

June 17, 1955

Mr. M. L. A. Ailland
2868 Elm Street
San Diego 2, California

Dear Mr. Ailland:

Thank you for your letter of May 31 recommending consideration of Cariso Gorge, California, as a national park.

Although we have made no studies of this area, it does not appear from such information as we have on hand that it has the necessary characteristics to justify its being considered as a national park. The Enclosed leaflet, What are National Parks, will explain to you the qualities that the National Park Service believes an area should have in order to qualify for that status.

We appreciate your calling this area to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

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