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Letter from Emma Shafter Howard to John Muir, 1900 Sep 13.

Emma Shafter Howard

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1216 Alvie St
 Oakland Cal
 Sept 15
 1900

My dear Mr. Davis -
 I know
 that you - of all men - are
 concerned about the great
 priests - and should
 know better than any
 one else - the destruction
 that is going on in Marin
 County on the slopes of
 Tamalpais - Will you
 not go up there with
 my boys and see for
 yourself - and do all
 that you can at once
 to arouse public opinion
 and protect the people truly
 Emma Shafter Howard

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at work in a book on the forest
 books & pamphlets etc. I hope
 to get out soon -
 I hope however that a chance
 of next month's meeting will be
 secured for a public
 + will be glad to accept the invitation
 of your help to take a full month
 of your help in view of the
 forest & preservation work of our
 land.

I would gladly go to Tamalpais
 + a few hours before the day
 the mountains are empty of people
 upon which is that some will
 land Tamalpais - no forests
 remaining - that our own
 go on the great forest together
 to make public opinion for
 the defense of the forest
 and our own

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[Rough draft of letter]

[Sept., 1900].

My dear Mrs. H[oward]:

I would gladly go to Tamalpais and a thousand times farther to stay the ruthless destruction of [the] forests you refer to. But, alas, all land thereabouts is private property, and what more can I do in the way of protest and efforts to make public opinion for the defense of the trees than I am doing? I am now at work on a book on the forest parks and reservations which I hope to get out soon.

I hope, however, that a block of redwoods may yet be saved for a public park, and will be glad to accept the invitation of your boys to take a trip with that object in view at the first opportunity I can find.

[John Muir]