

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 24, 1925,
JRE:JS.

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mathers:

There are attached hereto, two copies each of the following maps:

- (a) Blue print showing alignment of Desert View Road through Buggeln Property.
- (b) Section of Supai quadrangle showing proposed changes to southwest boundary of the Park.
- (c) Special map issued by Coordinating Commission, upon which additional eliminations and additions are shown.

The Desert View Road location through the Buggeln Property was agreed upon at a conference, on the ground, between Mr. Buggeln, Forest Ranger Gibson, Mr. Evans, of the Bureau of Public Roads and I. Mr. Buggeln agreed to this location on the express condition that the new Park line south of his property would not be fenced and that he be permitted to catch flood waters in the area added to the Park and to lead them by a ditch under the Desert View Road to a tank on his property where the water will be stored. It will be noted that in order to throw the Desert View Road entirely within the Park, it will be necessary to add the entire northern tier of 40 acre tracts in Section 22, Township 30 North, Range 4 East, with the exception of a strip, 950 feet, west from the northeast corner of Section 22. It was Congressman Temple's idea that the northeast 40 acre tract of section 22 be


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left open between the Buggeln property and the Tusayan National Forest. Inspection on the ground proved that the terrain was such that a good location could not be secured if the entire 40 acre tract were left open. By leaving 950 feet open an excellent location was secured.

On a recent trip to Phoenix I had a talk with Congressman Hayden. He had received copy of special map prepared by the Coordinating Commission. He called my attention to the fact that Beaver Canyon had not been eliminated as agreed upon by the Commission at the canyon. At this meeting I also suggested the line be slightly changed in order to throw the mouth of Havasu Creek entirely within the Park. These changes have been made on a part of the Supai quadrangle attached hereto.

While the special map issued by the Coordinating Commission may not be drawn exactly to scale, it appears that the proposed addition which is to come from the Kaibab Forest does not agree with the conclusion reached by the Coordinating Commission at the conference on the north rim. I would also like to suggest that a part of Grand Canyon National Park lying north of Little Colorado River and east of the Colorado River be eliminated. This area has no National Park significance and is impossible to administer. To reach it, it will be necessary to travel by automobile from Administrative Headquarters to Cameron Bridge, a distance of 57 miles, and then walk or ride horseback approximately 35 miles. This change would also give a natural boundary instead of the imaginary line at present, which is unsurveyed.

Cordially yours,


J. R. EAKIN,
Superintendent.

(Encl.)

cc Mr. Mather
Mr. Albright
Congressman Hayden