



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

1902-01-01

Letter from John Muir to [C. Hart] Merriam, [1902 Jan ?].

John Muir

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence>

Recommended Citation

Muir, John, "Letter from John Muir to [C. Hart] Merriam, [1902 Jan ?]." (1902). *John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)*. 4593.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence/4593>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Muir Correspondence (PDFs) by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

To Dr. C Hart Merriam.

[Jan. 7 1902]

My dear Dr. Merriam,

I send these clippings to give a few hints as to the sheep and forests. Please return them. If you have a file of "The Forester" handy you might turn to the Feb. and July numbers of 1898, and the ^{one} June of 1900, for solemn discussions of the "proper regulation" of sheep grazing.

With the patronage of the business in the hands of the Western politician, the so-called proper regulation of sheep grazing by the Forestry Dept. is as hopelessly vain as would be laws and regulations for the proper management of ocean currents and earthquakes.

The politicians in the interest of wealthy mine, mill, sheep, and cattle owners of course nominate superintendents and supervisors of reservations supposed to be harmlessly blind to their stealings. Only from the Military Dept., free from political spoils poison, has any real good worth mention been gained for forests, and so, as far as I can see, it will be no matter how well the Forestry Dept. may ^{be} organized, until the supervisors, superintendents and rangers are brought under Civil Service Reform.

Ever yours,

JOHN MUIR

02929