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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
OFFICE OF FOREST SUPERINTENDENT.

Fresno, Cali. Nov. 6, 1902

Mr. John M. Mui,  
Martinez, Calif.

Dear Sir,

I was very sorry to miss seeing you  
this summer, either at the mountains,  
or when you stopped at Fresno.

I was near meeting you several times.

The "Boole tree" - the large Sequoia you  
visited with Dr. Kelley, my ranger  
say, after examining the tree, is  
on the Dungen Lumber Co's lands;  
some 300 yards (one report makes  
the distance less) from the Reserve  
line. It would be good if the  
title could be secured from the  
Lumber Co. I was talking  
last week with Mr. Olney about



the matter; & at his request I  
have just written him further par-  
ticulars.

Very Sincerely yours  
O. J. Newhall

To 'Oapt'

The destruction of the grand sea fern  
of Cassin's basin <sup>The salinities of</sup>  
is going rapidly on. If that could  
be saved it would be vastly more  
important.



Mar. 19, 1902 <sup>[EA]</sup>

Mr C. S. Newhall  
Fresno, Cal.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for  
your letter on the Boole  
Big Tree. Though not the largest,  
it is one of the largest of the  
living trees, & should be  
saved if possible.  
In looking over ~~my~~ <sup>the</sup> notes of  
my several exploring trips  
in the Kings River Sequoia  
region I find that this  
Boole tree is not a first  
discovery. I saw it & measured  
& described it in the autumn  
of 1877 - that is 25 yrs ago.  
It then was named ~~Hughy~~ <sup>Hughy</sup> Miller.  
The ~~salvation~~ <sup>salvation</sup> of the  
Converse Basin groves,

is however, vastly  
more important.  
They are now being  
rapidly <sup>& utterly</sup> destroyed!



In my travels last summer  
 I was delighted to find how  
 well your Rangers had  
 protected the great Sierra  
 reserve. Only in one  
 place did I see anything  
 deserving severe criticism  
 or complaint. This was a  
 strip extending from the  
 Middle Fork of the Kaweah  
 through Cliff Canon to Timber  
 Gap. It was devastated from  
 end to end, & made to stink  
 like a corral, by cattle  
 which <sup>have</sup> also destroyed or  
 damaged the trail. This is  
 about as sad a job as  
 even Shep could do.  
 & cries aloud for

correction. I heard  
 lately that this same  
 band of cattle, <sup>said to</sup> belonging  
 to some one with a  
 political pull, had  
 been driven over Timber  
 Gap, <sup>+ down</sup> towards Mineral  
 King later in the  
 season against all  
 opposition thus  
 destroying some of the  
 best calap grounds of  
 the region. Mr Hinds  
 seems unable to stop  
 him. I meant to write  
 to headquarters about this  
 but will not before  
 hearing from you  
 Ever yours faithfully