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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1994

Mr. Hall Newbegin
Sales Manager
Mastodon
1040 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94118

Dear Mr. Newbegin:

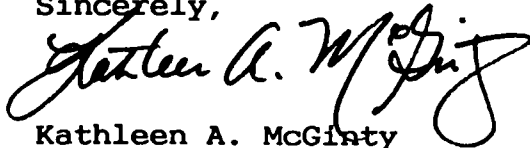
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

After receiving over 100,000 comments on the proposed plan, we are now working to refine it further and expect to submit it to the court by the end of March. I appreciate learning your views on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

December 15, 1993

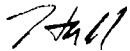
Kathleen McGinty

Office of Environmental Policy
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Dear Mrs. McGinty ,

Merry Christmas! ~~I am writing to express my support of any legislation and/or government action which will protect the remaining~~ unroaded forests of America. I think that, if put to a vote, people would overwhelmingly choose not to cut down our public forests; it's just that so much of it happens behind the veil of forest companies PR campaigns and with minimal public involvement in the decision making process that it gets cut down at all. I don't want to focus on specific bills here, I just want to make a general plea to you to push for stronger protection of America's remaining unroaded wilderness. You're the President's assistant on this matter, you can make a huge difference! ~~The pattern of public subsidization of resource extraction on public lands (our land) for private profit has to stop.~~ The animals and plants need wilderness and so do we.

Sincerely,



Hall Newbegin
concerned citizen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1994

Ms. Laticia Niemi
4816 McMahon Blvd. N.W., C-37
Albuquerque, NM 87114

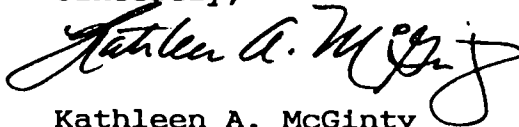
Dear Ms. Niemi:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Animal Damage Control Act. It was good to hear from you.

We are in the process of reviewing our policy with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior on this very important matter. I believe that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision to be made. Rest assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we look at this issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty".

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Dec. 10, 1993

Kathleen McGinty:

~~I am writing to encourage you to put an end to Animal Damage Control.~~ Following, are my reasons:

1. The ADC exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. Taxpayers should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone. We demand a leaner and more efficient government in which public interests, not private interest, are served first.
2. The ADC predator control program is neither cost effective nor biologically sound. In 1992, the ADC spent over 45 million taxpayer dollars to kill wildlife on public lands and to develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques are indiscriminate and place threatened and endangered species in jeopardy. At the same time the government spends millions to kill predators, it also funds multimillion-dollar programs to protect and reintroduce endangered species.
3. In fiscal year 1992, over 109,000 predatory mammals and more than 1.5 million birds were "reported" killed by the ADC. Its killing methods — poison baits, traps, snares, denning and aerial gunning — are indiscriminate and inhumane.
4. Ranchers need to be responsible for protecting their own livestock and doing so with non-lethal techniques.

I demand that this outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife come to an end, and that the government begin to protect our natural heritage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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