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MR. FRED A. SEATON,
SEC'Y. OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIR:

WHY NOT TRY TO GET MORE PARKS HERE
OR ENCOURAGE THE STATE TO DO SO.

THERE IS A LARGE CANYON OUTSIDE OF CHICO,
CALIFORNIA THAT SHOULD BE SET UP AS A STATE
OR NATIONAL PARK. THIS CANYON IS A VERY SCENIC
SITE; IT IS SOME TEN MILES LONG AND HAS AN ALL-
YEAR STREAM AT THE BOTTOM.

A SMALL DAM AT THE LOWER END OF THE CANYON
WOULD BACK UP A LAKE FOR TWO MILES, PROVIDE
GOOD FISHING AND A FINE WATER SEEPAGE AREA FOR
UNDERGROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT.

THE AREA IS GROWING RAPIDLY AND IN A FEW
YEARS WILL HAVE NEED OF MORE RECREATIONAL SITES
THAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AND BY THAT TIME THE CAN-
YON MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF RISE IN
LAND VALUES. NOW IT CAN BE ACQUIRED CHEAPLY.

YOURS, TRULY

G. J. Cummings

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Mr. G. J. Cummings
 1354 Pearson Avenue
 San Leandro, California

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Secretary Seaton has asked us to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 13, calling attention to the recreation possibilities of a large canyon outside of Chico, California.

We appreciate and share your concern about the need for additional areas for recreation use and the rapidity with which suitable locations for such areas are disappearing or becoming unobtainable because of the rise in land values.

Policies governing the activities of the National Park Service, however, dictate the preservation of scenic areas in their natural state and acceptance of such areas for inclusion in the National Park System, only if they are of nationwide significance. The Service gives all possible support to the efforts of the States and communities in providing parks and recreation areas for local and regional use.

The State of California has a strong State Park organization and it is our thought that you may want to bring your information to their attention. The address is Newton B. Drury, Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Beaches and Parks, 721 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento 14, California.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Leo J. Diederich, Acting Chief
 Division of Recreation
 Resource Planning

Copy to: Mr. Newton B. Drury w/c inc.
 NPS Planning w/c inc.

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