

Flagstaff, Arizona, April 21, 1923.

Hon. Carl Hayden,  
1434 North Second Street,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th, and have carefully noted contents.

I do not understand the assertions made by Mr. Albright in his letter to you, quotations from which you made. Our permit from the Grand Canyon National Park, for 1922, called for 183 head of sheep on the Park during the year, or 2300 head one-twelfth of the time. I have always been very careful not to abuse the privilege; I have never had more than 1,000 head on the Park at one time, and to the best of my knowledge and belief my sheep have never been on the rim of the Canyon.

It is always my aim to conform to the rules and regulations of the Forests or Parks on which my sheep range. With respect to the Grand Canyon National Park, I will state that never yet has a complaint from the officials of the Park, or from any other source, been presented to me; the quotations in your letter being the first indication I have had.

In your letter you quote:

"The overflow authorized should 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."

The actual permit, now before me, has the following clause, which, of course, is the only restriction I had to follow:

"The permittees shall prevent the intrusion of their sheep upon the lands along the rim of the canyon in the vicinity of the railroad station and hotels."

From the foregoing, you will see that it has never been our intention to abuse our privilege, and I can assure you that it has always been our intention - and always will be - to

live up to the spirit and letter of our permit, and trust that you can arrange to have the matter satisfactorily settled and that we may retain our permit.

Respectfully,

Bankhead & Henderson,

By NATHAN BANKHEAD.