Hon. Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson
Room 1031 Longworth House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

Aside from your questionnaire, I would like to petition your attention
to gain interest in what I consider a public service.

I have been taking colored pictures of the flowers in and around Plumas
County. My work was greatly aided by an area in Plumas County near
Quincy that is a Botanic wonder, and I feel that it should be set aside
for either a State Park or a National Monument.

The area is called a Darlingtonia area, in honor of the Cobra Plant --
Darlingtonia Californica, which grows there in abundance. There are
also 30 to 45 varieties of flowered plants blooming, from spring to fall,
several orchids, iris, various lilies, ferns, gentianas, composites,
wildflowers, and many trees, shrubs, and grasses. In the whole of the
United States there are only a few such areas, and, none with the particu-
lar combination of plants and flowers that grow in this one, and so far as
I know, none have as yet been set aside for botanical study by the State
or National Governments.

The reason that it should be preserved, aside from the very wonder and
beauty of the spot, is that I have noticed in the few years I have known
of its existence, the plants have been trampled and dug for transplant-
ing, which seldom is successful -- I fear for its survival. The area
is endangered by the usual progress of civilization and recreationists.
I have talked to numerous people here in Quincy, and every one is most
interested in preserving the area. I would be able to obtain a signed
petition for a State Park or Monument if that would help. The area
would cover 10 acres at the most.

This unique area would be of benefit and enjoyment of tourists, college
students interested in plant life, and botanists from all over the
country.

Thank you for your attention. I would appreciate hearing from you as to
what assistance or suggestions you can give toward setting aside this
area as a National Monument or Park.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dale B. De Laney
Mr. Dale B. De Laney  
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Quincy, California  

Dear Mr. De Laney:

Congressman Johnson has forwarded a copy of your March 10 letter to our Washington office which in turn has requested our thoughts on your proposal to establish a 10-acre wild flower area in Plumas County as a State Park or National Monument. Since we are not familiar with the location of the area, a U.S. Geological Survey Quincy quadrangle map is enclosed on which we would appreciate your locating the area under consideration. If you will return the map to us together with any information, published or otherwise, on the wild flower area, we will forward the information to our Washington office so that they can send comments to Congressman Johnson. It would be helpful if you could tell us who owns the land, its present usage, access to it and related information.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo J. Diederich  
Assistant Regional Director

Enclosure
Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Western Region

From: Acting Assistant Director, Cooperative Activities

Subject: Proposed Darlingtonia State Park or national monument, Plumas County, California

Please refer to Assistant Director Swem's reply of May 18 to Representative Johnson's inquiry involving the California pitcher-plant. We have not received additional information on this subject from either Mr. Dale B. DeLaney or the Representative.

We would appreciate your comments on the merit of the proposal as submitted by Mr. DeLaney.