Bureau of Reclamation
Parks and Beaches Division
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to know what steps to take for making Monticello watershed into a National park?

We are very interested in this project as know there is a vital need for recreation in this area. As there are thousands in the Bay Area who could well use this watershed if in a National park.

The information if given would help the progress and further the action on our part.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Robert Rawn
President

[Signature]
Helen M. Greco (Mrs.)
Secretary

[Signature]
Adrian E. Randall
Chair, Monticello Dam Project
August 18, 1935

Vallejo, California

Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 18 to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding a proposal for making Monticello watershed into a national park has just been referred to this Service with the explanation that it had been inadvertently mislaid in the Bureau files. I regret that there has been so much delay in supplying corrective action.

Under cooperative agreement this Service appraises the recreation resources where the Bureau of Reclamation proposes to impound reservoirs. Our findings and recommendations thereupon are presented to the Bureau for its information and to assist in planning for the provision of recreation facilities where such are found necessary and desirable. When we investigated the area, including the locations of the Monticello reservoir and diversion pool several years ago, it was concluded that the slopes around the reservoir were of such rugged character that only minor recreational developments would be warranted. The diversion pool was thought to be somewhat more adaptable to recreational use.

Policies governing the establishment of national parks do not permit consideration of areas where a main feature would be an existing or proposed artificial reservoir. As a rule national parks are spacious land areas essentially of primitive or wilderness character which contain scenery and natural wonders so outstanding in quality that their preservation intact for the benefit, enjoyment and inspiration of the people is a national concern. They are established only by act of Congress.

We understand that the Monticello Recreation District is interested in the recreation development at Monticello reservoirs and has engaged planners to design facilities that will be necessary. State or local interest and activity of this kind very often solves the problem of rationalization of recreational use or reservoirs and...
their surrounding areas. Our Regional Director, whose address is National Park Service, 160 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 3, California, would be glad to assist you if you feel that you need further advice.

Sincerely yours,

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Under basic legislation this Service is authorized to appraise the potential recreation values of Federal lands. The Bureau of Reclamation proposes to develop the reservoir and surroundings for recreation and water control purposes. By doing so we are able to assist in planning for the utilization and to assist in planning for the protection of recreation facilities where such are found necessary and beneficial. When we inaugurate the area, including the facilities of the reservoirs, we are doing so several years ago. It was concluded that the water around the reservoir area of each reservoir under this envelope would be developed. The reservoir was also thought to be economic mean adaptable to recreation. In

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