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Three Rivers

Stanford University, California,

June 15, 1902

My Dear Mr. Merriam

I am just going up ~~into~~ the South Fork Kurook and intending to range over the country west and south of here once more, doing some photographic of Sequoias and making what other studies I can. I return in July to the University

You once offered me the use of your notes on the Sequoias, as you have now published your articles on them and I shall therefore ^{not} be using any thing you may want to make use of. I want to call on you sometime in Aug. or Sept. or later if it seems desirable to talk them over. What I am doing will be turned over to the Bureau of Forestry eventually, for most part.

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When you come through here
 or are in the Grant Forest
 I want you to talk with Mr
 Britten the Park Ranger, or
 with Mr Wolcott of Three Rivers
 or any of the citizens hereabouts
 about the matter of slaughter
 of deer - even does & fawns,
 by the soldier patrol in the
 two National Parks of this Co.

My belief is that they are
 right as to the desirability
 of changing rule 5 of the
 Park regulations, and that
 the killing of deer, ^{or other game} in the
 Parks should be absolutely
forbidden. I have so written
 to Pinchot, asking him to see
 the Secy of Interior, so that a
 change may be effected this
 summer. Soldiers should be
 prohibited from carrying any
 but side arms in the Park
 They dynamite fish also
 the most vicious practice
 that exists. Can you not write

Sir: Y Hitchcock, ^{c33} or otherwise use your in
 Department of Systematic Botany
 Coland Stanford Junior University
 Finer to put matters on the right basis
 if you are convinced, as I am, that the
 Parks are being used ^{Stanford University, California} as a game preserve
 for very common ~~and vicious~~ soldiers, while
 citizens are liable to arrest if found with
 guns in the Parks. The principle is wrong.
 Also ask Mr Britten about the letters
 he has received relative to ~~allowing~~ the owners
 of Round Meadow ^{to haul out wood on the}
 new Govt road when completed. This is an
 old question - that of the strong desirability of
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~title~~ ^{title} to all private claims in
 the Grant Forest before this road is completed.
 If trees about Round & Sharps meadow are
 cut, it means a ruin of the most charac-
 teristic feature of the Park. Whether they are cut
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or not cut. Jordan and Sharp
 should not own land there
 to derive revenue from it
 in future on account of
 the building of the Govt road
 I have also written Pinchot
 strongly about this. Your
 influence will be greater than
 any other in this direction
 and I hope you may use it
 if you look at as it strikes
 me. This is not quite so
 pressing a matter as the
 deer killing but must be
 attended to this year.

It is reported that Jordan
 & Sharp secured these meadows
 by paying the Surveyor .50¢ an
 acre to record them as "swamp
 lands."

I am very sorry I am
 not from the Satchems of the
 Sierra Club in the Cañon, but
 my work will not permit it I
 think. Most sincerely and
 respectfully W R Dudley