

E. V. AHERN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
HAVRE, MONTANA.

October 21st., 1929.

Hon. Burton K. Wheeler,  
United States Senate,

Dear Senator:-

Your letter of the 16th., instance relative to Beaver Creek is received.

I wish to thank you for the interest you have taken in this matter for the City. It really means a lot to the people of Havre to have a camping spot such as this to go to in the summer time.

I note in the Assistant Commissioner's letter to you that this camping ground does not come within the National Park Bureau. I was wondering if it would be possible to give this camping ground the status of a national park, and if so what advantage it would be?

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) E. V. Ahern.

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Washington, D.C. October 24, 1929.

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My dear Sir:

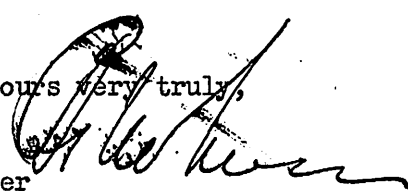
I am handing you herewith inclosed, letter which I have just received from Mr. E. V. Ahern, attorney at law, Havre, Montana in which he refers to the Beaver Creek Park and inquires if it would be possible to give this camping ground the status of a National Park, and if so, what the advantage would be of its having such a status.

I would be pleased to hear from you concerning the matter.

Thanking you, I am

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Yours very truly,



Honorable C. C. Moore, Commissioner  
General Land Office,  
Department of Interior

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PS Will you please return the inclosure with your reply.

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~~Mr. Cameron~~  
~~Mr. Demaray~~  
~~Mr. Lewis~~

The attached communication has been  
received by the General Land Office and  
is referred for answer to the National  
Park Service.

The writer has been advised of  
this reference.

*D. C. Carson*

Acting Assistant Commissioner



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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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Beaver Creek Camping Ground.



The Director,  
National Park Service.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Reference is had to your request of November 1, 1929, for a memorandum in regard to the Beaver Creek Camping Ground in Montana.

In accordance with section 12 of the act of Congress approved September 7, 1916 (39 Stat. 739), a tract of land embracing more than 9,000 acres on both sides of Beaver Creek near the city of Havre, Montana, was withdrawn and set aside as a camping ground for the general public. Said land was a part of the Fort Assiniboine Abandoned Military Reservation.

Pursuant to a resolution of the city Council of Havre adopted on June 18, 1917, the Department by letter of July 14, 1917, appointed the city of Havre as caretaker

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with authority to exercise supervision, control and improve-  
ment of said camping ground subject to the supervisory  
authority of the Department, the lands to be kept and  
maintained as a camping ground without cost to the Govern-  
ment of the United States.

The papers received with your letter are returned  
herewith as requested.

Very respectfully,

*John Howell*  
Assistant Commissioner.

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Mr. Burton K. Wheeler,  
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Wheeler:

I have by reference from the Commissioner of the General Land Office your letter of October 24, attaching a letter from Mr. E. V. Ahern of Havre, Montana, inquiring as to the possibility of giving the Beaver Creek Park at that place a national park status.

Investigation discloses that the tract of land known as Beaver Creek Park embracing some 9,000 acres on both sides of Beaver Creek near the city of Havre, Montana, was withdrawn and set aside as a camping ground for the general public, in accordance with section 12 of the act of Congress approved September 7, 1916. This land was a part of the Fort Assiniboine Abandoned Military Reservation. It also discloses that the Department by letter of July 14, 1917, at the request of the Council at Havre, appointed the City of Havre as caretaker with authority to exercise supervision, control and improvement of said camping ground subject to the supervisory authority of the Department, the lands to be kept and maintained as a camping ground without cost to the Government of the United States.

While this Service has no definite knowledge of the character of the country involved in this camp ground, it seems doubtful if it includes features of national interest which would merit its consideration as a national park. Also the area of the reservation hardly appears to be of sufficient size to permit of development of facilities for accommodating the public on a large scale as is customary in national park areas.

Without information conclusively indicating that the area in question is of national park caliber, I would not want to give consideration to a project for its establishment as a national park.

Mr. Ahern's letter is herewith returned as requested.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) HORACE M. ALBRIGHT

**Horace M. Albright,**  
Director.

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E. V. AHERN  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Havre

June 7, 1934.

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of letters dated  
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Nov 7 1929.

To the Secretary  
Interior Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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During the years of 1928-29 and 1930, while I was serving as City Attorney of Havre, Hill County, Montana, I had occasion to have certain correspondence with the Department of Interior relative to the status then of what is known as Beaver Creek Park, which consists of about nine thousand acres located seventeen miles south of Havre, in Hill County. This Beaver Creek Park was set aside by an Act of Congress sometime about 1916, as a playground for the general public.

Several questions have come up since relative to the jurisdiction regarding violators who allow their cattle to trespass upon this Park.

I would appreciate it if it would be possible to secure a copy of this former correspondence, and also if you could direct me to the proper branch of the Interior Department with which I may take this question up. I would like to learn what the present status of this park is, and what the extent and jurisdiction is of the Interior Department over it. Shortly after it was set aside, the city of Havre was made custodian of the Park.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to give me, I am

Very truly yours,

*E. V. Ahern*

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June 16, 1934.

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Beaver Creek*

Mr. E. V. Ahern,  
County Attorney,  
Havre, Montana.

Dear Mr. Ahern:

Your letter of June 7 with reference to the status of land in what is known as Beaver Creek Park, has been received.

The proper bureau of this Department with which this question should be taken up is the General Land Office.

We are enclosing copies of previous correspondence with regard to this matter, as you requested.

For the Director.

Sincerely yours,

**(SGB) CONRAD L. WIRTH**

Conrad L. Wirth.  
Assistant Director.

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