

Grand Canyon, Arizona, Sept. 21st. 18.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
M. C. Washington,
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My Dear Hayden:- It is some days since I wrote you in regard to the land I am farming on the National Monument, and which I wish to have eliminated from the proposed National Park, but as yet have not been favored with your reply. In a letter to me some time since you stated that the Forest Service advocates of this Park bill seemed determined to follow the old Rowe road, and include it within the boundaries. There is no such road any more and what is the sense of this contention?. It is evident they are getting this idea from an old obsolete map that contains an outline of this old Trail. It never was a feasible route and I did most of the work on it myself from my old Williams Stage Road which terminates at Bass Camp. It was in order to get to the Supai Villages with Tourists. It has not been in use in twenty years and is utterly impassable, except on horse-back. In fact, it is hard to find it at all. As shown on the old maps it is absolutely misleading and you certainly do not care to advocate such boundaries as described in the bill, and eventually have it become known that you were supporting something that you actually knew nothing about. Mr. Wilder has written you on these same lines and we both are anxious to know what you have decided to do, if anything, to correct this blunder. Ashurst has never been over this ground, neither has Max Smith and you would become little more than laughing stock to create a park on such information as furnished by the Forest Service, the primary ones advocating these lines. The section on which I am working is fully four miles from any part of the Canyon and this valley contains a thousand acres of fine farming land, and it is a shame to tie it up, as will be the case if these lines are maintained. At best this old trail is as crooked as a rams horn, and as a Park Boundary, absolutely ridiculous. There is another objection to this excessive area being included in the park, and that is, the leasing of the grazing permit to the big stockmen. We have a party here now who has wire enough in stock at this time to fence over 50 thousand acres, and he has filed his application ~~for~~ already for the grazing permit on the Park, in case the bill passes. They already have miles of the Cataract country under wire and all roads that have not been designated by the Supervisors as county roads are fenced, and no provisions made for passage. The road from Ash Fork to the Canyon has been a public road for 25 years and is laid down on the Auto maps as a public route, and has been signed by the associations and others,

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but it is now impassable on account of these fences and Dams that have been built across it. The Farmers and small stock men are vigorously protesting against the fencing up of the whole country in this manner and you will be surprised when you get the election returns in November if I am not greatly mistaken. The selection and fencing of the University Lands in large tracts as now proposed is an outrage and is the greatest detriment to the development of our state than any other one thing. The 640 Homestead, which you favored, is the one most important measure to your credit and should never have been held up as was the case. Cuerton is bound to beat Hugh Cambell for Senator just on account of this fence law. I am sending you a clipping that if you failed to see it, may interest you. But judging from the primary vote you have nothing to fear although there is a fight brewing and Tom Mattock has been selected as strong on his war record. His duties remain with the war service and not in Congress and a ventilation of these facts to the best advantage should lose him the support of even his own party.

Now, before I outlay any great amount of capital on the land in question I would very much like to hear from you, as I hope to make my permanent home there as I have never taken advantage of the Homestead laws and will be 70 years old in a few days. Here is where I gained my health and here I must remain. Thanking you for your kind and prompt consideration I am,

Most sincerely and cordially yours,

E. W. W. Bass