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J. M. North Henry Ave ^[1]
Butte, Montana
February 7 - 1911 -

My John Muir -
Los Angeles, California -

My dear Mr Muir;
Your letter came as a
delightful surprise to me
and I wish you might
know how deeply I appreciate
your kind words concerning
my book, "Trails Through
Western Woods." - The Critics
have been generous in their
praise of this, my first
volume and I am
grateful to them all.

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but no book review I have ^[2]
recend is as gratifying to me
as your letter. -

I did not know that you
had visited Lake Ul'inald
in your wanderings and I
am glad if my descriptions
have revived your
recollections of that most
glorious country. -

As for me, I find
myself strangely devoted to
the Lake and its surrounding
mountains; - so much
so that the lure of it calls me

back year after year. -

Last summer I went with a pack outfit - to the Great St Mary's lakes and the Blackfoot glacier, thence over Gunsight Pass to Lake Ill. Donald. It was a wonderful experience. -

Nowhere have I found the mountains so sublime and grandest & all the peaks were going to the Sun. -

Next summer I hope to explore the Swift Current and Belly River countries where there are beautiful hanging glaciers and a lake filled with ice bergs during the warm season.

If you would care to have them I should send you some pictures of the St Mary's country which I took on my last trip. -

I was much interested in the information you gave me concerning the infinite little tinic-flower. It is truly a triple gamy presence in the words Blume Ill. Donald and Avalanche.

Before concluding I wish to tell you

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What an inspiration
of my own wonderful work
has been to me. I read
and re-read your beautiful
revelations of the mountains
and find fresh joy in them
always. -

After you have read my
book through, may I
hope to hear from you
again? -

With unfeigned gratitude
for your kind words
I am faithfully yours
Melvin Fitzgibbon Sanders.

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