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February 7, 1946

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

At the annual meeting and dinner of the Adirondack Mountain Club held recently in Poughkeepsie I learned that President Roosevelt used to be a member, also that the Club has suggested the setting aside of a forest area to be known as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Forest.

Two impending pieces of legislation, which were discussed at the meeting, have given me much food for thought. One is the proposed construction of Higley Mountain and Panther Mountain Reservoirs on the South Branch of the Moose River, and the other is Senator Mead's expressed desire to build a four-lane scenic highway through the heart of the Adirondacks and to call it the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Highway.

The reservoirs, the primary purpose of which is hydro-electric power, will inundate and destroy the largest deer winter-yarding area in the Adirondack Forest Preserve, they will eliminate some of the outstanding natural brook trout waters of the Adirondacks and will destroy superb stands of virgin timber in a region of superlative recreational value. Some of the spruce trees measure over sixteen feet in circumference. You are perhaps aware that the Adirondack Mountain Club is leading the fight, together with over 500 other State and National groups, to save this area.

As for the four-lane highway there are now sufficient roads to make this glorious country available to the fishermen, hunters, hikers, campers and mountain climbers, as well as the motorists. Too many roads will remove the remoteness and solitude that so many of us seek to refresh ourselves from the ordinary cares of life. Furthermore, since our late President was a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club and a great conservationist, I feel that perhaps he would not want a super highway to be cut thru the Adirondacks in his memory. What then could be a more appropriate suggestion than to set aside the Moose River country as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Forest, and to ask Senator Mead to forget about the highway?

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I am writing this to you merely as a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club and not one of its officers. However, I mentioned this to several prominent members at the dinner, including Mrs. Martha N. Benedict, Chairman of the Adirondack Mountain Club Conservation Committee and Chairman of the statewide Adirondack Moose River Committee; also Mr. J.S. Apperson, Forest Preserve Association of New York State. It was Mr. Apperson who suggested that I write to you and ask if you would approve of the plan.

Sincerely yours,

L. Morgan Porter
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c.c. Mrs. Benedict
Mr. Apperson

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Stevenson.

Respectfully
yours.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:
After reading
your earnest
letter of Feb 6th.
& after all you
know Mr. Stevenson
& Mr. Harman
personally. I
have changed
my mind & will

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Send Democratic
State Chairman

Tell her did so

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