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The President. The truth is he and I are going fishing. It's pure fishing, pure fishing.

Q. But are you going to ask him to return to the White House or campaign—

Q. Mr. President, what's the most important domestic issue besides the economy?

The President. Well, there are so many of them, but education, crime. Education, tranquility in the neighborhoods.

Q. Is America and the American economy better off than it was 4 years ago?

The President. Well, some parts of it are.

Note: The exchange began at 11:15 a.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

**Remarks on Signing the Giant
Sequoia in National Forests
Proclamation in Sequoia National
Forest**

July 14, 1992

Dale Robertson, thank you, sir. As all of you know, Mr. Robertson is the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. But I would like to take this opportunity not simply to thank him but to thank the other dedicated professionals that work in the Forest Service. And I'm just delighted to be here today and delighted that Bill Reilly, the head of EPA, is with us; that Congressman Bill Thomas, who claims this as part of his own congressional district—proudly proclaims it, brags about it, understandably so—is with us today; Forest Supervisor Sandra Key and also an old friend, Derrick Crandall, could join us.

Let me begin by acknowledging the hard work and the valuable time being invested in our environment by the likes of Bruce Howard and the Save the Redwoods League, David Magney and the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society, the Nature Conservatory. They all do fantastic work in keeping this the way it ought to be.

I understand we have some special guests here. I met one group of them, and these are the kids from R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. They come out here away from it all to learn how to hike and fish and pitch a tent. They learn how to respect themselves and respect

the land. I believe Teddy Roosevelt had these kids in mind when he spoke of the "beautiful gifts" that we've received from nature, gifts that we "ought to hand on as a precious heritage to our children and our children's children."

The fact is these forests, our lakes, and our lands, they are gifts, the commonwealth that we inherited from our parents, that we borrow from our kids. That's the spirit of this agreement that we'll salute here today. Different groups from government agencies to private organizations have come together, bridging ideological divides in order to forge an agreement that protects our sequoia groves as part of our national legacy, our common heritage, if you will. Whatever name you put on it, our actions are going to speak louder than words. And when words are memories, when we are long gone, these trees will stand.

America has one of the oldest National Forest Systems in the world, the best National Park System in the world, and the best Wildlife Refuge System in the world. And yet, as President, I have said that the best simply is not good enough.

The Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund is a good example. It's helped us invest more than \$200 million each year to improve our fishing waters and open them up to fishermen. Think of the Potomac River, go all the way across the country and think of the Potomac River in our Nation's Capital. Twenty years ago you literally couldn't even touch that water without being advised to get an inoculation. Now, on warm summer days the Potomac belongs to the windsurfers and the bass fishermen. Around the country, signs rimmed our lakes with the warning: Don't Touch the Water. In two decades, we have spent over \$100 billion to clean up our waters. Today, more and more of our rivers and lakes are safer for the people who swim and fish in them, for the animals that live in and around them.

To help show off our clean rivers and lakes, last winter I signed ISTEA. Let me point out that is the Transportation Act, not the rap act. [Laughter] But that legislation will help bring America outdoors, revamping our scenic byways, blazing new trails, letting Ameri-

cans become their own pioneers. That's what the pursuit of happiness is all about.

Some will look at the record and say that it isn't enough. I have a surprise for them. I couldn't agree more. Take a look at what I've asked for from Congress, and then take a look at what we've got.

We've proposed, lobbied, and signed the Clean Air Act, the most ambitious environmental law in history: Reduces acid rain by 50 percent, reduces air toxics by 90 percent, brings all cities into attainment with health standards. On this we had good congressional bipartisan cooperation, for which I'm grateful.

We've assessed more fines and penalties for violations of environmental law in 3 years than in the entire previous 18-year history of EPA. I don't see that record advertised in the political process or written about in the press, yet enforcement is traditionally one of the principal measures of an administration's environmental performance. We've convicted more people of environmental crimes in 3 years than in the previous 18 years of EPA. Think about that. A lot of people doing jail time, and those tempted to evade these very sound environmental laws, they're now reconsidering their actions.

We've doubled funding for national parks, wildlife, and outdoor recreation and tripled funds for States for parks and open spaces. We've proposed or added 20 new national parks. We've proposed or added 57 new national wildlife refuges. We've added 1.5 million new acres to national parks and then 6.4 million acres to the Wilderness System. We've added 2,700 miles of rivers to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. We've increased funds for wetlands protection from \$295 million in 1989 to \$812 million in 1993.

Then we've also closed off the coastal oil development in California, in Oregon, in Washington, in Florida and New England until the year 2000. We've established three new national marine sanctuaries, including the largest ever, the one at Monterey Bay, that National Marine Sanctuary. We've increased funding for Federal fisheries management by \$80 million and requested full funding for the Wallop-Breaux that I mentioned earlier for sport fish restoration.

Now, that is the record of our actions, of my actions. Now, let's turn our attention to Congress and its response to our proposals. In this year's budget, I requested increased funding for parks, recreation, and the outdoors. And here's what Congress said: Funding for parks, forests, and wildlife—\$250 million cut; a Federal partnership with the States for parks and recreation—\$32 million cut; park and forest acquisition—\$73 million cut; resource recovery for Sequoia National Forest—cut; parks as classrooms—cut; tree planting, we've got a good new tree-planting initiative—cut. I could go on, but the very trees around us might get nervous. [Laughter]

But I cite this because I'm not sure the American people really understand this commitment and what we are trying to do. The fact is not just the trees but all of us ought to be a little nervous. Congress has met a fork in the road now, and they have a choice. On one hand they can gut these proposals, they can stuff them with pork and perks, and then turn around and complain about the environment. Or they can choose another path; they can look out for the voices that don't have a vote: the land, the children, the future generations. I'm asking Congress to do the right thing: full funding for our land, our trees, our waters, and our parks.

You see, we need more seasonal park rangers, not fewer. We need to acquire more land upstream, not less. Send a message to Congress: We need less papers, less posturing, less promises. And we really do need more action.

Now, we all want cleaner air and water. We all want a more beautiful America. Some flaunt their commitment with these sound bites, and I've proven mine through, I believe, sound policy proposals. Some have sent entire forests to their death to fill books with propaganda, short on facts and long on fiction. But our approach represents new thinking here, a new environmentalism that harnesses the power of the marketplace in the service of the environment.

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The steps we take here today can blaze a trail for others to follow. And in case anyone should miss the forest for the trees, so to speak, here's a reminder: They were here first. These trees have watched history go by. Some of these sequoias, I was reminded by Dale as we walked through the grove, were already seedlings by the time Christ walked the Earth.

I think back to Sequoyah himself. The first time he saw the Bible, he called it "talking leaves." I think those leaves have something to teach us today. In Revelations we learn that "the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." We are healing our forests, our parks, and our lands. It's a beautiful country. And I want more and more of the American people to enjoy settings like we're in right here today. Let's remember to take time to come out, show our kids the land, to walk among the redwoods, to climb a mountain. Our land can heal us, too.

It is a joy for me to be out here with you all today in this beautiful setting. Thank you very much for coming. And may God bless our great country, the United States of America. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 11:40 a.m. in Sequoia Grove. In his remarks, he referred to Derrick Crandall, president of the American Recreation Coalition.

Proclamation 6457—Giant Sequoia in National Forests

July 14, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For centuries, groves of the Giant Sequoia have stimulated the interest and wonder of those who behold them. The Giant Sequoia is a tree that inspires emotion like no other and has mystically entered the hearts of humanity everywhere. Ancestors of Giant Sequoia trees have existed on Earth for more than 20 million years. Naturally occurring old-growth Giant Sequoia groves located in the Sequoia, Sierra, and Tahoe National Forests in California are unique national treasures that are being managed for biodiversity, perpetuation of the species, public inspiration, and spiritual, aesthetic, recreational, ecological, and scientific value.

This Nation's Giant Sequoia groves are legacies that deserve special attention and protection for future generations. It is my hope that these natural gifts will continue to provide aesthetic value and inspiration for our children, grandchildren, and generations yet to come.

So as to promote greater appreciation and awareness of our Giant Sequoia groves, such groves in the Sequoia, Sierra, and Tahoe National Forests should continue to be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture as unique objects of beauty and antiquity for the benefit and inspiration of all people.

Now, Therefore, I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that naturally occurring old-growth Giant Sequoia groves within the Sequoia, Sierra, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California shall be managed, protected, and restored by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, to assure the perpetuation of the groves for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Secretary of Agriculture is directed to delineate the location

(Grossman)
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July 9, 1992
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1992

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** → We're our aim is a safe environment & a strong economy.*
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Assistant to the President
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- ② roads into wilderness are illegal
③ ISTEA is transportation -- not just roads.

NO most will not be paving new roads

② committing to env. restoration as we restore our critical trans. infrastructure

one that takes the vision of the ^{conservationist} ~~environmentalist~~ and the practicality of the industrialist and achieves the goals of both. Jobs and the environment, not jobs or the environment

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(USDA) could be interpreted as "no net loss"

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Let's strike these references many who negotiated this agreement will be very offended. We need not continue the polarization

And they are continuing - the House bill has moving has no \$ for the Ag. Wetlands Reserve -- I asked for enough to restore 200,000 acres of wetlands.

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Use another reference - Headwaters is an actual place which has been the subject of a lot of controversy -- no one will know whether he is advocating buying the Headwaters, ~~the forest~~ or just headwaters in general.

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What does this mean? (USDA) X

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see OMB

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This is pedantic and will be received as talking down

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(USDA) could be setting himself up for questioning on old growth forests in the NW... Again this is a balance issue.



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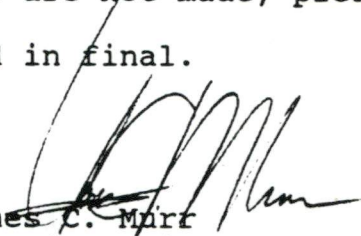
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RESPONSE:

See comments
(Comments by R. Brady x4844)

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1992 - CALIFORNIA**

Date/Time Received: 7/10/92 1:00 P.M. RESPONSE DUE: MONDAY, JULY 13 9:30 A.M.

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Comments:

N/A: It is important that these comments be adapted. The speech contains inaccuracies otherwise / BLG

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TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1992

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The fact is, these forests, our lakes and our lands -- they are gifts: the commonwealth that we inherited from our parents, that we borrow from our kids. That's the spirit of this (Title) agreement. From the Sierra Club to the State of California, from the Wilderness Society to the Save the Redwoods League: people have come together, forged an agreement to protect our Sequoia groves as part of our national legacy. Long after we are gone, these trees will stand. \ \

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(Note: roads are not paved into wilderness areas!!)

We've reopened or upgraded Forest Service campgrounds and picnic areas all across America that had previously been closed to the public

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x We need greater [#] stocks of threatened Little Kern golden trout -- not less.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Sequoia National Park

We have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and have noted a few suggested changes on the draft.

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/10/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MON. 7/13/92 10:00am

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Counsel
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No legal objection

- Jeff Homestead

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And I recently proposed our Forests for the Future Initiative aimed at doubling worldwide expenditures to conserve the world's forests.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

July 13, 1992 12 JUL 13 P3:42

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MCGROARTY
FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN
SUBJECT: SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

Tomorrow, at 11:20 a.m., you will deliver remarks (9 minutes/cards) to an assembled audience of 300 at the Sequoia National Forest. Your remarks spotlight an agreement reached to protect our Great Sequoia groves. Your speech outlines some of the measures this administration had undertaken to improve our forests, parks, and waters. It also calls on Congress to comply with funding requests for environmental improvement and recreation enhancement.

Please note the bracketed paragraph on page four, defending the American taxpayer against environmental extremists.

(Grossman)
SEQUOIA
July 13, 1992
Draft Two

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I believe Teddy Roosevelt had you kids in mind when he spoke of the "beautiful gifts" we've received from nature -- gifts we "ought to hand on as a precious heritage to [our] children and [our] children's children." I remember the first time I took my grandson George P. to the Grand Tetons. As we came upon the mountains, I looked down at him, his smile -- well, you could've sworn it was Christmas morning.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP D. BRADY
DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Sequoia National Park

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. It is my understanding that the President's remarks will be made at a National Forest, and therefore, the speech title should be changed accordingly. We also have prepared the following comments on the speech draft.

Page 1, Final Paragraph, following "these trees will stand"

Sounds defensive

I believe that a significant accomplishment of this Administration has been the improved stewardship of our natural resources through sensible environmental policies. It disturbs me when the critics of our environmental record unfairly ignore the good that we have achieved. Let me ask those critics the following: When we started the America the Beautiful initiative to expand our natural parks, our forests and wildlife refuges by 1.5 million acres, and to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for our people...what was so bad about that? When we embarked on an effort to increase tree planting in America by one billion trees a year, and to support the efforts of voluntary community tree planting groups...was that the sign of an Administration that doesn't care? When we devoted significant resources to help bring our waters up to fishable and swimmable standards, and can now boast considerable progress in this area...was that something to complain about? The record demonstrates that we have reason to be proud of our environmental accomplishments, and I am eager to communicate this record to the American public.

Let me tell you a little known fact about environmental policy. I have sent up to Capitol Hill a number of solid environmental initiatives that the Congress has blocked. Many members of Congress has lost sight of legitimate national needs in their rush to take care of projects of local interest. Some call this "park-barrel" politics. I requested full funding for America the Beautiful -- and they cut \$260 million. We asked for a federal partnership with the states for parks and recreation -- and \$40 million was cut. \$75 million was sought for park and forest acquisition and that was cut. Our innovative "Parks as Classrooms" initiative to bring school children out to the living laboratories of the national parks

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was zeroed. So was our request to hire badly needed additional seasonal park rangers. And our tree planting initiative was also cut. (I could go on but the trees might get nervous.)

Fact is, we should all be a little nervous...

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RESPONSE:

see comments

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Grossman)
SEQUOIA
July 9, 1992
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The fact is, these forests, our lakes and our lands -- they are gifts: the commonwealth that we inherited from our parents, that we borrow from our kids. That's the spirit of this agreement. From the Sierra Club to the State of California, from the Wilderness Society to the Save the Redwoods League: people have come together, forged an agreement to protect our Sequoia groves as part of our national legacy. Long after we are gone, these trees will stand. \ \

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That legislation will help bring America outdoors: ~~paving new roads into the wilderness~~, *rebuilding our party* revamping our scenic byways -- letting

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Americans hit the trail and become their own pioneers. That's what the pursuit of happiness is all about.

We all want cleaner air and water -- a more beautiful America. Some flaunt their commitment with soundbites -- I've proven mine through sound policies. Our approach represents new thinking -- a new environmentalism that harnesses the power of the marketplace in the service of the environment. The fact is: only a growing economy can generate the resources we need to take care of our natural assets. We don't have to follow the environmental extremists -- or get caught up in some zero-sum game. We won't help the environment by hurting the economy, and as long as I am President: protecting the environment won't mean open season on the American taxpayer. \\
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Fact is, we should all be a little nervous. Congress has met a fork in the road. They have a choice. On one hand: they can gut my proposals, they can stuff them with pork and perks and then turn around and complain about the environment. Or they can

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RESPONSE:

*See comments. Thanks.
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July 9, 1992
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(USDA)
Could this be interpreted as "no net loss"?

(Interior)
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