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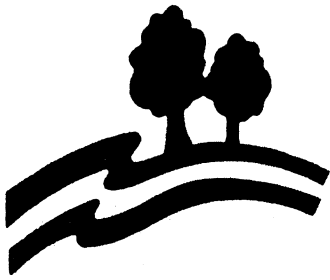
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American Recreation Coalition

*Dedicated to the protection and enhancement of everyone's right
to health and happiness through recreation.*

December 23, 1996

Mr. Michael P. Dombeck
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Dear Mike:

We are delighted to hear that you have been named to be the next Chief of the Forest Service. We know that your challenges will be immense as you chart the agency's future course. However, like you, we have great faith in the capabilities of the "prepared mind" that you mentioned at our Recreation Exchange last October. All of us in the American Recreation Coalition are very pleased that someone with just such a "prepared mind" -- not to mention a keen understanding of the social and economic importance of recreation -- will be leading the Forest Service into the changes of the 21st century.

Warmest regards. *LOOKING FORWARD TO AIDING YOUR EFFORTS!*

Sincerely,

Derrick A. Crandall
President

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