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Sept. 14, 1920.

Mr. Arthur G. Vestal,
Charleston, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Federal Water Power measure which recently passed Congress opens up the National Parks and Monuments for power development. Leaders in Congress have promised that at the next session of Congress the National Parks and Monuments will be excepted from the provisions of the bill as they should be. We must assist, however, by doing all in our power to further this legislation. There is also a concerted movement on foot to open up the Yellowstone National Park so that irrigation storage reservoirs can be created; this would create a precedent and must be opposed.

It is highly important that the views of nominees for Congress be known at this time. It is also right that these men state their position on this important subject so that their constituents can know before voting just what the attitude of the man will be after election. You are, therefore, asked, as a matter of public duty, to write the nominees for Congress in your district, so, as if possible to put them on record before election in favor of preserving the integrity of our National Parks.

There is enclosed herewith a form letter which may be of service to you as a basis when writing Congressional nominees. It is of the greatest importance that you send the replies as soon as they are received to the Secretary of the National Parks Committee, Room 2273, Woolworth Building, New York, N. Y.

Yours very truly,

Barrington Moore
President.