~up~~
a trail up the big Tuolumne Canon
the salvation of the glorious
Patch Patchy will be made sure
for them it will be sure &
known by countless thousands
making effective bying impossible.

Remember me to Mrs Lummis
with kindest regards & to your
little son & daughter & believe
me ever faithfully yours

John Muir.

The Los Angeles Postmaster sends word
that the dollar ^{order} I sent you for Landmarks
June 17th has not been paid or presented
for payment. J.M.