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Bureau of Reclamation  
Parks and Beaches Division  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to know what steps to take for making Monticello watershed into a National park?

We are very interested in this project as know there is a vital need for recreation in this area. As there are thousands in the Bay Area who could well use this watershed if in a National park.

The information if given would help the progress and further the action on our part.

Sincerely,

*Robert Rawns* President  
Robert Rawns

*Helen M. Gracy* Secretary  
*(Mrs.)* Helen M. Gracy, (Mrs.)

*Adrian E. Randa* Chm. Monticello  
Adrian E. Randa Dam Project

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AFFILIATIONS:

*Sodsborg*

Dear Sirs: **August 18, 1955**  
 Your letter of June 15, 1955, regarding the proposed Monticello Reservoir, San Francisco, California, is being referred to the Vallejo Sport & Golf Club, Inc.

**Vallejo, California**

**Gentlemen:**

Your letter of June 15 to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding a proposal for making Monticello watershed into a national park has just been referred to this Service with the explanation that it had been inadvertently mislaid in the Bureau's files. We regret that there has been so much delay in replying.

Under cooperative agreement this Service appraises the recreation resources where the Bureau of Reclamation proposes to impound reservoirs. Our findings and recommendations thereupon are presented to the Bureau for its information and to assist in planning for the provision of recreation facilities where such are found necessary and desirable. When we investigated the area, including the locations of the Monticello reservoir and diversion pool several years ago, it was concluded that the slopes around the reservoir were of such rugged character that only minor recreational developments would be warranted. The diversion pool was thought to be somewhat more adaptable to recreational use.

Policies governing the establishment of national parks do not permit consideration of areas where a main feature would be an existing or proposed artificial reservoir. As a rule national parks are spacious land areas essentially of primitive or wilderness character which contain scenery and natural wonders so outstanding in quality that their preservation intact for the benefit, enjoyment and inspiration of the people is a national concern. They are established only by act of Congress.

We understand that the Monticello Recreation District is interested in the recreation development at Monticello reservoirs and has engaged planners to design facilities that will be necessary. State or local interest and activity of this kind very often solves the problem of administration of recreational use of reservoirs and

Respectfully,  
 Sincerely,  
 Very truly yours,  
 [Signature]

their surrounding areas. Our Regional Director, whose address is National Park Service, 100 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California, would be glad to assist you if you feel that you need further advice.

Sincerely yours,

Your letter of June 10 to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed site for a national park was referred to the Bureau of Reclamation that it had been previously studied on the project's file room. We regret that we have been unable to assist you.

**Leo J. Diederich, Acting Chief  
Division of Cooperative Activities**

Under cooperative agreements this Division appraises the feasibility of projects for the Bureau of Reclamation purposes of national recreation. Our field offices and recommendations thereupon are forwarded to the Bureau for its consideration and to assist in planning the processes of acquisition, development where such are found necessary and desirable. When we investigated the area, including the location of the historic reservoir and diversion pool several years ago, it was concluded that the steps around the reservoir were of such rugged character that only minor recreational development could be expected. The diversion pool was thought to be suitable for recreational use.

Guidelines governing the establishment of national parks do not permit consideration of areas where a main feature would be an existing or proposed artificial reservoir. In a case national parks are spacious land areas essentially of primitive or wilderness character which contain scenery and natural wonders of outstanding quality that their preservation intact for the benefit, enjoyment and inspiration of the people is a national concern. They are established only by act of Congress.

We understand that the Monticello Mountain District is interested in the recreation development of Monticello reservoir and has engaged planners to design facilities that will be necessary to state or local interests and activity of this area vary often subject to the cooperation of recreational use of reservoirs and

Copy to: Regional Director, Region Four (2)--with copy of incoming letter  
Mr. Diederich - - - - -

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