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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UWHARRIE MTS. NATIONAL PARK

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PROPOSED
NATIONAL PARKS
UWHARRIE MOUNTAINS

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ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Director.

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PROPOSED UWHARRIE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK,
NORTH CAROLINA.

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west of the city of Asheboro.

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STATUS: Awaiting investigation by Mr. Toll and Supt. Eakin.

STANLY NEWS AND PRESS
ALBEMARLE, N. C.

JOHN B. HARRIS
EDITOR

Oct 13, 1933

Hon Josiah W Bailey,
Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a clipping from our paper today regarding the establishment of a national park in our county. I would appreciate it very much if you would call the attention of the proper authorities to the Uwharrie mountain range, and ask them to investigate its possibilities.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John B. Harris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "John B. Harris".

National Park for This County Being Suggested

Charlotte Paper Says Proposition Can be 'Put Over'

Townsend Should Lead Movement, Says Editor.

Several Thousand Acres In Mountain Range on The Yadkin is Available for National Park.

Interest is growing in the proposal of Stanly to create a National Park reservation in the range of Uwharrie mountains in this county, and the Charlotte Observer, in an editorial Thursday morning, suggests that residents in this section get behind the proposition and "put it over". The Observer further suggests that Oliver C. Townsend be made leader of the movement to impress on government officials the splendid opportunity for the creation of a national park in this section.

The complete editorial, as it appeared in the Observer, is as follows:

The Observer has often marveled at the neglect of one of North Carolina's most impressive scenic assets, which is the Uwharrie mountains that rise in Randolph county and run to a fade-out in South Carolina, walling the Yadkin and Pee Dee in their course. The Uwharries appear on no map, ancient or modern, nor has any thought been given to the geological antiquity of the Uwharries, the ranges and peaks of which were probably raised up when the Alleghanians were in the making. These inland mountains, however, are destined to be brought into National consideration, because some of the enterprising and prideful citizens of Stanly and Montgomery counties are now moving to convert the mountain areas of these two counties into a National Park reservation, a proposition that should make appeal to the whole state. The keystone tracts of the Uwharrie

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ries are owned by Mr. J. M. Morrow, feature of his possession being a dominating peak from which an expansive view is obtained; the Badin subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America; the North Carolina Power company and individuals controlling from 1,000 to 5,000 acres. The total acreage so grouped amounts to about 20,000 acres and assurance is given of its availability for park purposes at low costs. The owners of scattered farm holdings involved have not been consulted, but local authorities estimate the total of this requisite additional area to be less than 4,000 acres. The individual corporations and owners of the larger areas will give active support to the National Park proposition.

This is one of the best projects so far advanced in the state and with co-operation of the people of Stanly and Montgomery counties, it can be eventually "put over". An organized movement by the residents of that section is all that is needed to secure favorable action by the government. The Observer is suggesting Mr. Oliver C. Townsend, of Albemarle, as leader in this movement, for he is a man peculiarly well-equipped for work of the kind that is required. The Uwharrie National would be a tremendously valuable asset for the state.

JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY, N.C., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

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October 18, 1933.

Mr. A. E. Demaray,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Demaray:

I am directed by Senator Bailey to enclose for your consideration the attached letter from Mr. John B. Harris, Albermarle, North Carolina, to which is attached a clipping from the Charlotte Observer, relative to the establishment of a National Park in the Uwharrie Mountain range. Senator Bailey will be grateful for any consideration that may be given this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thad Page

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOROFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1933.

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Mr. Thad Page,
Secy. to Senator Josiah W. Bailey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Page:

I have received your letter of October 18, transmitting a letter from Mr. John B. Harris, Albemarle, North Carolina, and a clipping from the Charlotte Observer, in reference to the possibility of establishing a national park in the Uwharrie Mountain range.

This area has never been presented to us as a proposed national park and therefore we have never given it consideration. We do not believe, however, that this range of mountains possesses the outstanding scenic qualities that are required for areas to qualify for national parks. National parks are established by act of Congress and are areas possessing outstanding landscape qualities of a particular type.

This office has always been interested in proper state park development in the various states and since the beginning of the conservation program last spring we have been in direct contact with state park organizations. Through these contacts we have been able to become more familiar with their work and to help them with their state park programs. We do not believe that North Carolina has taken full advantage of its state park possibilities. No doubt the Uwharrie Mountain range would be ideally situated for state park purposes. Therefore I suggest that the state authorities give it consideration as a possible state park.

As you know, the Federal Government has taken over the administration of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, half of which lies in North Carolina. This park, when completed, will contain 427,000 acres, and will be of great value as a tourist attraction to the south in general and especially to North Carolina and Tennessee. I do believe that the state should take advantage of this attraction and develop a state park system to help round out the park possibilities in the south.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

A. E. Demaray.
Associate Director.

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ASHEBORO CHAIR COMPANY

Furniture Manufacturers.

Asheboro, N. C.

October 25, 1933.

Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, Senator,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

If the newspapers have the correct information, the government is becoming interested in the Uwharrie mountains of Montgomery and Stanley Counties as a national park.

The people of this section would greatly appreciate your good efforts in influencing the committee of observation to stop at Asheboro on their tour and look over this chain of mountains lying in Randolph county.

By far the larger, taller and better part of the Uwharrie mountains lie just to the west of Asheboro in Randolph county, and so cut and crossed by streams and valleys, and piles and scattered around by nature in such profusion as to present a beautiful view.

With best of wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Signed. J. O. Redding.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 26, 1933.

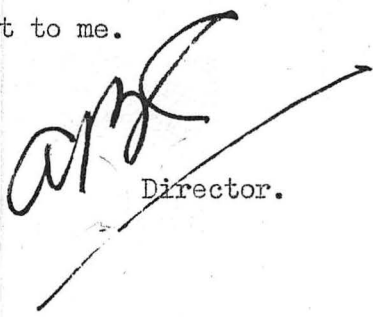
Memorandum for Mr. Wirth:

I made an appointment for you tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at room 1315 of the House Office Building, with Congressman Doughton of North Carolina, who is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and one of the most powerful figures in that body. He is one of our old friends.

He says some of his constituents are pushing him to have a national park created somewhere in the area of his constituency (he mentioned it to me but I did not get it because the phone was working badly) and would like to talk it over with somebody here. I told him I would come along with you if I possibly could but doubted very much that I could make it. Take a map of North Carolina along with you in order to make sure of getting from him some approximate location of the area. He will doubtless want to have it inspected by somebody in the Park Service.

On that point I mentioned to him that years ago when the Southern Appalachian Park Commission was working on the plan to establish a national park in the southern Appalachians, which resulted in their finally selecting the Great Smokies area of North Carolina, they went all over this southern park area and eliminated everything in favor of the Smoky area. I told him that I had no hope at all for recognition of this area for national park status and he agreed that that probably would be so but on the other hand he wanted to do everything possible to oblige his constituents.

Please see him and make your report to me.



Director.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

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October 28, 1933.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Doughton:

Mr. Wirth has reported to me on the meeting that took place
in your office yesterday morning.

We shall be glad to make an investigation of the Uwharrie
Mountains as a proposed national park, as you requested. The investi-
gation will be made as soon as possible, and you and Senator Bailey will
be notified before the inspector arrives so that you will be fully informed.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer.
Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOROFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
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October 28, 1933.

Hon. Josiah W. Bailey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Bailey:

Mr. Wirth has reported to me on the meeting that took place in Congressman Doughton's office yesterday morning, at which your secretary, Mr. Page, was present.

The meeting was in reference to the possibility of investigating the Uwharrie Mountains as a proposed national park. Mr. Wirth stated that you and Mr. Doughton were very much interested in this area and wished that the National Park Service would make a careful field investigation. After reviewing the project and taking all matters into consideration, Mr. Wirth stated that we would make such an investigation. This is to confirm Mr. Wirth's statement, and we shall make the investigation at the earliest possible date and will notify you and Congressman Doughton before it is made in order that you will be fully informed.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS
BUILDINGS AND RESERVATIONS
STATE PARK CONSERVATION WORK

October 28, 1933.

Memorandum for Mr. Cammerer:

In accordance with your memorandum of October 26, I met with Congressman Doughton of North Carolina, Mr. Page, Senator Bailey's secretary, and two other gentlemen from North Carolina, in reference to a proposed park in North Carolina.

It seems that there are about 72,000 acres which could be turned over to the Government without cost at this time. This area contains a great deal of primitive woods and an artificial lake. The actual dam creating the lake is outside of the area which they have in mind but backs water away up into the property.

I explained to them as clearly as I could, the national park standards, the effect of the artificial lake in a national park, and also the work of the Appalachian Park Commission. In view of all this, they still believed that we should make an investigation of the area. However, I am quite sure that they are convinced that the area will not meet the national park standards.

At the special request of the Congressman, I told them that we would make an investigation if he and Senator Bailey wished it. Apparently they had more or less promised the people that they would bring it to our attention and request an investigation, and unless their promise is carried out, they would find it difficult to explain just why the area was not given further consideration. I felt that from our standpoint, we should respect the request of the Senator and Congressman and grant this investigation.

I told them that we would agree to an investigation but that we held out little hope of the possibility of the area qualifying. They stated they understood our position and felt that it was perfectly justifiable, but the investigation would clear up the proposition for all time and everybody would be satisfied.

In view of the above, I have prepared two letters for your signature, one for Congressman Doughton and one for Senator Bailey, which are attached.

C. L. Wirth

Attachments

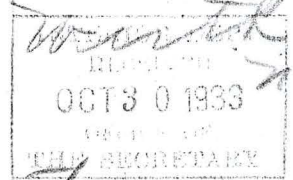
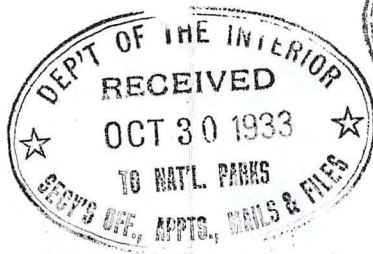
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Taylorsville N.C.
Oct. 28, 1933.

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

Mrs. R.Z. Linney
President elect Dist. No3. N.C.F.W.C.
Taylorsville N.C.

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,

Mrs. R. H. Latham, President, North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs. 735 Summit Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mrs. H. G. Etheridge, 2nd. Vice President North Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs, The Jefferson, Asheville, North Carolina.

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.

Mrs. R.Z. Linney Pres. elect Dist. No 3. N.C.F.W.C.
Taylorsville N.C.

M. H. Birkhead

John M. Neely

**BIRKHEAD & NEELY
INSURANCE**

John M. Neely
Wirth

OFFICES:
First National Bank Bldg.

ASHEBORO, N. C.

Oct. 28th, 1933.



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Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
National Park Service,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Uwharrie Hills Section.

Dear Mr. Wirth:-

The Press under date of October 27th, 1933, dated at Washington, D.C., carries an article that the National Park Authorities have authorized an inspection at an early date of the Uwharrie Hills Section of Stanley County, North Carolina, for Park purposes.

I am very much interested in this project as these hills of the Uwharrie Section, in Stanley and Davidson on the West side of the River and Montgomery and Randolph Counties on the East side furnish one of the most attractive natural views in North Carolina.

I own about twenty two hundred acres situated in the South-west corner of Randolph County adjoining the Uwharrie River on the East side that has no buildings and is well wooded and watered, that forms a part of this range of hills. In addition to my land there is thousands of acres owned by other parties lying on the East side Uwharrie and on the West side of Little River that in my opinion would be available for this project.

I am asking that you use your good offices in having the Inspector, when he comes to Stanley County to come to Asheboro, N.C., and look over this territory. There are several people in Asheboro, that are very much interested and we will appreciate any help that you can give us in getting this inspection.

Yours very truly,

M. H. Birkhead
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BIRKHEAD AND NEELY
INSURANCE

Asheboro, N. C.
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Yours very truly,

(Signed) M. H. BIRKHEAD.

**BIRKHEAD & NEELY
INSURANCE**

OFFICES:
First National Bank Bldg.

ASHEBORO, N. C.

Oct. 28th, 1933.

Hon. E. W. Pou,
House Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1933.

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Hon. Robert R. Reynolds,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Reynolds:

Your letter of October 14, addressed to Mr. Joseph C. Kircher, Forestry Service, transmitting a letter which you received from Mr. John B. Harris, has been referred to the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations for reply.

National parks are created by acts of Congress and are for the purpose of setting aside outstanding national scenic areas. Several years ago, the Southern Appalachian Park Commission was appointed to find out if there were any areas in the southeastern part of the United States that would meet the national park standards, and they selected a section of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky and the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee. They considered all the possible park areas and eliminated everything in favor of three areas, and therefore I am quite sure that the Uwharrie mountains would not qualify for establishment as a national park.

However, Congressman Doughton requested a special investigation and we will comply with his wishes. When our investigator visits this area, we shall be glad to let you know so that you may be fully informed.

I am returning Mr. Harris' letter to you, together with the clipping attached.

Yours very truly,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer.
Director.

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Committee on Rules

Washington, D. C.

October 31, 1933.

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Honorable Arno B. Cammerer, Director
 National Parks and Reservations
 Interior Department Building
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cammerer:-

I beg to enclose herewith a request from Mr. M. H. Birkhead of Asheboro, North Carolina, that his property in the southwestern corner of Randolph County be included with that to be inspected for park purposes. I will appreciate any consideration you may be able to give this request.

Thanking you, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Edward W. Fou

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Birkhead,
Birkhead & Neely,
Insurance,
Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Birkhead:

I have your letter of October 28 with reference to the early investigation of the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.

We are unable to state at the present time just when our inspector will be able to investigate this area as we have over 160 proposed parks and monuments to be investigated and have only one inspector available during the winter for such work.

However, when he arrives, he will look into all angles of this proposed national park. He will be in contact with Senator Bailey and Congressman Doughton before he makes this inspection.

For the Director.

Yours very truly,

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



November 2, 1933

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Director-
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Attached hereto I send you a self-explanatory letter received a few days ago by Senator Reynolds from one of his constituents, Mr. M. H. Birkhead of Asheboro, North Carolina.

Will you please have the matter about which he writes looked into and if possible have the Uwharrie Hills Section inspected.

Very truly yours,

W. E. McDonald, Secretary to
Senator Robert R. Reynolds

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Washington, D.C.



Thomasville, N. C.
Nov. 3, 1933.

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Dear Mr. Cammerer:

Having learned that a field investigation is about to be made of the Uwharrie Mountains to determine the suitability of that region for a proposed national park, I wish the investigation to include that part of the range which lies in Davidson, Randolph and Montgomery counties as well as Stanly County.

It was impossible for me to be in the conference with Representative Doughton and others from Stanly, but if a park is being considered, it should certainly include the entire area.

I will thank you to advise me as to requirements and possibilities in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Walter Lambeth
Walter Lambeth

Hon. A. B. Cammerer, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOROFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1933.

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Reynolds: Attention: Mr. W. E. McDonald.

We have received Mr. McDonald's letter of November 2, transmitting a letter written to you from Mr. M. H. Birkhead, of Asheboro, N. C., with reference to the inspection of the Uwharrie Hills Section of Stanley County, North Carolina, for national park purposes.

We have placed the Uwharrie Mountains on our list of proposed national parks and monuments and have authorized this investigation. There are at the present time, approximately 160 proposed national park and monument areas on our roster to be investigated, and it is impossible to state just when our investigator will be able to visit the Uwharrie Mountains. We shall be glad, however, to inform you before such an investigation is made.

We are returning Mr. Birkhead's letter, and have made a copy of it for our files.

Very truly yours,

(SGB) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1933.

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Hon. Edward W. Pou,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Pou:

I have received your letter of October 31, transmitting a request from Mr. M. H. Birkhead of Asheboro, North Carolina, that his property in the southwestern corner of Randolph County be included in the inspection trip announced for the proposed park in the Uwharrie Mountains.

The proposed inspection for the purpose of investigating the possibility of establishing a national park in the Uwharrie Mountains is being made at the request of Congressman Doughton and Senator Bailey. We have explained to them that several years ago, the Southern Appalachian Commission was authorized by Congress and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to make a complete canvass of the southeastern part of the United States, and reported that in their opinion, the Great Smoky Mountain area, the Mammoth Cave, and the proposed Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains were the areas which should be established as national parks. Their investigation covered all parts of the southeastern corner of the United States and we feel sure that the area referred to will not qualify as a national park. However, at the request of Congressman Doughton and Senator Bailey, we told them we would be glad to investigate it and make sure that it had not been overlooked in the previous investigation.

Apparently Mr. Birkhead has in mind the selling of his property. It should be brought out at this point that it has been the policy of Congress not to appropriate any money for the acquisition of land for national park purposes. In the West, the national parks have been carved from the public domain, and in the East the proposed national parks are being acquired by the states and private individuals and turned over to the Federal Government without cost for park purposes.

Very truly yours,

(S&D:) ARNO B. CAMMERER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1933.

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Mr. Roger W. Toll,
Supt. Yellowstone National Park,
515 Custom House,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Toll:

Attached is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Asst. Director Wirth in reference to a meeting held in Congressman Doughton's office, concerning the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina. I believe that it is self-explanatory.

I do not know just how this can be worked into your program. However, it would be desirable to have this investigation made as soon as possible. I would like to have both you and Supt. Eakin make this inspection. Will you please let me know whether it is possible to fit this into your program either this winter or early next spring?

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

Incl. 309993
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Raleigh, North Carolina

Nov. 13th 1933

Mr. Conrad L. Kirtch,

U. S. Park Survey

Washington, D. C.

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Dear sir:

I understand that you are going to make a survey of the Quabine Hills section of North Carolina very shortly to give an idea of its desirability as a United States National Park. Nature lovers are glad to hear this news and are hoping that you will turn in a favorable report. Whether we get this park or not depends very greatly on your decision so please do your very best for us.

It occurs to me that you, being familiar with the topography of the entire United States, might belittle

our hills here and scoff at the idea of making this area into a park but you must remember that few of us can get to the parks of the West and not so many of us can even get to Great Smoky Mountain Park. These domed hills will not suffer by comparison with any mountains, I believe. They are older geologically than the Appalachians and are due some consideration on this point.

These central mountains of North Carolina are convenient to a vast coastal area of North and South Carolina and will be appreciated by the people dwelling in the lowlands. The future will afford much more leisure for the masses than the past and suitable areas should be set aside as parks to care for people seeking recreation.

Nature lovers want
 this area of natural beauty
 saved from greed, selfishness
 and destruction, under the
 wise guardianship of the
 United States Park Service.
 These wasteful agents are
 already present because many
 steep hillsides are being tilled
 and erosion slows it to
 be a pitiful waste. That de-
 mon, the forest fire, has had
 his part in the destruction.
 Even now, one of these fires
 is burning, up the river,
 and I intend to fight a
 single-handed battle with it
 this afternoon. The United
 States Park Service will
 guard against this enemy
 and others. There is an
 immense amount of work
 here for the Civilian Conser-
 vation Corps and now is the

opportune time to secure this
service.

I trust that you will
turn in a favorable re-
port and I do not see how
it could be otherwise if you
give careful consideration to
this region. If I can be of
any service to you in
the survey, please feel free
to call upon me.

Yours very truly,
C. M. Haitcock
Box 326,
Badin,
NC.

UNITED STATES
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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November 14, 1933.

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wirth:

I am directed by Senator Bailey to enclose the attached letter from Mr. J. O. Redding, Asheboro, North Carolina, and to request that, if possible, your representative be instructed to investigate that part of the Uwharrie Mountain Range which lies in Randolph County upon the occasion of his visit to North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

Thad Page
Secretary

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Conrad L. Wirth

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

R. BRUCE ETHERIDGE, DIRECTOR

RALEIGH

November 16, 1933



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Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There appeared in the state papers on October 27th a news dispatch: "Mr. Conrad L. Wirth of the National Park Service has promised Congressman Doughton that an early investigation of the Uwharrie Mountain region would be made to determine the feasibility of establishing a national park there."

We have been unable to learn if this investigation has been made. Will you kindly let us have any information bearing upon this investigation.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

R. Bruce Etheridge

R. Bruce Etheridge, Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOROFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1933.

Hon. Walter Lambeth, M. C.

Thomasville, N. C.


My dear Mr. Lambeth:

I have received your letter of November 3 with regard to the investigation of the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina as a proposed national park, and requesting that the area to be investigated include that part of the range which lies in Davidson, Randolph, and Montgomery counties as well as Stanly County.

It probably will be sometime before our investigator has an opportunity to look over this area as there are approximately 160 proposed parks and monuments on our list for investigation. However, when an inspection is made, he will look into all the possibilities.

We have advised Congressman Doughton that it was our judgment that the area had little possibility as a national park as the entire South had been thoroughly combed by the Southern Appalachian Park Commission which was appointed by the Secretary a number of years ago to investigate all national park possibilities in the South. At that time, the committee recommended the establishment of the proposed Mammoth Cave, Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks, all of which have since been authorized for establishment by Congress upon presentation of the necessary lands to the Federal Government without cost by the several States interested.

Very truly yours,


Arno B. Cammerer,
Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1933.

Mr. Thad Page,
Secy. to Senator Bailey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Page:

I have your letter of November 14, transmitting a letter to Senator Bailey from Mr. J. O. Redding of Asheboro, North Carolina, requesting that, if possible, our representative be instructed to investigate that part of the Uwharrie Mountain Range which lies in Randolph County, when we study this range of mountains as a proposed national park.

We have made a copy of Mr. Redding's letter for our files, and will include the entire Uwharrie Mountain Range when we make our investigation.

We are returning Mr. Redding's letter.

For the Director.

Very truly yours,

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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Mr. Wirth

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November 22, 1933.



Mr. Arno B. Cammerer,
 Director Department of the Interior,
 Office of National Parks,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Uwharrie Hills Section

It is our information that an inspection is to be made of the Uwharrie Hills Section of Stanley County, North Carolina, with the idea of establishing a National Park in this area. In this connection we desire to urge upon you that a tract of land lying in Western Randolph and adjacent to Stanley be inspected during the course of this survey with the idea of including same in this park proposal. You are probably aware of the fact that this section is considered to be among the most beautiful of any lying east of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina and well adapted for park purposes.

Thanking you for giving this matter your consideration, I am

Yours very truly ,

[Signature]
 Secretary -

Cy. to: Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
 Department of the Interior,
 Office of National Parks,
 Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 24, 1933.

Mr. C. M. Haithcock,
Box 326,
Badin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Haithcock:

Your letter of November 13 with reference to the inspection of the Uwharrie Mountain range in North Carolina as a possible national park, has been received.

We are not certain just when this inspection will be made, but you may rest assured that we will judge this area on its qualifications to represent its particular type of landscape. This is the basis on which all national parks are established.

For the Director.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director.

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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 27, 1933.

Mr. C. Thayer, Secretary,
Asheboro Chamber of Commerce,
Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Thayer:

I have received your letter of November 22, with reference to the inspection of the Uwharrie Mountains as a proposed national park.

When our inspector arrives to look over this area, he will consider all likely park areas in the immediate vicinity which, no doubt, will include those lands lying in western Randolph and adjacent to Stanley County.

For the Director.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1933.

Mr. R. Bruce Etheridge, Director,
Dept. of Conservation and Development,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Uwharrie

Dear Mr. Etheridge:

I have your letter of November 16 in reference to the investigation of the Uwharrie Mountain region as a proposed national park.

This investigation has not been made and we are unable to state at the present time just when it will be undertaken. We have many areas on our list for investigation and it may be sometime before our Chief Investigator can come to North Carolina to make this inspection.

We have made a record of your letter and when our investigator has definitely made arrangements to visit North Carolina, we shall be glad to let you know.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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Office of National Parks,
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November 28, 1933
515 Custom House,
Denver, Colorado.

The Director,
Office of National Parks,
Buildings and Reservations,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Received your letter of November 13 regarding inspection of the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.

It does not seem probable that I can include this area and still take in all the other areas that are scheduled for inspection this winter; in fact it will be difficult to complete the areas that are already listed for examination.

Would suggest that Superintendent Eakin make this inspection, and if he finds the area of interest another inspection can be arranged for later. If he does not find anything of outstanding interest in the area, it would hardly justify any unnecessary expense for inspection.

Very truly yours,

Roger W. Toll,
Superintendent,
Yellowstone National Park

M. H. Birkhead

John M. Neely

BIRKHEAD & NEELY
INSURANCE

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ASHEBORO, N. C.

November 29th 1933

OFFICES:
First National Bank Bldg.



Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir;

Re; Uwharrie Hills Section
Randolph County.

Repling to your letter of the 2nd of November 1933
with reference to the inspection of the Uwharrie Hills
Section of Randolph County.

I thank you for your letter and your interest, and
the fact that you have listed this section for an inspection
at an early date.

I have handed my file to the Asheboro Chamber of
Commerce and you will hear from this office in the near
future. I wish again to thank you for your interest and
any thing that you may do for this section in way of an
inspection.

Yours very truly,

M. H. Birkhead
M. H. Birkhead.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1933.

Memorandum for Mr. ~~Cammerer~~ and Mr. Demaray:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Toll regarding the inspection of the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.

I think that it is important that we inspect them sometime this winter or early spring, and apparently Toll's schedule is so crowded that it will be impossible for him to come East in accordance with your original suggestion. You will recall that your original idea was that Toll and Eakin were to look this over together.

I expect to be down in the South looking at some of our ECW camps sometime between now and next summer, and I thought perhaps arrangements could be made to have Eakin look this area over *with me*. Apparently, from all the information we have, it is a question of visiting the area, making the necessary contacts, spend sometime in the field, and then draw up the report. As you know we told the Congressmen that we held out no hope that this area would meet our national park standards, and I am quite sure, and I think you are, that it absolutely will not qualify as a national park. However, we will have to go through the formal procedure and make an investigation.

I feel sure that Eakin and myself can handle this to the satisfaction of all concerned.

What are your wishes in this matter?

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

December 27, 1933.

Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Supt., Great Smoky Mtns. Natl. Park,
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

This is in reference to the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

At first we had hoped that perhaps Mr. Toll could come East and you and he could investigate and report on this proposed national Park. It is now evident that Mr. Toll cannot come East, and the Director and Mr. Demaray feel that it would be desirable for you and I to get together and visit this area sometime next spring. I hope to get down your way early in the spring and visit a good many of our state park camps, also I would like to get some first hand information and knowledge of the operation of your camps. I thought perhaps I could accomplish this the same time that we inspect the Uwharrie Mountains. I would appreciate hearing from you as to the best time for us to make this investigation.

I don't know whether you are thoroughly familiar with the circumstances which led up to the decision to investigate this area. The Senators and Congressmen of North Carolina have been quite persistent about it and asked us to have a meeting. I attended this meeting for Mr. Cammerer and told them frankly that the entire Southeast had been thoroughly combed by the Southern Appalachian Commission and that we were sure that this area would not qualify as a national park. At the meeting there were also some of the representative citizens of North Carolina. I held out to them absolutely no hope that this area would qualify. However, the request was made by Congressman Doughton and Senator Bailey that we investigate the area anyway and if we did turn in an adverse report, that they would stand behind it but that they felt that the area should have a field investigation and that the matter had gone so far that this field investigation would be the only way to quiet the movement to create a national park in this area. They expressed their opinion that they would be glad to abide by any decision which we would make. In other words, they either want the area approved or disapproved and settled once and for all. On this basis, we agreed to make an investigation at an early date.

Now if you will let me know when this investigation should be made, I will try to fit in my plans accordingly and if I cannot make it at the time you suggest, I will come back at you with further suggestions.

For the Director.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIKI

Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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WASHINGTON

December 27, 1933.

Mr. Roger W. Toll,
Supt., Yellowstone National Park,
515 Custom House,
Denver, Colo.

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Uwharrie Mts.

Dear Mr. Toll:

We have your letter of November 28 in further reference to the possibility of inspecting the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.

We talked this over with the Director, and the Associate Director, and we will try to make definite arrangements for Mr. Eakin and perhaps myself to investigate this area sometime this Spring and make the report requested by the Senators and Congressmen of North Carolina.

For the Director.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Assistant Director.

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GREAT-SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

Jan. 4, 1934.

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director,
Office of National Parks,
Buildings and Reservations,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Wirth:

I have your letter of Dec. 27, 1933 concerning the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

I can get away just anytime that suits your convenience best except that I must be here the latter part of each week to certify CWA payrolls. There is no difficulty in designating authority to one of my assistants to certify PWA, ECW and local park payrolls but I am rather afraid to attempt to delegate this authority for CWA payrolls.

While I think it best to delay investigation until the weather moderates somewhat this is something for you to decide. While I had never heard of the Uwharrie Mountains until your letter was received I have made some inquiries and find they are a bunch of low hills sticking out of flats and if the location was given to me correctly I have driven over this territory and I did not see anything that suggested park calibre.

However, I note an investigation must be made and I am ready any time that suits your convenience.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Eakin
J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1934.

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Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Supt., Great Smoky Mtns. National Park,
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

I have your letter of January 4, and in reply wish to report that I will try to put off the trip to the Uwharrie Mountains until April or May if possible.

It is my thought to drive down and visit several of the state park camps in Virginia and Kentucky, and go further south at the same time, perhaps spending two or three weeks out in the state parks. I will let you know more definitely later on.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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ALBEMARLE, N. C.,

March 6, 1934

Honorable R.L.Doughton
House Of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Doughton:

Petitions for the exercise of your efforts and influence in behalf of early and favorable consideration of the signers appeal for national reservation of the Uwharrie mountain zone are being mailed to your office.

The groups represented by the 2463 signatures tabulate as follows:

Industrial executives	22
Clergymen	10
Lawyers	11
Members of church and Patriotic organizations	241
Members of Woman's Club	82
Members of Rotary Club	
Lions Club	
Merchants' Ass'n	98
	TOTAL 523

The group signatures were taken in triplicate, making possible the submission of copies to each of the North Carolina Senators and to our district Congressman.

Signatures numbering 1943, were obtained by general circulation under circumstances unfavorable to triplication; the single copy of the 1943 signatures so taken ~~are~~ being forwarded to the office of Congressman Doughton. It is hoped that their number and importance will not be overlooked by the offices in which they are not filed.

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ALBEMARLE, N. C.,

The objectives of the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture seemingly promise adaptability to the Uwharrie Reservation requirements. As the result of contact with that Service, Mr. Seward H. Marsh, Senior Regional Forest Inspector, and Mr. W.E. Hedges, Chief Land Examiner, visited the Uwharrie area in January last.

All that is locally known of the present status of the petition for Uwharrie Reservation is incorporated in the following letter:

Albemarle, N.C.
February 26, 1934

Mr. Ira T. Yarnall
Ass't Regional Forester
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Yarnall:

As the custodian of petitions addressed to N.C. Senators and Congressman by some three thousand citizens interested in the outcome of the surveys being conducted by Messrs Marsh and Hedges, I am in receipt of frequent inquiries as to the progress being made.

My questioners are told that numerous surveys are being made by your Service and that locations will be made by Washington officials after the results are appraised by them and that meantime nothing can be done to either hasten or influence their decisions.

If you can suggest anything helpful to our cause, which can be locally done, please let me know what it is.

Very truly yours,

Oliver C. Townsend

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ALBEMARLE, N. C.,

We should appreciate the aid of your office in fostering the interest shown by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. While there is no known reason to assume that our project has ceased to be of interest to the Forest Service officials, their prolonged silence suggests the wisdom of soliciting your co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

O.C. Townsend
O.C. Townsend

John B. Harris
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

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March 9, 1934.

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Uwharrie*

Hon. Robert L. Doughton,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Doughton:

This is in answer to the telephone conversation which I had with you this morning in reference to the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park.

This area has been placed on our docket for investigation and this will probably be done by Supt. Eakin of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Assistant Director Wirth of my staff sometime this Spring. The exact date has not been set, but Mr. Wirth will contact you in advance and give you the exact date on which he and Supt. Eakin will be in that vicinity. It has been necessary to postpone this investigation due to the heavy pressure of work and on account of climatic conditions.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer.
Director.

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DIRECTOR

Hon. Arno B. Cammerer, Director,
Office of National Parks,
Buildings, and Reservations,
Department of Interior Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Director:

I am enclosing herewith
petition having to do with the Uwharrie Reservation
requirements.

I trust you will give this
matter early attention. I shall appreciate hearing
from you regarding same.

Very sincerely yours,

R L Doughton
 Robert L. Doughton,

RLD.b

Alexander
Prepare reply
for Director but
hold until
return - Sat P.M.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

*Alexander
Worth*

March 22, 1934

Hon. Robert L. Doughton
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Doughton:

Your letter of March 9, transmitting the communication from C. C. Townsend and John B. Harris, together with the petitions signed by local citizens and organizations of North Carolina, has been received.

It is very evident that a great deal of interest has been aroused in behalf of the proposed Uwharrie Reservation, and I am pleased to inform you that the proposed field investigation of this area is expected to be made in the near future. You will be advised before the investigators go into the field.

The Service appreciates your great interest in this matter.

Cordially yours,
(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

A. E. DEMARAY

Acting Director

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Mr Wirth

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

March 30, 1934.

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Wirth:

I have your letter of March 24 in further reference to proposed trip to Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.

These mountains are located in a relatively low country and the trip could be made any time that suits your convenience. Any date set by you will be satisfactory to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Eakin

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1934.

Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Supt., Great Smoky Mtns. National Park,
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

The last I heard from you regarding our joint investigation of the proposed Uwharrie Mountains was March 30. I never did answer that letter. I have kept putting it off, hoping that an opportunity would arise whereby I could make definite arrangements to come down and look this area over. It is evident now that it will be impossible for me to get down to North Carolina and go over this area with you. Therefore, I am preparing a letter for the Director's signature, recommending that you be requested to make this investigation alone.

I regret very much not being able to come down as I had hoped to get away from the Washington office for at least a few days.

Very truly yours,

Conrad L. Wirth.
Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

Wirth
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May 16, 1934.

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Uwharrie

Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Supt., Great Smoky Mtns. National Park,
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

Last Fall we wrote you suggesting that you and Asst. Director Wirth make an investigation of the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

It is important, that we have an investigation of this area this Spring or early Summer, and it has now become evident that Asst. Director Wirth will not be able to get down to North Carolina to make this investigation with you.

I am enclosing our files on the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park, and request that you make arrangements to visit the area and submit a report as early as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer.
Director.



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

June 26, 1934

Asheboro Chamber of Commerce,
Asheboro, North Carolina.

Att: Mr. C. Thayer, Secretary.

My dear Mr. Thayer:

You have no doubt been advised that owing to a great amount of work, Assistant Director Wirth, National Park Service, has been unable to make an investigation and report of the area which has been proposed as the Uwharrie National Park, and that I have been instructed to make the investigation. Press of work, particularly CCC matters, has prevented my doing this. It now appears that I can make the trip early in July, unless something unforeseen occurs.

The National Park Service has forwarded their file on this subject to me. Not having been on the ground, I am very hazy as to just what parts of the Uwharrie Mountains are proposed for incorporation in the park. It is important, of course, that the views of all communities in this section be considered. I shall have to impose on your good nature to assemble this information so far as possible in advance of my arrival.

If there is a good map of the area, the boundaries of the proposed park should be shown on it; also the primitive areas, out over lands, farm lands, etc. Any statistics that are available would also be of value.

I do not believe anything would be gained in including lands in the proposed national park that could not be turned over to the Government in fee simple free of cost. The power dam that backs water well into the area also gives me concern. For instance, conservationists are opposing an extension of one of the western national parks because there is a reclamation dam in the proposed addition.

If it suits the convenience of the good people of Asheboro and other communities concerned, I shall plan to arrive at Asheboro on the evening of July 9. A Park Landscape Architect

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will accompany me. Your reaction to this suggestion at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Eskin,
Superintendent.

cc Director. ✓

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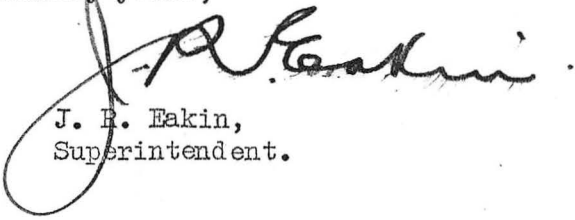
The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Concerning instructions that I investigate the proposed Uwharrie National Park, North Carolina, I have written the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce as per attached copy.

In looking through the files sent me, it is noted that Forest Service officials inspected this area last January. Possibly the Forest Service contemplates acquiring this section and has made some commitments in this connection. In this event it would appear the matter should be dropped by the Service. It is suggested that you communicate with Forester Silcox and ascertain what plans, if any, he has formulated for this section.

Sincerely yours,


J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

Encl.

C O P Y

ASHEBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ASHEBORO
Center of North Carolina

July 6, 1934.

Mr. J. R. Eakin, Superintendent,
National Park Service,
Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

Your letter of June 26 addressed to the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce, Asheboro, North Carolina, for the attention of Mr. C. Thayer, secretary, was handed to me today by Mr. Thayer. He asked me to answer same, as I am the chairman of a sub-committee for the Chamber of Commerce and have largely handled the correspondence with reference to the Uwharrie National Park Project. During the fall of 1933 I had correspondence with Mr. Wirth, Assistant Director, and with Mr. Cammerer, Director, that the Uwharrie Mountain section of Randolph, Davidson and Montgomery Counties would be placed on the list for an investigation as to this territory being acquired for a National Park purpose.

Since this correspondence I wish to advise that the Department of Interior, sub-section, The National Forestry Division, has had this project up for investigation, and it has authorized same for a purchase unit known as the Uwharrie Purchase Unit of Randolph, Davidson, Montgomery and Moore Counties, which is the same territory that we have been in correspondence about. I might add that the National Forestry Service has set up headquarters in Troy, North Carolina, with its sub-office in Asheboro, North Carolina, for the purposes of examining titles, and surveying this proposed purchase unit and quite a large crew has been working since early in 1934. From your letter I have assumed this project has been transferred from the Department of Parks to the Department of Forestry, and Asheboro and other communities in the Counties referred to are highly pleased that this project has been authorized either for a forest or park purpose.

As stated, the headquarters of this Unit are now in Troy, North Carolina, the county seat of Moore County, and surveying operations are working from this office, under the supervision of Major Cox and Chief of Surveyors, Mr. Torrence, whom I understand report to the Asheville office.

This is about all the information I am in position to give you today, but answering the last paragraph of your letter for Mr.

2. July 6, 1934. Asheboro Chamber of Commerce,

Thayer, the Chamber of Commerce of Asheboro, Mr. Thayer as Secretary, and myself as Chairman of the Committee handling this subject, and myself as Chairman of the Committee handling this subject, will be very pleased to have you come to Asheboro on the evening of July 9 as suggested by you, and we wish to assure you you will be very welcome and any assistance or information that the Chamber of Commerce, or Mr. Thayer, or myself can give or aid you and the gentleman who accompanies you will be freely given.

I wish to say that the reaction from the best reports that you can get is that the entire section included in the boundaries of the Unit are highly pleased that the territory has been considered and is being worked out for the purpose stated.

If for any reason you cannot arrive in Asheboro on the evening of July 9, kindly wire Mr. Thayer, or when you do arrive, kindly contact with Mr. Thayer by telephone and he will be pleased to call upon you at your Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ M. H. Birkhead,
Committee Chrm. for the Chamber
of Commerce account of the
Uwharrie Purchase Unit.

COPY TO:
Mr. C. Thayer

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

July 9, 1934.

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Referring to your instructions that I investigate the Uwharrie Mountains near Asheboro, N. C., as a proposed national park.

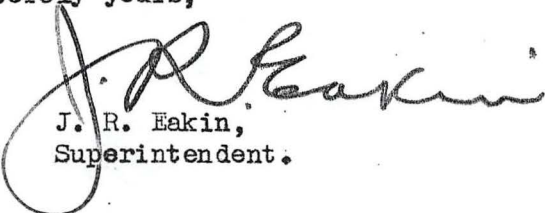
On June 26 I wrote the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce stating that I could arrive in Asheboro on July 9 if this date suited the convenience of the people interested in this project. A copy of this letter was sent to you and in the letter of transmittal I stated that in looking over the files sent by the Service it was noted the Forest Service had investigated the area in January and suggested you communicate with Forester Silcox and ascertain if he had any plans concerning this area. Not having had a reply to my letter of June 26, on July 6 I wired the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce in this connection, to which there was no reply.

I have today received a letter from Mr. M. H. Birkhead of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce dated July 6, copy herewith. From Mr. Birkhead's letter it appears the Uwharrie Purchase Unit has been set up by the National Forest Service, and I have wired Mr. Birkhead that I would not make the trip until further instructions from you.

I assume that under the circumstances it would be unwise for me to make the trip and this is the last of the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park. I believe this is a good thing. I do not believe these mountains could possibly qualify for national park status.

I will retain the file sent me on this matter until I hear from you further.

Sincerely yours,


J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

Inclosure.

The Uwharrie Mountains file has been sent to Sup't. Eakin in connection with his investigation of the Mountains as a proposed national park. All loose correspondence has been sent to Mr. Wirth.

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Wirth
See letter sent
Eakin on this
last week
January

FROM INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

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CHG. APPROPRIATION Great Smoky Mtns. Nat. Park

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Gatlinburg, Tenn.

July 9, 1934

M. H. Birkhead,
Chamber of Commerce, Uwharrie Purchase Unit,
Ashboro, North Carolina.

Your letter sixth stop As Forest Service has set up Uwharrie purchase unit
my trip will be deferred until further instructions from Washington.

Govt. day,
paid.

Eakin.

cc Director. ↙

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1934.

Memorandum for Mr. Demaray:

Attached hereto is a letter received from Supt. J. R. Eakin with reference to the proposed investigation of the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina, together with previous correspondence relative to this investigation.

You will no doubt recall that this Service agreed to conduct an investigation of the proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park at the request of Congressman Doughton.

In view of the statements made by Supt. Eakin concerning the interest of the Forest Service in this area, and feeling that our proposed investigation was expected to be more or less perfunctory, with very little possibility of favorable recommendation, I am wondering if we should pursue this matter further.



Donald B. Alexander.
Acting Assistant Director.

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July 12, 1934.

Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Supt., Great Smoky Mountains National Park,
Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

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Upharris

Dear Mr. Eakin:

I have received your letter of June 26, concerning the investigation of the proposed Upharris National Park, North Carolina.

It is requested that you make as careful an investigation of this area as possible because we will have to have a report which can be presented to the Congressmen and others interested in promoting the project. Furthermore, do not permit the fact that the Forest Service is interested in this same area to influence you as to the manner or time necessary to make a suitable report.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

Acting Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

July 26, 1934

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

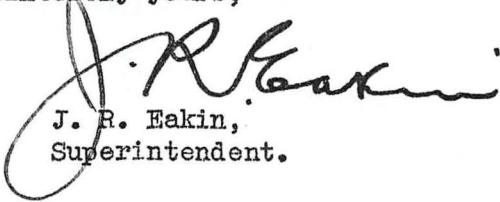
Herewith preliminary report on the proposed Uwharrie National Park, North Carolina.

Accompanied by Associate Landscape Architect Roswell Ludgate, I spent July 23, 24, and 25 in the area. The entire area has been logged, some parts of it has been logged at least twice. Fifty per cent of the area is now cleared, perhaps an additional twenty five per cent was formerly cleared, but is now covered with light second growth. In other respects the area does not measure up to National Park standards.

The Forest Service has set up the Uwharrie Purchase Unit with a gross area of 560,026 acres. Prominent citizens of Asheboro, and Albemarle, who were originally identified with the Park movement, and with whom we discussed the matter were unanimous in their opinion that it would be much better to create a National Forest in this area than to create a National Park, for the reason that many people would be permitted to retain lands now owned by them.

Upon receipt of maps promised to me by the Forest Service, a final report will be submitted.

Sincerely yours,


J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

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August 4, 1934.

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Uwharrie

Mr. J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent,
Great Smoky Mts. Natl. Park,
Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

Your letter of July 26, making preliminary report on the proposed Uwharrie National Park, North Carolina, has been received.

Our final report on the bill for establishment will not be made until your final report on the area is received.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY
A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director.

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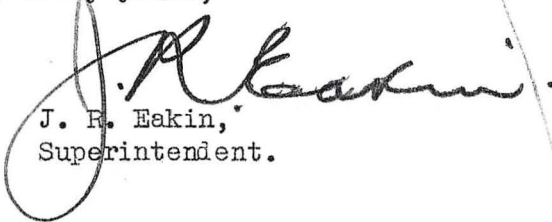
August 11, 1934

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

As we are today submitting report on Proposed Uwharrie
Mountains National Park, your file in connection therewith,
transmitted with your letter of May 16, is returned.

Very truly yours,


J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

Encl.

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UNITED STATES
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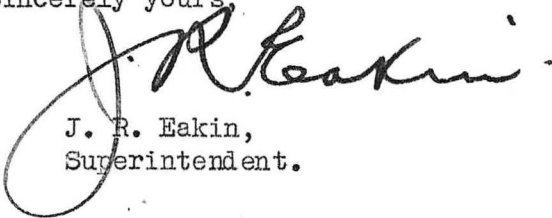
Dear Mr. Director:

As requested in your letter of May 16 and supplemented in your letter of July 12, Assistant Landscape Architect Ludgate and I made an investigation of the Proposed Uwharrie Mountains National Park, in North Carolina, and a report of this investigation, together with map, is sent herewith.

The area does not measure up to National Park standards, therefore, an adverse report has been made.

Mr. Ludgate helped prepare the report, but is not in the office at this time to sign, but you are assured, however, that he concurs in this report.

Sincerely yours,


J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

cc Mr. Ludgate.

Encls.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

August 11, 1934

INVESTIGATION OF PROPOSED UWHARRIE NATIONAL PARK:

LOCATION AND AREA:

The area proposed for the Uwharrie National Park lies in Randolph, Stanly, Davidson, and Montgomery Counties, in the central section of North Carolina.

There had been nothing constructive done toward outlining a definite area for a National Park. However, the National Forest Service has set up the Uwharrie purchase unit of 560,026 acres and a map of the purchase unit was used in the investigation. There were no topographic maps of the area.

ACCESSIBILITY:

United States Highway Nos. 311 and 411, and State Highways Nos. 62, 90, 70, 64, 51, 705, 109, 26, and 902 traverse the area, which is also crisscrossed by County roads as shown on attached map. There are also numerous logging roads which are not shown on the map.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Forest Service officials advised us that about fifty per cent of the area has been cleared and is now under cultivation. They also advised that at least an additional twenty five per cent had been cleared at one time. The entire area has been logged at least once and there have been many disastrous fires. There is no virgin timber in the area. The remaining forest is uninteresting.

TOPOGRAPHY AND ALTITUDE:

The name "Mountains" as applied to the Uwharries is a misnomer. The area is really a series of low, rounded, gently sloping hills. So far as it could be determined, the difference in altitude between the valleys and the crest of the hills is approximately 500 feet. The streams were small, many of them were practically dry, and all were uninteresting.

GEOLOGY:

The area was so far from National Park standards we did not

seek information concerning the geology of the region. However, we were informed by a mining engineer that the rocks were very old and quite interesting. A small amount of gold is being produced by placer mining. Mining is done by individuals on a very small scale.

TREES AND PLANTS:

The usual Southern varieties of second growth oak with a scattering of scrub pine predominates in the regeneration. The soil has deteriorated to such an extent that the minor plant life is very sparse.

ANIMALS AND BIRDS:

At one time there were deer, wildcats and wild turkeys in the area, but they have become extinct in the region because of intensive hunting. There remain a few foxes and a considerable number of squirrels and rabbits. Rattlesnakes and moccasins are said to be abundant but none were observed on the trip. Very few birds were observed.

PREHISTORIC INDIANS AND OTHER HISTORICAL INTEREST:

Inquiries regarding these topics indicated nothing of unusual interest.

CLIMATE:

Owing to low altitude of the area the summer climate is very warm. It was uncomfortably warm when the area was investigated and would undoubtedly be unsuited so far as attracting tourist travel is concerned.

LAND OWNERSHIP AND VALUES:

Information obtained from the Forest Service indicated there were more than 6,000 holdings in the Purchase Unit averaging less than 100 acres each. Timber lands are held in small units rather than by large lumber companies. We were advised that costs on these holdings would run from \$4 to \$30 per acre. No person with whom we talked knew of any offers of donations of land for park purposes. On the contrary, we were told that donations were not a possible part of the picture.

POPULATION IN AREA:

We were unable to determine authentically the number of persons living in the area, but would estimate it conservatively at 10,000

exclusive of the towns.

PERSONS INTERESTED:

The proposed national park was discussed with M. H. Birkhead, C. Thayer, and others of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce, John B. Harris, Editor, Stanly News and Press, Albemarle, and Oliver C. Townsend, retired mining engineer, Albemarle. We later had an opportunity of discussing the matter with Congressman J. Walter Lambeth, in whose District the area is located. Without exception, all stated that a National Forest suited their purposes better than a national park, in that people would not be compelled to move from the area.

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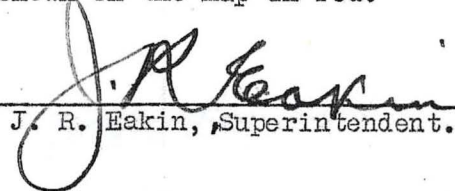
We left Gatlinburg in the morning of July 23 and arrived at Asheboro, North Carolina, at 4:00 PM. We immediately contacted Mr. Birkhead and Mr. R. G. Trogdon of the Forest Service. We then drove from Asheboro to the top of Carraway Mountain where a good view of the area, which extended to the south, was obtained. We returned to Asheboro by State Highways Nos. 64 and 62, proceeding along the northern edge of the most rugged and inaccessible part of the area making side trips into this section over spur roads, returning to Asheboro for the night.

On the morning of July 24, we proceeded along State Highway No. 26 to a point approximately 2 miles from Ulah, where we took a hike of about six miles into the inaccessible region. Returning to the car, we proceeded along the west edge of the inaccessible area to Troy, where we visited Forest Service headquarters and had an opportunity of seeing the aeroplane map of the Purchase Unit, an examination of which bore out the statement that 50% of the area was cleared. We then returned to Asheboro along U. S. Highway 311, through the approximate center of the Purchase Unit. We left Asheboro about 4:00 PM over State Highway No. 62, arriving at Albemarle about 5:30 PM. We were unable to get in touch with anyone interested in the park that evening.

On the morning of July 25, we got in touch with Mr. John B. Harris and Oliver C. Townsend. Mr. Townsend appears to have been the moving spirit, first for a national park, and afterward for a national forest. While the Purchase Unit does not include any part of Stanly County, Mr. Townsend stated he had reason to believe the Purchase Unit would, within a few months, be enlarged to include a part of Stanly County.

Map of the Purchase Unit is attached hereto. Route traveled during the investigation is shown on the map in red.

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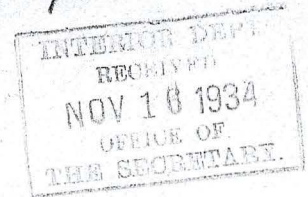
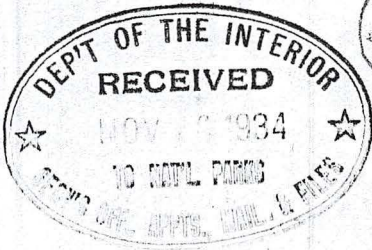

J. R. Eakin, Superintendent.

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W. Roswell Ludgate, Asst. Landscape Architect.

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Asheboro, N. C.
November 13, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Ickes;

In recent months the United States engineers have been looking over the range of Uwharrie Mountains with regard to establishing a United States National Park, offering to owners of property to buy the land suitable for this purpose for \$4.00 per acre.

I am told that there are very few who would accept such a low offer. The thought that has struck me as an owner of two of these mountain tops is, that roads might be built by the government, the owners deeding property for such roads as the U. S. government might see fit to choose.

This would give the public, in this section, and tourists an opportunity to see the beautiful scenery that can be seen in these mountains.

It would not cost the government as much and would be a great advantage in the prevention and protection from fires as well as giving employment to many who are now receiving relief.

I would gladly build roads through my own property but like many others who hold real estate, I am financially unable to do so but would be glad to cooperate on above plan if offered the opportunity. I only make this as a suggestion but trust it may have your consideration.

Very truly Yours,

Henry P. Corwith

Henry P. Corwith
Developer of Dogwood Acres.

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The Mountain affords some very attractive and long distance views.

There are wild quail, rabbits, squirrels, and turkeys within its boundaries.

Each lot and acreage as platted on 125 acres is on a graded road, which runs from No. 90 Highway to Southern R. R. tracks. On R. R. we have a frontage of one-half mile, which gives a fine location for Manufacturing plants and village

The land is well watered with springs of purest water and branches run through the tract.

The property is located close to Asheboro, one mile from the post office. This thriving little city is up to date with excellent schools, churches, graded streets and other modern facilities. Proximity to these advantages make for a desirable residential development. Asheboro is steadily adding to the number and variety of its manufacturing plants.

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3	100x160 ft.	3	115x200	3	90x189 ft.	3	1 acre	3	1 acre
4	100x160 ft.	4	150x198 ft.	4	142x160 ft.	4	1 acre	4	1 acre
5	80x200 ft.	5	150x198 ft.	5	96x170 ft.	5	1 acre	5	1 acre
6	80x200 ft.	6	140x208 ft.	6	130x173 ft.	6	1 acre	6	3.01 acres
7	80x200 ft.	7	110x186 ft.	7	112x207 ft.	7	2.31 acres	7	1 acre
8	200x320 ft.	8	110x204 ft.	8	113x228 ft.	8	2.3 acres	8	2.58 acres
9	310x332x395 ft.			9	150x210 ft.	9	5.5 acres	9	4.81 acres
						10	5.34 acres	10	4.94 acres
						11	5.24 acres	11	4.98 acres
						12	5.14 acres	12	12.10 acres
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November 20, 1934.

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Honorable Harold L. Ickes
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I beg to enclose herewith a letter just received from Mr. Henry P. Corwith, which is a copy of a letter addressed to you by him, and which is self-explanatory.

I assure you, Mr. Ickes, that I am heartily in favor of this plan, and I hope that it will be consistent with your good office to put forth every possible effort in behalf of the development. This is a beautiful section of North Carolina and I am sure would mean a great deal to the Administration if this proposition can be carried through.

Please advise me freely and frankly your own opinion of the possibilities of Mr. Corwith's suggestion, returning the copy of his letter to you for my files.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

Harold D. Cooley

November 24, 1934.

Mr. Henry P. Corwith,
Asheboro, North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Corwith:

Secretary Ickes has received your letter of November 13 regarding the possible Federal development of the Uwharrie Mountains region, and has referred it to this Service for reply.

We greatly appreciate your offer to cooperate in the development of roads into the region. However, the National Park Service has no jurisdiction over road building operations on areas not under its administration.

The engineers you refer to as offering to purchase property from the Government do not represent this Service, and we have no definite plans for the establishment of a national park there. Such a proposal has been made to us, however, and we have had the area investigated by a member of our field staff. A report was recently received from him and final studies will be made soon.

If it should be found advisable to give further consideration to the establishment of a national park there, your cooperation will be appreciated. At present, however, we can offer you no definite statement in the matter.

Congressman Harold D. Cooley has forwarded the copy of your letter to Secretary Ickes, and a reply has been made. Possibly Congressman Cooley will notify you of this reply.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) ARNO B. CAMMERER

Arno B. Cammerer.
Director.

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Hon. Harold D. Cooley,
House of Representatives.

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My dear Mr. Cooley:

Secretary Ickes has received your letter of November 20, enclosing a copy of a letter to him from Mr. Henry P. Corwith of Ashboro, North Carolina, regarding the building of roads into the Uwharrie Mountains region, and has asked me to give you a reply. The original of Mr. Corwith's letter has just been received and has been referred to the National Park Service for reply.

The engineers whom Mr. Corwith reported as offering to purchase lands in the Uwharrie Mountains region, do not represent this Department, and no definite plans have been made for the establishment of a national park there. About a year ago such a proposal was presented to the National Park Service. An investigation was made and a report was submitted in August of this year. As soon as final studies have been completed and a decision made in the matter, you will be notified.

The copy of Mr. Corwith's letter is returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HARRY SLATTERY

Harry A. Slattery,
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary.

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Stanly County Democratic Executive Committee

R. R. INGRAM, CHAIRMAN

ALBEMARLE, N. C.

March 2nd.
1935

Hon. R.L. Doughton
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Doughton:

The citizens of Stanly County have been very much interested in securing a state or national park in the Morrow's Mountain vicinity, a part of the Uwharrie range, and have spent considerable time and effort in the interest of same. I have been requested by Mr. W.B. Beaver, Vice President of the Cabarrus Bank & Trust Company, Chairman of the local committee of this project, to write you for your cooperation and support concerning the matter.

Various citizens owning land in this area have donated to the state for the use of a park, which I understand will be developed by the national government, between 1800 and 2000 acres of land, and the deeds to same have been executed and are now held in escrow.

Mr. L.A. Sharpe, Inspector National Park Service, has inspected this area, and is favorably impressed with the beautiful scenery, and adaptability of this area for a park, and has recommended same. The project has been passed on by authorities in the Raleigh and Richmond offices, and has been forwarded to the proper authorities in Washington, D.C., and I do not think there is any doubt but what this project will be approved by the Washington officials.

In order to make the property more complete and more desirable for a park it will be necessary to buy additional property, and I wondered if it would not be possible to interest the government in buying some additional land in this area. The party owning Morrow's Mountain and the surrounding land, has donated several hundreds of acres of valuable land for this

Stanly County Democratic Executive Committee

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Mr. Doughton -

purpose, but has not donated the Mountain, which is one of the most beautiful and valuable spots in the entire area. This party is not financially able to make other donations, and has offered to sell this property at a very reasonable figure. In order to complete the project and to secure the land necessary, it will cost around ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, and I thought probably, since the land-owners have made such liberal donations, that the national government would lend a helping hand in this great and worthy undertaking, and appropriate a reasonable amount to secure the additional land necessary and desired.

I hope it will be convenient for you to visit this park area sometime in the near future. I am confident that I am safe in saying that there is no spot in all of Piedmont North Carolina equal to Morrow's Mountain and vicinity in scenic beauty.

Thanking you in behalf of our local committee and the citizens of our county, for your esteemed favors in this matter, I am

Very respectfully yours,



R.R. Ingram

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 5, 1935.

Mr. Albemarle
Mr. Doughton

B. L.



Honorable Arno Cammerer, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cammerer:

Enclosed please find letter
I have received from Mr. R. R. Ingram of
Albemarle, North Carolina, which is self-
explanatory.

I shall greatly appreciate an
expression of your views touching upon the
matter of a proposed national park in the
Uwharrie Mountain Range.

Awaiting your reply and with
best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. L. Doughton

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RLD: jm

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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Hon. Robert L. Doughton,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Doughton:

This is in reply to your recent call and letter of March 5 to Mr. Cammerer, enclosing a letter from Mr. R. R. Ingram of Albemarle, North Carolina, dealing with the proposed national park in the Uwharrie Mountain Range.

An investigation was made of the proposed Uwharrie Mountain National Park and a report submitted during August 1934. According to this report it is believed that about fifty percent of the land in question has been cleared and is under cultivation. With this condition existing, the area is not believed to be of national park caliber.

It is believed, however, that the Forest Service is conducting a purchasing program in this area.

Cordially yours,
(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
STATE PARK DIVISION

409 South Tryon St.
Charlotte, N. C.

REPORT OF
INSPECTOR L. A. SHARPE
ON UWHARRIE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

June 23, 1935

Uwharrie Mountains, located in Randolph, Montgomery, Stanley and Davidson Counties, North Carolina.

The statement made in the memorandum of June 15th that this area contained a virgin stand of balsam is erroneous. The area is wooded in the greater part with long leaf pine, short leaf pine. The balsam or fir does not grow and will not thrive at the altitude common in the Uwharries. It is the opinion of this Inspector that the Uwharries can lay no claim whatsoever to importance as a National Park, although parts are of State Park caliber. Morrow Mountain State Park, recently established, is located on the fringes of the Uwharries near Albemarle, N. C., and is typical of that mountainous section. Another factor ruling against the area as a National Park is the lack of clear water. Much of the land in the vicinity is badly eroded and all the streams are muddy. This Inspector has no way of knowing what sort of report was submitted by Superintendent Eakin of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, but it is inconceivable that it could have been favorable toward the location of a National area in the Uwharries. Parts of the area have been acquired by the National Forest Service and a large purchase area has been established.

(Signed) L. A. Sharpe

UNITED STATES
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EXTENSION DIVISION

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

(Form of report from Regional Officers)
To be typed throughout.

Letter of transmittal: To be attached (summary and recommendation)

Name of Project: Uwharrie Mountains National Park

Location -(state, county, distance and direction from known city)

North Carolina--Montgomery, Stanley and Davidson counties

Area - Total 72,000 Acres _____ Square Miles.

Boundaries - (description, reference to maps to be attached)

Proposed:

Recommended: Area not recommended

Accessibility:

Railway: X
Highway: X
Airline: X
Waterway:

Major characteristics - (Indicate those which are outstanding and
attach additional information if necessary)

1. Scenic features - (topography, elevation, plant cover,
water, etc.):

Rolling to mountainous, 1,000-1,500 ft. elevation,

2. plant cover, etc. Historical or prehistoric features:

3. Geological features:

Very old and badly eroded range of mountains

4. Recreational Possibilities (if compatible with project)

National:

Local:

Estimated population within a radius of 50 miles: _____
 100 " _____
 200 " _____

5. Biological features:

Vegetative:

None in particular

Wildlife:

Need for conservation:

Relative importance in comparison with areas of similar nature elsewhere:

Not to be compared with proposed Dan'l. Boone or Great Smokies or National Beach Park at Cape Hatteras

Possible development -

Recreational facilities (if compatible with project):

Utilities -

Water supply:

Parking space, capacity:

Campground sites, capacity:

Light and power facilities:

Sewerage disposal facilities:

Capacity for handling of visitors:

Practicability of administration and protection:

Other land uses -

Mining resources: Gold being mined successfully in this region.
Aluminum Company of America has plant at Albemarle.

Agricultural resources: Some parts good; much poor land.

Grazing:

Cultivated crops:

Timber: More suitable for timber growing than anything else

Hunting & Fishing uses:

Power Resources: Already heavily developed by private companies.

Irrigation Resources:

Ownership:

Railways:	_____
State:	_____
Municipalities:	_____
Private:	_____
	Total alienated lands _____
Mining claims:	_____
Grazing permits and withdrawals:	_____
Power permits:	_____
	Total permit acreage _____
National forest lands:	_____
Public domain:	_____
Reclamation projects:	_____
Indian lands:	_____
	Total public lands _____
	Total acreage _____

Land Values:

History of project:

Local attitude:

Persons interested: Senator Bailey, N.C.

Itinerary (Sheet to be attached)

Bibliography:

List of photographs, maps and printed information submitted:
(Sheet to be attached)

Note: All maps which are specially prepared by the Regional Offices should conform to one of the following standard sizes:

Letter size - 18" x 24" - 24" x 36"

PROPOSED UWHARRIE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, N. C.

REVIEW:

This area is located in Stanley, Randolph and Davidson Counties, North Carolina, and consists of 72,000 acres. It was first brought to our attention by Senator Bailey and Congressman Doughton in October 1933. A conference between them and Mr. Wirth brought out the necessity of a field investigation to settle the matter of its suitability for a national park. Mr. Wirth maintained at the time that it was not up to standards.

As it was impractical for Supt. Toll to investigate the area, it was finally decided that Supt. Eakin would do it without Mr. Wirth, as directed in letter to Supt. Eakin from the Director of May 16, 1934.

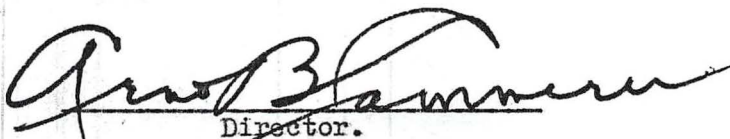
Supt. Eakin's report, received on Aug. 11, 1934, was adverse, stating that the area does not measure up to national park standards. He stated that 50% of the area considered is cultivated and another 25% is of small second growth timber. There is no virgin timber on the area. The topography is not really mountainous, but is composed of hills of no particular character. The wildlife is unimportant and there is nothing of historical interest on the area. There is some gold mining being done. The Forest Service has established a Purchase Unit with 6000 holdings totaling 560,026 acres being considered.

The recent form report submitted by the Third Regional Officer on June 26, 1935, bears out the statements in Supt. Eakin's report, and suggests that part of the area has state park possibilities, but is absolutely not up to national park standards.

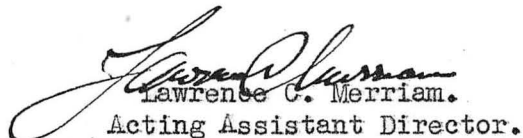
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this area be disapproved and dropped from our list of proposed national parks.

APPROVED:


Director.

AUG 21 1935


Lawrence C. Merriam.
Acting Assistant Director.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Lee Brown;

~~Mr. Lee Brown~~

Shouldn't Sen.

Bailey &
Cong. Doughton
be notified of
our decision.
at least it
would be the
courteous thing
to do.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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Hon. Josiah W. Bailey,
United States Senate.

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My dear Senator Bailey:

This letter has reference to your interest in the establishment of the Uwharrie Mountains as a national park.

An investigation was made of the area and a report submitted in August 1934. This report stated that about fifty per cent of the land in question had been cleared and put under cultivation. A report submitted in June 1935 further bears out this fact. With this condition existing, the area is not believed to meet national park standards which require that an area, to be of national park caliber, must not only possess outstanding scenic, historic, or natural qualities, but must be in an undeveloped condition.

Another factor that militates against our consideration of the Uwharrie Mountains for a national park is our understanding that the U. S. Forest Service is conducting a purchase program in this area.

Cordially yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY
A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director.

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September 16, 1935

Hon. A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Demaray:

Thank you for your letter of September the 3rd., with reference to the establishment of the Uwharrie Mountains as a national park.

Sincerely yours,

JWB/Pa

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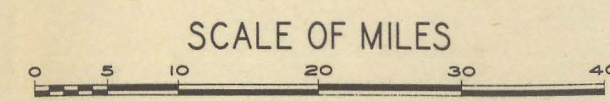
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