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June 19, 1962

United States National Park Service
Regional Office
180 New Montgomery St.
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve to offer, for a park, one of the choicest remaining large shoreline properties within a radius of 110 miles of the metropolitan centers of San Francisco and the Bay Region.


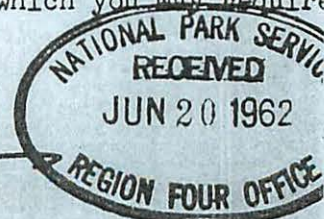
The property consists of 5000 acres, more or less, beginning north of Stewarts Point (Sonoma County) and ending at the Gualala River. It has approximately 10 miles of ocean frontage studded with coves, sand beaches and rocks - in fact, it is a fine example of most picturesque and scenic beauty and natural splendor. It's entire length is crossed by the Shoreline Highway and the topography is from an elevation of approximately 400' to 600' with a gentle slope to the ocean.

Mr. A. Page Mailliard and myself are the exclusive listing real estate brokers handling the property for the owners, the Ohlson Brothers. The property is known as the Del Mar Ranch and is offered in its entirety, including improvements, at \$800 per acre (based on 5000 acres).

The land is most suitable for recreational purposes, Climate wise, it enjoys a year-round mild climate. Natural recreational opportunities include ocean fishing, abaloning, picnicing, interesting photographic subjects and many others which can be enjoyed by young and old alike. The bordering Gualala River is well known for wonderful winter salmon and steelhead fishing. Fine television reception and FM radio in the area are added attributes.

Should your department be interested in acquiring this property, I shall be happy to furnish all additional maps and information which you may require

Very truly yours,

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180 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco 5, California

July 30, 1962

Mr. Albert H. Marmin
Coastal Real Estate
7 Miles North on Highway 1
Gualala, California

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Dear Mr. Marmin:

Thank you for your letter of June 19 inquiring as to the interest of this Service in acquiring the coastal 5,000 acre Del Mar Ranch in Sonoma County for recreational purposes.

We appreciate your bringing this property to our attention. However, since there is no authorization for the National Park Service to establish a park or recreation area in this location, we are unable to pursue your offer. It is encouraging to us to note from the newspapers that the State hopes to acquire this property for park and recreation use.

We are sending copies of your letter to Mr. Charles A. DeTurk, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Mull Building, 10th and L Streets, Sacramento, California, and to the Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Washington 25, D. C., for their information.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Leo J. Diederich
Leo J. Diederich
Assistant Regional Director

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Director, BOR, w/c incoming letter and copy of newspaper clipping
Mr. Charles A. DeTurk, w/c incoming letter

real estate developer if the State failed to act soon.

The resolution listed 11 top-priority sites, which it proposed that the Governor put before the next session.

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to acquire the Del Mar Ranch in Sonoma County for the National Park Service.

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Del Mar Ranch in Sonoma

County, California.

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Mr. Charles A. De Turk, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
Mull Building, 10th and L Streets
Sacramento 14, Calif.

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Carroll 8/8/62
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Dear Charles:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter we have received from Mr. Albert H. Marmin, Coastal Real Estate, Gualala, California, offering for sale a 5000-acre ranch located on the Sonoma County Coast. Mr. Marmin points out that it is an excellent shoreline property suitable for park purposes. A copy of our reply to Mr. Marmin is also enclosed.

This ranch was not specifically identified in our Pacific Coast Recreation Area Survey report, but Havens Neck and Salt Point, which lie north and south of it, respectively, have significant recreation values.

We note with encouragement that the July 21 San Francisco Chronicle reports the State Park Commission has given project status to acquiring this ranch. We wish you every success in this venture.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Leo J. Diederich

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Assistant Regional Director

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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180 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco 5, California

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September 18, 1962

Memorandum

To: Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
From: Acting Field Representative
Subject: Del Mar Ranch - Acquisition for Recreation Purposes

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Copies of our July 30 letters to Mr. DeTurk, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Albert H. Marmán, Coastal Real Estate, Gualala, California (who is offering for sale the 5,000 acre Del Mar Ranch located on the Sonoma County Coast) have previously been furnished to your office and the Director, National Park Service. We are now enclosing Mr. DeTurk's August 6 reply to us pointing out the critical need for additional funds to finance the States park acquisition program.

Lacking passage of the \$150,000,000 State Park & Recreation bond issue, California will undoubtedly face difficult decisions in trying to make their land acquisition funds cover the many worthy projects on their program. Although we are not well acquainted with the Del Mar Ranch, it undoubtedly has recreation values which should be preserved in public ownership. Should your office need an example of the kind of property which might be acquired with grants to states envisioned by S.543 or S.3117 we could prepare a report (with photographs) on the Del Mar Ranch that might be used in support of this legislation. If you believe this suggestion has merit we could obtain photographs this fall and probably have the report completed by the beginning of the next Congress.

There may also be other areas in the Western Region equally worthy of preservation which could be used as examples.

(Sgd.) Robert S. Luntney

Acting Field Representative

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