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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TOPOGRAPHIC BRANCH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 25, 1909.

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, California.

My dear Mr. Muir:

In reply to your letter of May 4; asking for information concerning the national forests, parks and monuments now in existence,

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover the latest information on the subject, obtainable from the Interior and Agricultural departments.

I do not know what else you can add to your already beautiful book on the National Parks but am willing to take your word for it that it will be better with the afterword inserted in the new edition.

Mr. Colby informs me that you will be in the Yosemite country with the Sierra Club's outing and I am going to send you a map soon of the Yosemite Valley, and another of the Park all in one sheet. It makes me homesick to have so many of my friends in the country we love so well, but I hope also to be in the Yosemite this summer to put more trails on the map, arriving about the middle of July. I fear at that time our friends will have returned to the strenuous life and I shall miss them. With kindest regards from Mrs. M.,  
the babies and myself,

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I also asked at the Department when I might expect to get the list of national parks and monuments to be sent to Mr. Muir in response to his letter which you kindly sent me; it is now thought this list can be sent me in a few days.

~~I know~~ <sup>of</sup> Mrs. Marshall<sub>A</sub> would be only too glad to join you on the summer's outing but 3000 miles and a government salary stand in the way. With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*W. Marshall*  
Chief Geographer.

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