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Richard M. Nixon, President
of The United States
The White House

Dear President Nixon:

I recently returned from a trip to Montana and to Yellowstone Park. This visit has reinforced my belief in the necessity now of preserving what is left of wild America. In this connection I would urge that you issue an Executive Order directing the Park Service and the Forest Service to preserve undisturbed present wilderness areas until a decision has been reached about their status under the procedures set forth in the Wilderness Act. I can think of no greater contribution which a U.S. President could make to the long term interest of our country than to take firm and effective action now to preserve our national heritage for all future generations.

Respectfully,

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