

Phoenix, Arizona,  
April 9, 1933.

Messrs. Bankhead & Henderson,  
Glendale, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

While I was at the Grand Canyon National Park not long ago, I was informed that the Director of the National Park Service had issued verbal orders that all sheep be removed from the confines of that park. I told Mr. George C. Bolton, the acting superintendent, that there must have been some mistake about it, and subsequently took up the matter with Mr. Horace M. Albright, Field Assistant to the Director. I told them both that I was sure if they would look through the files they would find a letter from Director Mather which would confirm my understanding of the situation. I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Albright, which is as follows:

"Referring to our conversations on our recent trip with reference to the grazing of sheep belonging to Bankhead and Henderson on the Grand Canyon National Park, I have carefully read all of the records of the Park on this subject and I find your view of this situation confirmed in the following paragraph of letter from Director Mather to you dated May 19th, 1933:

'In view of the fact that this is merely an overflow from the Forest Service grazing area and in a country where there is no fencing or other delineation of boundaries, and the permit is issued merely to avoid what would otherwise constitute a trespass, it is my purpose this coming year to request the Forest Service to handle the entire grazing under their permit, with the understanding that a certain amount of overflow on to Park lands in that section during the life of the Forest Service Permit would not be objectionable to us.'

In accordance with my promise to you, I am writing Director Mather of the situation in view of his

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verbal instructions to the Acting Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park issued late in February of this year, that no more sheep be permitted on Park lands. I wish, however, to call to your attention, as I am also calling to the attention of the Director, the following facts:

Bankhead & Henderson do not respect the spirit nor the letter of our authorization for grazing on Park lands. They graze more than one-twelfth of their sheep on the Park and they apparently make no serious effort to control the sheep. The overflow authorized should only be in the southwestern corner of the Park, but it appears that last year, the trespass occurred over a large area as far north and east as Bass Camp on the rim of the Canyon. Mr. Bass complained to the office that his Spring had been polluted by sheep.

It has always been contrary to Park policy to permit the grazing of sheep on National Park lands and just as soon as possible we have got to get rid of both sheep and cattle in Grand Canyon Park as these animals and tourists do not get along together. I am going to recommend to the Director that the Bankhead & Henderson permit be continued for the year 1923, but only on condition that both the letter and spirit of the permit be strictly observed, and that if the unsatisfactory conditions of previous years recur, our past understanding with reference to the conditions of this permit is to be no longer in affect. We will be grateful to you if you will take up this matter with Bankhead & Henderson."

I shall be at my home at 1434 North Second Street for some time, and will be glad to confer further with you relative to this matter if you so desire.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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