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Hon. Carl Hayden,
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Dear Sir:

The Camp Fire Club of America is greatly interested in the proper preservation of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

We feel that the present status of the Canyon as a National Monument is not commensurate with its importance as a national asset, and does not adequately provide for its preservation for all time nor for proper administration nor for its greatest usefulness to the people as a whole.

We feel that the Canyon should be embodied in a National Park under an Act of Congress which will provide for all these features.

We feel sure that you, as the representative from Arizona and also as a member of the House Committee on Public Lands, will naturally be interested in this matter, and before taking steps toward promoting it we take the liberty of asking your views in the matter and whether you would be disposed to introduce a suitable

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Bill in Congress providing for the establishment of such a park. If so, the Camp Fire Club would be glad to stand behind you and do anything in its power to assist you and promote the measure.

The Camp Fire Club of America is an organization of outdoor men and lovers of nature, having for one of its prime objects the conservation of our forests and wild life and other natural resources. Our Committee on Conservation has taken an active part in promoting legislation to these ends, with considerable success.

We are sending you herewith a copy of our Year Book which will enable you to form some idea of the character of our organization and the men whom you can count on for help. The Club has authorized this Sub-committee to take active measures for promoting a Grand Canyon National Park and we are prepared to cooperate with you to that end to the fullest extent, assisting, if you so desire, in the preparation of the Bill and putting the whole weight of our organization behind its promotion through publicity and other legitimate means.

The area that we think should be made a national park is now, for the most part if not entirely, within the National Forests and we have reason to believe that the Forestry Department will favor this measure and will be disposed to cooperate. They will doubtless be able to render valuable assistance in determining boundaries and formulating the policy of control.

Previous experience in this sort of promotion work has shown us that it often requires considerable time to educate the public and while in this case the Grand Canyon is so well known

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so much time may not be necessary, still we are anxious to get about it actively.

We are coming to you first because we feel that your position, representing both Arizona and the public at large, qualifies you preeminently for the task of fathering this measure. We trust you will regard it favorably and will feel disposed to take the initiative.

Very respectfully yours,

John M. Fairnes

For the Sub-committee on
National and International Parks.