FROM HOOBO HOT SPRINGS, CALIF., WE
SEND GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY,
BY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT OUR GOVERN-
MENT DEVELOP A TEN MILE STRIP OF LAND,
USING KERN RIVER AS THE CENTER LINE, WITH
EASTERN TERMINAL KNOWN AS EDISON POWER
HOUSE NO. 2.

30,000 PEOPLE COME HERE ANNUALLY.
NOT TO FIND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH WATER
FROM ONE LITTLE SET OF SPRINGS TO SUPPLY
AN EVER INCREASING HORDE OF PEOPLE FROM
EVERY STATE IN THE UNION, WHILE DOWN THE
RIVER FROM THIS POINT, SEVERAL HUNDRED
SPRINGS MAY BE DEVELOPED, WITH MOST OF
THEM ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR HEld
AS MINING CLAIMS.

THE WRITER HAS TEN FINE MINERAL
SPRINGS, FLOWING INTO THE KERN RIVER
WHICH SHOULD COME UNDER A CCC WORK PRO-
JECT OR NATIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT, 1 1/2
MILES W. OF THIS POINT. THERE ARE 100 OTHERS
IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, WE PLEAD FOR IMMEDIATE
ACTION BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN RELIEVING A
CROWDED, DEPLORABLE CONDITION.
July 31, 1939

Mr. Robert Spehr,

Hobo Hot Springs, California.

Dear Mr. Spehr:

By reference from Secretary Ickes, we have received your recent letter and petition to establish the ten mile strip along the Kern River as a national park.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in advising the Federal Government about this area. However, it is the policy of the National Park Service to acquire and administer only areas of outstanding national significance for their scenic, scientific, historic, or recreational value. It is doubtful whether the area you described would qualify for inclusion in the national park system.

Perhaps this area would be suitable for State or local park or recreational purposes, and with this in mind, it is suggested that, if you have not already done so, you communicate with the California State Park authorities.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Fred T. Johnston

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Supervisor of Recreation and Land Planning.

cc: Mr. Sid Kennedy, with cc. of correspondence
c: Region IV, with cc. of incoming letter
c: BMLPEC - Room 5214

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