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## Letter from R. U. J. [Robert Underwood Johnson] to John Muir, 1894 Nov 11.

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(at home)

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New York, Nov. 11, 1894.

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How is the new California delegation on Yosemite and forestry matters? Caminetti is to stay at home, I see. We must watch him this session. Will the Sierra Club oppose his bill? and will you not examine it and write me a separate letter to use at Washington? Remember, the limits of the Park are substantially yours, and any modification should have your approval. The southwestern part we might chop a little, but not the northeastern. Am I right? Remember a separate letter on this topic.

I telegraphed you this past week for something for our Feb. Symposium. Your letter was not enough. I am pushing the McRae bill. See my editorial in Nov. Century. I am writing for Review of Reviews (Dec.) "Why not more Forest Reserves?" proposing their creation at headwaters of every western stream. Why nibble at the problem? I have urged this policy on the President, and shall stir him up again.

Bring the Sierra Club in line for these good causes. Are you not coming East this winter? As soon as I can get Gilder's attention I will write you what he says about the arrangement of your Glacier material. We must first see the pictures the other Drake has made.

Ever yours and Mrs. Muir's faithfully,

R. U. J.

[Robert Underwood Johnson]



Newark N.J.

Oct-11, 1894

Dear Johnnie:

Many thanks  
for your letter, also  
for the invitation to go  
to Cal. next summer.  
June is a long way off  
& I cannot arrange so  
far ahead. I will see  
of course, am pretty  
poor this year - only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a  
crop of grapes.

Cordially yours

John Burroughs

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