



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1916.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Referring to our previous correspondence in regard to the proposed reservation of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado as a national park, I have the honor to transmit herewith a tentative form of bill providing for the establishment of the Grand Canyon National Park, together with a map indicating the boundaries of the reservation as they have been determined upon investigation by officials of this Department. These boundaries are indicated by the red band line. The grayest shadow line on the north side of the canyon is the boundary as suggested by Chief Forester Graves of the Forest Service.

Considering the broadest use of a national park in that locality, I regard it as absolutely necessary that the springs, shown in the small additional area lying between the above mentioned gray shadow line and the red band line on the north side of the canyon, be included within the boundaries of the park. Until such time as the water from these springs is needed by the visitors, there is, of course, no objection at all to allowing live stock, ranging in the Kaibab National Forest, to use this water, but, from an administrative point of view, it is not advisable to have control in any national park or part thereof by more than one

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department, and such dual control should not be had over these springs.

The other language in the bill herewith is that which, after years of experience by the department in the administration of the several national parks, seems most appropriate for the economic and efficient care of the area it is proposed to create into a national park.

There is a negligible amount of privately owned lands in the area comprising the proposed park.

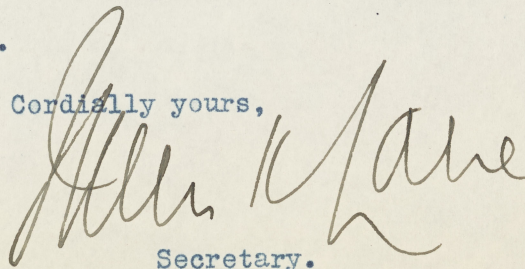
In Section 2, the language contained in the act creating the Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, covering the development of water power, has been used, and Section 5 covers, I think, the possible objection of the cattlemen.

I may add that practically the entire area is now included in National Forests.

This measure has been drafted under the direction of my assistant Mr. Stephen T. Mather, under whom I have placed the administration of the entire National Park System. He would be pleased to go over it paragraph by paragraph with you and Senators Smith and Ashurst at some time mutually agreeable to all of you.

In my last annual report to the President, copy of which I enclose, I recommended the establishment of the Grand Canyon National Park, and I hope that Congress will enact appropriate legislation to this end during its present session.

Cordially yours,



Secretary.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
House of Representatives.