

# Scott Valley Bank

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Fort Jones, California

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Mr. Conrad Wirth, Parks Service Director  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wirth:


The article "A New and Human Science" which appeared in the March 28th issue of Sports Illustrated was very carefully read as it definitely fits into a plan for immediate development in our area.

During the latter part of 1959 I contacted many of the Directors of the National Geographical Society with regard to the National Park Service taking over a portion of the Marble Mountain Primitive Area in Northern California and establishing the same as a National Park. The answers received from the Directors of the National Geographical Society were most encouraging and cooperative. The new laws and regulations being passed by the Congress will open and provide more adequate means for your Park Department to acquire and make available, for all times, one of the most scenic playground areas in Northern California. The particular area referred to lies in Western central Siskiyou County and some twelve thousand acres made into a National Park would provide outdoor recreation for thousands of people. This same particular area, or parts of it, could eventually develop into one of the finest winter sports areas in America. A National Park covering this area would contain some thirty lakes and many, many streams for fishing. Camp sites by the hundreds could be easily and quickly developed. The Marble Mountain itself is a phenomena of nature and one which we believe should be a National Monument and attraction.

I would be glad to arrange a flight by Helicopter over the area and will gladly furnish maps and information to use upon request. The remainder of the Marble Mountain Primitive Area could remain a primitive area for walking or horseback trails.

If you or your Department should decide to investigate the possibility of making this area into a National Park, please contact this writer for arrangements for Helicopter service or pack service. I will do the best I can to cooperate with you.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ernest P. Smith, President

