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CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

My Dear Mr. Hayden:- Excuse me for writing you so often but I am very anxious to get a reply to my letters and as I have not, I am up against the problem of how to proceed in regard to that land I am farming. You know I must provide water and fence the crop and build houses in order to care for what I raise and how am I to know but that it will be just like it was here when the Forest Service leased me the Livery Site and then declared it what they termed an ADMINISTRATIVE MISTAKE?. On there promise, which was made to me by letter, that all my expenses would be paid if I would fight Camerons injunction through the courts, and which I did, they now absolutely refuse to pay me and write me that there was no provisions made for any payment. Do you imagine I would believe them under oath after they have treated me as they have?. I would not believe those Albuquerque Forest Officers under oath and you cant blame me. It is current here that they are sure of a National Park before Christmas and that Brant, the manager of the El Tovar Hotel is to be the Super, and that Griffen is to have exclusive grazing permits and we are to get out. I have nine Cisterns and Dams on this proposed Park that have been built during over thirty years of my living here and many of them before it was possible to get any filing of any kind on them but imperative on the face of it as a water necessity. Now Mr. Hayden do you intend to pass any bill that does not protect this kind of developement?. I have written you in regard to the proposed southern boundary of this Park and the vast amount of fine farming land that it will tie up and you cannot endorse any such a reckless way of tying up Arizonas resources unknowingly, for it has been as well explained as possible without your personal investigation and this war demands that every available foot of land be made to produce food and Flour and Potatoes and Beans take precedence over Beef and Mutton and why tie this section up in those interests and ignore farming. Ralph Berry over at Grand View reports that he will have Ten Tons of Pink Beans to market now and also 40 Tons of Hay and a crop of Corn and Potatoes. This is Dry Farming and on the same class of land I am working. But we poor farmers cant send a delegation to Washington to get the 640 Homestead Laws suspended and present the awful perilous condition of the stock interests unless they are given special consideration. They fence up thousands of acres here and dont use it but the stock is kept outside as long as there is any grass and the small fellow is left to shift any old way. With best and kindest regards, Cordially yours,

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