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Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16, 1911.

325 West Adams Street.

Dear Mr. Colby:-

Thanks for your kind letter and the book which you forwarded.

I am now at work on the King's River yosemites, and I would like to have the part of the King's River region which ought to be added to the General Grant and Sequoia National Parks definitely described, because I wish to recommend the preservation of the region in the Yosemite Guide-book.

And please tell me how much of the new road to the King's River canyon has been actually built, and describe its course, where it starts from, where it runs, and where it strikes the river below the mouth of the canyon.

Please tell me also what sort of a trail is the one which runs up Copper Creek and over the divide to Simpson Meadows and down to Tehipitee, and also the trail out of the lower end of Tehipitee on both sides.

I am afraid I am putting you to lots of trouble, but you are much more familiar with these roads and trails than I am, and I want to get them right. I find in this Yosemite book that it is taking in so much it is going to be difficult to keep it within bounds, and I want to make the description of roads and trails as short as possible.

Am glad to hear that Keith is improving. Give him my warmest regards, and remember me to Mrs. Colby and your two young mountaineers.

Faithfully yours,

John Muir