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Taylorsville N.C.
Oct. 28, 1933.

Mr. Harold C. Ickes,
Secretary of the Interior Dept.,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Ickes,

Enclosed is a resolution recently passed at a meeting of the 3rd. Dist. of The North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs which I have been instructed to send you in behalf of this matter. I am also sending Mr. R.L. Doughton, who is our Congressman, a copy with the original signatures.

If we are so fortunate as to have this considered in your Department I hope that you will favorably look upon it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. Z. Linney

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President elect Dist. No3. N.C.F.W.C.
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RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that we the federated Club Women of District No. 3 in session October 25, at Taylorsville, North Carolina, go on record endorsing the preservation of the rare and beautiful virgin forest of Balsam and Spruce on the Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina.

We deem it a civic duty to preserve this wonderful scenic attraction not only for North Carolinians but for the many tourists who now annually visit our mountains and the many more who will be coming now that the great Smoky Mountain National Park is about to be opened.

Furthermore, we wish this Forest preserved in order that the water shed may be preserved. If this is not done very soon, the flood danger will be materially increased as will the danger of drought-- Power--our greatest natural resource will be threatened--our soil will be impoverished and deroded by uncontrolled flood waters, and our wonderful climate be subject to great change. The Grand Father Mountain is the Chief Scenic asset of this part of the State.

It will cease to be without its mantle of these Balsam and Spruce forests which are almost extinct with the exception of those in the great Smoky Mountain Park. These trees are irreplaceable certainly for generations to come. When they are destroyed as they are now being done, they are gone forever.

Geologists say that the Grandfather is one of the oldest mountains in existence. It is the only one of our high mountain peaks which has a prominent State and Federal highway, making it accessible to the public. This highway is the eastern, National Park to Park highway running for ten miles along the Southern slope of the Grandfather Mountain the average elevation of which is forty one hundred feet high.

The Government has money appropriated for the preservation of natural wonders, the conservation of forests is one of the objectives of the present administration. Therefore, we appeal to Congressman R. L. Doughton, to Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ickes to stop the destruction of these forests. It has been estimated that the cost of re-foresting will be at least ten times as much as the cost of preserving the forests as it now stands. So this seems to us as citizens and taxpayers much more practical and sensible from every point of view and we cannot make our appeal too strong for this civic work for our country.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, President District No. 3, North Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs, Lenoir, North Carolina.

Catherine Ervin, President Woman's Club, Morganton, North Carolina.

Mrs. J. C. Connolly, President Woman's Club, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

Carrie Hoffman, President Woman's Club, Statesville, North Carolina.

E. C. Randolph Harper, President Woman's Club, Lenoir, North Carolina.

Mrs. Frank Holler, President Woman's Club, Conover, North Carolina.

Mrs. Charles H. Cowles, ~~President Woman's Club~~, Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. A. H. Wolf, President Community Club, Hickory, North Carolina.

Mrs. L. B. Dul, President Woman's Club, Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. J. C. Reines, President Woman's Club, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, President Woman's Club, Catawba, North Carolina. District Chairman of Home Demonstration Clubs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1933.

Mrs. R. Z. Linney,
President elect, Dist. No. 3,
North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Linney:

Your letter of October 28 to Secretary Ickes, inclosing a copy of a resolution passed at the meeting of the Third District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, has been sent down to this office for reply.

This resolution in support of the investigation of the Uwharrie Mountains as a proposed national park, has been placed on file.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am
For the Director.

Very truly yours,

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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