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WOMAN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

1728 North 59th Street
Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin
June 13, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Perhaps you will remember that we appealed to you at the beginning of the recent war to use your influence in ascertaining that a certain letter we wrote to President Roosevelt would reach his desk - and, thanks to your help, it did receive his personal attention and we received a beautiful detailed reply from him with his own signature one week before his untimely death.

We appealed to the President at that time to issue a mandate that all commercial forests be selectively logged for the duration of the war. While the President deeply sympathized with our hopes and plans, he felt that action should be taken by the various states in order to save our rapidly disappearing American forests, but, alas, few states have taken any action and now the end of the trail is in sight. The loggers have plans to make inroads into the Bogachiel Valley, part of the Olympic Peninsula, which was set aside as part of the Olympic National Park by your late husband.

We are enclosing copies of letters to President Truman and Secretary Krug, which will give you the numbers of the Bills now in Congress that threaten the Park.

If it is possible for you to appear at some of the Hearings, we feel sure that out of deference to President Roosevelt's memory - if for no other reason, these obnoxious Bills will be relegated into the limbo of forgotten things.

Very respectfully yours,

WOMAN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.
(Mrs. A. F. Toepfer, President)

By *Wilhelmine La Budde*
Mrs. Edward La Budde
Counselor & Legislative Chairman

1728 North 50th Street
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June 13, 1947

Honorable Julius A. Krug
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krug:

We were greatly surprised to learn that the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service have agreed with the lumber and wood pulp interests to give up the most important area of the Olympic National Park. If this agreement can be pushed through Congress it will mean the sacrifice of over 56,000 acres of timberland, which are the heritage of all the people as well as the legacy of Millions of Americans yet unborn.

For many years the United States Forest Service, which is the custodian of our nation's forests, has been warning timber owners to adopt selective logging practices in order to put their business on an enduring basis, but as you know, the lumber industry has been ruthless in its exploitation of American forests. Now the end of the trail is in sight and the loggers are looking around for new worlds to conquer.

We trust that you will study Senate Bills 711 and 1240, as well as the House Bills 2750 and 2751 very carefully, and so convince yourself of just what is entailed should these Bills become law.

The National Parks which belong to us, the people, should never be opened except if by some unhappy chance a war should be thrust upon us in the very near future and it would mean our very life as a nation unless this timber in the National Parks could be harvested. The past war, with the assistance of ruthless loggers, has so devastated our forests that it will take at least a half century for them to be rehabilitated.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. A. F. Toepfer, President

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The Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Truman:

We are writing to you about a threat which is facing our National Parks. Bills have been introduced to both the Senate and House of Representatives asking that the beautiful Olympic National Park be opened to lumbering interests. For many years, as you know, the United States Forest Service, which is the custodian of our nation's forests, has been warning timber owners to adopt selective logging practices in order to put their business on an enduring basis; but, as you know, the lumber industry has been ruthless in its exploitation of American forests. Now the end of the trail is in sight and they are looking around for new worlds to conquer.

Senate Bill No. 711, HR-2750 and 2751 seek to attack the Olympic National Park along its whole western front where there is big timber. It would mean that about 56,000 acres would be thrown open to the loggers. The National Parks are the heritage of all the people as well as the legacy of millions of Americans yet unborn. They should never be opened except, if by some unhappy chance, a war would be thrust upon us in the very near future and it would mean our survival as a nation unless this timber in the National Parks could be harvested.

We trust that if the large lobby in Washington at the present time succeeds in pushing these obnoxious Bills through Congress that you will be on your guard - and veto them - and so gain the admiration and good will of all conservationists in this country.

Very respectfully yours,

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