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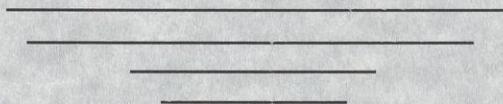
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Dr. Michael Dombeck
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Dear Dr. Dombeck:

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chief of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service.

Although your new challenges may seem daunting as you acquaint yourself, once again, with an organization that has undergone many transitions during recent years, I am sure you will reap the benefits of and build on the achievements of your predecessors.

The Canadian Forest Service of Natural Resources Canada and the USDA Forest Service have a history of close-working relationships, ranging from scientific research projects to collaboration on matters of common interest in the international forest-policy dialogue. Membership in the North American Forest Commission is another example of joint efforts to address shared objectives related to sustainable forest ecosystem management beyond country borders.

I have had the pleasure of working with the former Chief, Jack Ward Thomas, developing great respect for his expertise and commitment to natural resources conservation. I look forward to an equally fruitful association with you as you assume your new duties. The Food and Agriculture Organization's thirteenth session of the Committee on Forestry, taking place in Rome from March 10 to 13, 1997, may be an early opportunity for us to meet—should you plan on attending.

Please accept my best wishes for success in your new responsibilities along with assurances of cooperation on issues of mutual importance.

Yours sincerely,

Yvan Hardy

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Mr. Mike Dombeck
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Dear Mr. Dombeck: *Mike*

Congratulations on your appointment as Chief, U.S. Forest Service! I believe that although your life for the next several years is going to be tough, it will also be exciting and fun. You are a grand choice to head up a highly professional, dedicated Service that needs a leader in whom they can believe and who will dedicate himself to the long term good. You have those characteristics and the ability to use them!

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please let me know. I am scheduled to become the Field Director, Western Field Area (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands) in April.

Good luck, Mike! You'll be great!

Sincerely,

John J. Reynolds
Interim General Manager, Presidio Project



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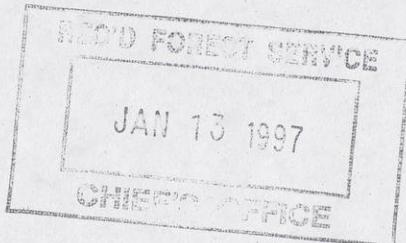
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John T. Shannon

State Forester

January 6, 1997



Chief Mike Dombeck
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Dear Mike:

Congratulations on your recent appointment. For many reasons, this is an important time for the Forest Service. I know all the State Foresters join me in wishing you well and pledging our continued partnership.

Cordially,

ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION

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John T. Shannon

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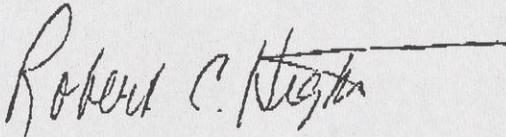
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With personal best wishes for a successful administration.

Sincerely,

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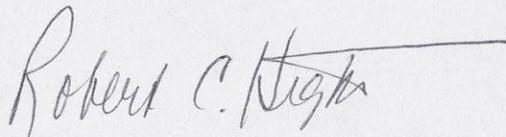
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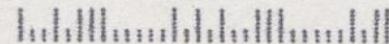
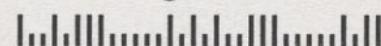
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File Code: 1900

Date: March 11, 1998

Route to:

Subject: Forest Service Natural Resource Agenda

To: Chief Mike Dombeck

In your March 2 letter to Forest Service employees, you indicated that you would welcome comments and suggestions on your recent speech, *A Gradual Unfolding of a National Purpose: A Natural Resources Agenda for the 21st Century*. Also, when you met with us last spring, you asked for our feedback as Forest Supervisors on policy issues that affect our work on the ground.

As field officers in the Forest Service, we believe your *Natural Resources Agenda* provides needed clarity to our mission and purpose in the Forest Service. The four emphasis areas: watershed health and restoration; sustainable forest ecosystem management; forest road policy; and recreation; all represent important and long-standing resource management responsibilities. They will enable us to demonstrate our own commitment to conservation and sound land stewardship on the National Forests, goals that have consistently been supported by a broad cross-section of the American people. As Forest Service career professionals, we are motivated by a deep commitment to public service and the conservation of the resources in our care for, as Gifford Pinchot wrote a century ago, "the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run."

In the field, we are in the greatest period of change and innovation since the founding era of the Forest Service. Employees are developing a better understanding of the forests and rangelands we are charged with protecting. We are learning new and effective ways to engage an active citizenry in making choices about the use and care of their public lands. Change is not without difficulties, but going back is not an option.

We hope these few words of support provide you additional encouragement for the road ahead. We look forward to working with you and our publics and many cooperators as we implement your agenda.

Sincerely,

Debra Austin, Forest Supervisor

Abigail Kimball, Forest Supervisor

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Mike Dombeck, Chief

Thanks for meeting with Colville N.F. employees. They appreciated it a great deal. You impressed them and helped the forest move forward in implementing our National Forest Resource Agenda.

Thank Again
BB Vaughn
Forest Supervisor





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File Code: 1900

Date: March 12, 1998

Route to:

Subject: Natural Resource Agenda for the 21st Century

To: Michael Dombeck, Chief

I want to tell you how pleased and delighted I am with your speech, *A Gradual Unfolding of a National Purpose: A Natural Resource Agenda for the 21st Century*.

Several years ago, a group of Forest Supervisors had the difficult duty of reporting to the Chief that the national forests, in many cases, were being over harvested, and that as a result other important resource values were being significantly diminished. This situation was not consistent with the direction described to the public in our forest plans, nor was it consistent with the overall purpose of the Forest Service of conserving and sustainably managing all the resources of the National Forests. With your leadership, these concerns are now being addressed, and the National Forests are back on track to providing the full array of resources and values and benefits, including a level of timber harvesting that can be sustained over the long run. As far as I am concerned, your agenda brings closure on many of the issues raised in that letter.

As one who is familiar with Forest Service history, I also agree with your statement that this agenda brings us back to our roots. I can reasonably assure you that Gifford Pinchot would have very much enjoyed your speech, and would relish the fight to implement it. Pinchot was also not one to "sit back on his heals." There is more than the Organic Act to support this assertion. Early Forest Service leaders believed that conservation was more than just the implementation of principles of scientific forestry. Public resources were for the good of *the people*, not the profit of the few. Conservation embodied scientific, social, economic, and ethical responsibilities. In his own words, Pinchot said, "Since Conservation has become a household word, it has come to mean many things to many men. To me it means, everywhere and always, that the public good comes first." If you believe that your agenda puts the public good first, than you can proudly call yourself a conservationist.

Some are now questioning if the National Forests are being managed in a way that the benefits exceed the costs. I cannot answer that question with any hard data. Maybe someone else can. What I do know from working and listening directly to field people is the men and women in the Forest Service are turning their considerable talents to solving problems. I would not be surprised, at some future time, that observers note that this period was the most creative and productive period in our history since the founding era. We are in a major transition. Experimentation and learning is occurring at a rapid rate. Unfortunately, it is also coupled with a great deal of frustration, uncertainty, confusion, and anxiety. That is the nature of transitions. When we do begin the second century of conservation in America, I expect we will have made another quantum leap in understanding of just how valuable and important the nation's forest and grasslands are to the quality of life on this earth.

Your recognition and acknowledgement that the agency's job extends to our "urban forests" is also welcome. I find myself living within a two hour drive of 30 million people. I now have a greater understanding of the importance of the National Forests in the West, and the forests in our towns, villages and city streets. We have a role helping people to protect, enjoy and use these forest resources well.

I believe in the foresighted use of our public lands, and that includes a good measure of preservation. It is our job. Our duty is to help manage their use in a way that perpetuates the legacy of National Forests and Grasslands to generations yet unborn. You deserve all the help you can get. Count me in.

Sincerely,

EDGAR B. BRANNO, JR.
Director, Grey Towers National Historic Landmark



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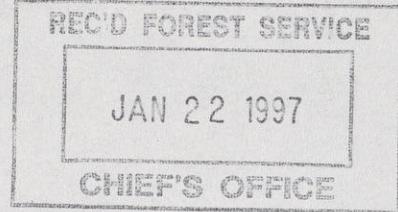
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January 13, 1997



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Dear Chief Dombeck:

This is just a note to say congratulations on your appointment as Chief.

The Board of Forestry is the policy and regulatory arm of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. We have good relationships and frequent communication with Forest Service Staff in Region 5 and look forward to working with your Office in furthering our mutual interests.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Robert J. Kerstiens".

Robert J. Kerstiens
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 14, 2000

The Honorable Daniel R. Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Dan:

More than half of California's remaining giant sequoia groves, which contain the largest and many of the oldest trees in the world, lie outside Kings Canyon/Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and within the Sequoia National Forest. I want to ensure that these majestic cathedral groves, which John Muir called "Nature's masterpiece," are protected for future generations to study and enjoy.

I would appreciate your review of this matter and your recommendation regarding whether appropriate stewardship for the sequoia groves warrants exercise of my authority under the Antiquities Act to extend permanent protection to objects of historic or scientific interest on federal land. As you know, legislative proposals have been introduced over the last decade, but not enacted, to provide permanent protection for the sequoias, and a number of others have proposed Antiquities Act protection for unprotected sequoias. Dr. Edgar Wayburn, Honorary President of the Sierra Club, mentioned this to me when I awarded him a Presidential Medal of Freedom last summer, and he also has written me about the subject.

As part of your review, please consult with appropriate members of Congress, as well as tribal, state, and local officials and other interested parties, and carefully consider their views in making your recommendation. I would also like you to draw on the scientific and management expertise of the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the State of California regarding sequoia groves located on their lands.

Please make your recommendation on this matter within sixty days. I will carefully consider your recommendation in the context of our ongoing efforts to protect our most valuable and unique lands for future generations to enjoy.

I look forward to receiving your guidance.

Sincerely,

Tim Chater

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE: PRESERVING OUR FORESTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

October 13, 1999

Today, in a visit to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia, President Clinton launches a sweeping effort to preserve millions of pristine acres within America's national forests. A new rule to be proposed by the U.S. Forest Service would prohibit road building in more than 40 million acres of "roadless" area, from the Appalachian Mountains to the Rockies to the Sierra Nevada. In addition, the President calls on Congress to fully fund his environmental budget priorities – including his Lands Legacy initiative, which would provide \$1 billion to protect other precious lands – and to pass budget bills free of anti-environmental riders.

Restoring Balance to Our National Forests. The National Forest system, established in 1905, today encompasses 192 million acres in 46 states and territories. Over the past seven years, the Clinton-Gore Administration has dramatically improved management of these forests, moving to end overlogging and timber road subsidies, and strengthen protections for water quality, wildlife and recreation. In 1994, the President's Pacific Northwest Forest Plan broke the stalemate over the northern spotted owl, balancing the preservation of old-growth stands with the economic needs of timber-dependent communities. A comprehensive planning regulation proposed last month by the Forest Service would promote similar balance throughout the national forests, ensuring both stronger protection for water quality and wildlife, and steady, sustainable supplies of timber and other commodities.

Protecting America's Last Wildlands. Although much of the land within the national forests has been logged or otherwise developed – and some remains set aside for these purposes – large portions are relatively untouched. These remote, pristine lands produce high-quality drinking water, provide critical wildlife habitat, and offer extraordinary recreation opportunities for hikers, campers, hunters, and anglers. Past inventories have identified more than 40 million of these "roadless" acres, generally in parcels of 5,000 acres or more.

In February, the Forest Service placed an 18-month moratorium on road building within most "roadless" areas so it could evaluate long-term options for managing them. Today, the President is directing the Forest Service to prepare and propose a rule to:

- provide long-term protection for most or all of these previously inventoried "roadless" areas; and
- determine whether and how such protections should be extended to smaller "roadless" areas.

The proposed rule would ban road building in these areas and could also prohibit logging or other activities that harm their unique ecological values. The Forest Service aims to release the proposed rule this spring and, following extensive public input, adopt a final rule in late 2000.

Progress, Not Partisanship, on the Environment. In his balanced budget for FY 2000, President Clinton proposed major new investments to protect precious lands, fight air and water pollution, restore salmon and other wildlife, and combat global warming. His Lands Legacy initiative would commit \$1 billion in FY 2000 – and seek permanent funding of at least that much in future years – to save natural treasures and to help communities protect farms, forests, urban parks, and other local green spaces. Yet Congress is denying full funding for these priorities – for instance, slashing FY 2000 funding for Lands Legacy by two-thirds. At the same time, Congress is loading up budget bills with special-interest riders that permit over-logging on national forests, provide a windfall to major companies that produce oil on federal lands and waters, and allow more dumping of mining wastes on public lands. The President declares today that if the Interior budget bill is presented to him in its current form – with inadequate funding and loaded with anti-environmental riders – he will veto it.

Selected Roadless Areas in U.S. National Forests

October 13, 1999

Past inventories have identified more than 40 million acres of "roadless" areas in our national forest, generally in parcels of 5,000 acres or more. Here are several prime examples:

The North Fork American River Roadless Area (Tahoe National Forest, California) --
The area encompasses the canyonlands on both sides of the North Fork of the American River, a designated Wild and Scenic River. The canyon rises from an elevation of 2,100 feet to more than 8,000 feet and contains a wide mix of trees including Sugar pine, ponderosa pine, white fir, black oak, chaparral and even Douglas fir. Old growth is quite common especially in Sailor Meadow. The roadless area also provides habitat for fisher, marten, Sierra Nevada red fox, peregrine falcon and the California spotted owl. This area is extremely popular for primitive forms of back-country recreation.

The Pagoda Peak Roadless Area (Medicine Bow - Routt National Forest, Colorado) --
This area straddles two national forests encompassing 105,000 acres in northwest Colorado. It is the largest roadless area in Colorado and one of the largest pristine ecological areas in the Rocky Mountains. Adjacent to the Flat Tops Wilderness, it has extensive and outstanding aspen stands interspersed with open meadows that provide prime habitat for an abundance of wildlife, including trophy elk and deer.

Little River Roadless Area (The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest, Virginia) -- The Little River Roadless area, encompassing 27,248 acres, offers excellent opportunities for primitive, non-motorized recreation in a setting of solitude and serenity. The area also offers spectacular vistas of the Shenandoah Valley from the high ridges and knobs with elevations reaching more than 4,000 feet. The area supports a diversity of Appalachian hardwoods including a variety of oaks and hickories, tulip poplar and mountain ash. The area contains a well-developed trail system and is excellent for backpacking.

South Quinault Ridge Unroaded Area (Olympic National Forest, Washington) -- The South Quinault Ridge Unroaded Area encompasses about 9,852 acres, of steep and rugged country adjacent to the Colonel Bob Wilderness, on the spectacular Olympic Peninsula. It is adjacent to the south shore of popular Lake Quinault. The area provides hikers with access to interpretive trails, and outstanding examples of Olympic rain forest, and contains old-growth conifers and lush understory vegetation. Streams flowing off this area feed directly into Lake Quinault and the Quinault River, which are sockeye salmon habitat areas.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(New York, New York)

Saturday, September 9, 2000

RADIO ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATION

Waldorf-Astoria
New York, New York

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. This year our nation is experiencing one of the worst wildfire seasons in memory. Extreme weather and lightning strikes have helped spark an estimated 250 fires every day. More than 6.6 million acres have burned already, and more than 35 large fires continue in nine states. We've all witnessed the tragedy of family homes destroyed, and admired the bravery of firefighters and citizens joining efforts to battle the blazes. I saw it firsthand in Idaho last month, and I'll never forget it.

Today I want to talk with you about important new steps we're taking to help communities recover and to ease the threat of fires in the years ahead. For months now, we've been mobilizing federal resources to provide firefighters and communities the tools they need to combat the fires. More than 25,000 federal, state and local personnel have been engaged in the effort. We provided \$590 million in emergency firefighting funds, and recently I declared Montana and Idaho disaster areas, making them eligible for more federal relief. But we must do more.

That's why I directed Interior Secretary Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Glickman to prepare a report outlining a strategy to help communities recover from these fires, and to ensure that others are spared from similar tragedies in the future. Today I'm accepting the recommendations contained in this report and announcing the first steps we're taking to implement them.

First, saving lives and property is, and will remain, priority one. Our nation is blessed with the best firefighting force in the world. They're doing an extraordinary job in some of the most dangerous and difficult conditions imaginable. Some are finally returning home for well-deserved rest. But the fire season isn't over, and as long as the fires burn our firefighters will continue to receive our strong support to get the job done as quickly and safely as possible.

Second, we're launching new actions to help hard-hit communities recover as the smoke clears. Once the fires are out, the threat doesn't stop. Rain, for example, could trigger mudslides and dirty runoff threatens water quality. To help prevent further damage we've dispatched more than 50 rapid response teams to work with local communities to develop plans to repair damaged lands and protect precious water supplies.

In addition, we've just released nearly \$40 million for 90 restoration projects throughout the West. We'll also soon establish one-stop centers in Idaho and Montana, so that citizens can gain quick access to assistance from unemployment aid to small business loans. We want to make sure the help gets to those who need it right away.

Finally, we must continue to take a long-range look to diminish the threats from fires in the years ahead. For almost 100 years our nation pursued a policy focusing on extinguishing all wildfires. It was well-intentioned, but as a result, many of our forests now have an unnatural buildup of brush and shrubs. This excessive undergrowth fuels forest fires, making them far more dangerous and difficult to control.

Our administration has taken a new approach to protect communities and reduce wildfire risks by getting rid of the forest underbrush that has accumulated over the last century. We're reducing the risk of fire on more than 2.4 million acres a year -- a fivefold increase since 1994. We want to work with communities to expand these efforts, in an environmentally sensitive way, particularly in those areas at greatest risk of wildfire.

Today's report provides a blueprint for action -- immediate steps to deliver assistance to hard-hit communities, new measures to build on our efforts to ease the threat of wildfires nationwide. The report recommends an additional \$1.5 billion to carry out this strategy, and I'm committed to working with the Congress to secure this critical funding.

Throughout this wildfire season we've seen our fellow citizens come together to save lives and aid communities in need. That's the best of the American spirit. It's reflected in these new steps to help put out the fires today, help communities heal tomorrow, and help to reduce wildfire threats for years to come.

Thanks for listening.

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON'S RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION:
NEW STEPS TO RESTORE FIRE-STRICKEN COMMUNITIES AND REDUCE THE
FUTURE THREAT OF WILDFIRE**

Today, in his weekly radio address, President Clinton will announce new actions to help restore communities and lands affected by this season's wildfires. The President will also unveil a new strategy for strengthening federal efforts, in partnership with states and communities, to ease the threat of future wildfire. During a visit to a fire camp in Idaho last month, the President directed Agriculture Secretary Glickman and Interior Secretary Babbitt to report back to him with recommendations to help communities recover from this year's fires - the worst in half a century - and to reduce the threat of future fires. Today, the President will accept the Secretaries' recommendations, and pledge to work with Congress to secure the funding needed to fully implement them.

The Worst Fire Season in Half a Century. The 2000 fire season ranks among the most severe in our country's history. The two major causes of this year's intense fires include a severe drought — accompanied by an unusual number of storms, lightning strikes and windy conditions — and the long-term effects of 100 years of aggressive fire suppression and the resulting buildup of fire fuel in our forests and rangelands. Today, 38 large fires continue to burn across nine states. As of early September, more than 6.5 million acres have burned and more than 76,000 wildfires have started. More than 25,000 civilian and military personnel have been mobilized to fight the fires. Through their extraordinary efforts, more than 75,000 fires have been contained this year. Extreme weather conditions are predicted to continue in coming weeks, and as the Santa Anna winds pick up, California will face an increased risk of wildfire.

Dedicating Fire Fighting Resources. While some firefighters are now heading home, thousands remain on the fire lines protecting hundreds of communities across the West. In his address, the President will renew his commitment to ensuring the resources and support needed to get the job done as quickly and safely as possible. To date, the President has released \$590 million in emergency fire-fighting funds to combat the western fires; and appropriate compensation for hard-pressed firefighters has also been made available.

Helping Communities Recover and Rebuild. The President announced new actions to help hard-hit communities recover from this year's severe fires. These actions include:

Protecting Communities From Future Damage: In addition to fire damage, communities face other health and safety threats, including mud slides from heavy rainfall or water contamination from polluted runoff. To help prevent future damage, the President announced that more than 50 rapid response teams have been dispatched to work with local communities to develop plans to repair land damaged by the fires and to protect precious water supplies. These teams will review burned areas to assess what sites need to be treated and what kind of work needs to be done to restore them.

Restoring Damaged Lands and Forests: To date, more than 4 million acres have been burned. To restore damaged lands across the West, the President announced that \$40 million has been released for 90 restoration projects. The Interior and Agriculture Departments will begin restoration activities on the damaged lands, including re-vegetation, soil stabilization, erosion

control, seeding of native species and stabilization of municipal watersheds. These projects include: \$101,550 to reseed approximately 750 acres damaged this summer in Devine Canyon, Idaho; \$553,200 for joint federal, state and local ranchers' efforts to reseed 8,000 acres of burned lands in Idaho's Bell Mare fire; and \$100,000 to help reseed burned lands and construct nearly ten miles of fence to allow for natural recovery and watershed protection in the Piceance Basin west of Meeker, Colorado.

Providing One-Stop Disaster Assistance: In many communities, workers, small business owners, families and others are in need of new resources and assistance to rebuild after this year's intense forest fires. Today, the President will announce that the Administration will soon establish one-stop disaster assistance centers in Idaho and Montana where citizens can gain quick access to a full array of services, from unemployment aid to small business loans. FEMA, the Small Business Administration and the USDA's Forest Service and Rural Development Agency will work together to provide quick and easy access for affected citizens and businesses.

A Strategy to Reduce Future Threats. This season's wildfire patterns reflect a century-long disruption of the natural fire cycle. In the late 19th century, millions of acres of forests and wildlands were cleared, leaving behind undergrowth, slash and weaker trees more susceptible to fire. Catastrophic fires in the early 1900's led to the adoption of an all-out federal fire-suppression policy that allowed an unnatural buildup of heavy undergrowth, which serves as "fuel" for forest fires. In addition, rapid population growth in the West has exacerbated fire risk as new development occurs alongside fire-prone forest and grasslands – the so-called urban-wildland interface.

In 1994, the Clinton-Gore Administration initiated the first-ever, comprehensive interagency review of wildland fire policy. Over the last six years, the Administration has expanded by fivefold its efforts to reduce the fuel load in the nation's forests through prescribed burns and mechanical thinning, which leave behind healthier, more fire-resistant forests. More than 2.4 million acres will be treated this year.

Today, the President will accept the Secretaries' recommendations for building on the Administration's efforts to reduce the threat of fire and restore healthy forests. The strategy calls for: significantly increasing the number of acres undergoing fuel reduction treatment each year; developing new uses and markets for small-diameter trees and other biomass removed during fuel reduction; forging new partnerships with local communities and helping them expand their efforts to reduce fire risk; and establishing a Cabinet-level team, chaired by the Agriculture and Interior Secretaries, to coordinate these efforts. The report concludes that these efforts can successfully reduce fire risk without relying on increased commercial logging.

The Secretaries' report recommends an additional \$1.6 billion in fiscal year 2001 to carry out this strategy and to support other efforts to help fire-stricken communities and maintain firefighting capabilities. The President is committed to working with Congress to secure this critical funding.

Working With States and Communities. Over the coming weeks, Secretaries Glickman and Babbitt will travel to Western states to meet with Governors and to visit fire-stricken communities to detail their recommendations and to hear from those on the front lines of this summer's fires how best to recover and to reduce the future threat of fires.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1998

Mike Dombeck
Chief
Forest Service
201 14th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Dombeck:

I was delighted to read the recent article in Government Executive on **BEST FEDS ON THE WEB**. Let me take this occasion to congratulate you for the excellent customer service you are providing through your web site. As you know, quality customer service is a top priority in the Clinton-Gore Administration.

Your organization continues to serve as an excellent model for other Federal agencies on how to provide an interesting and easy-to-use web site, providing consumers hassle-free access to government services. Your innovative website encourages consumers to contact your agency and to take advantage of the many services which you provide.

Again, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your efforts to provide quality customer service. My personal commitment is to increase the trust that the American public has in our government. The only way we can achieve that goal is to restore their confidence by giving the public the best possible service. Your web site is an excellent example of why I believe that we can achieve "America @ Our Best."

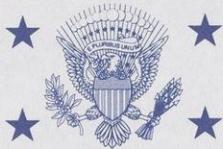
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Al Gore

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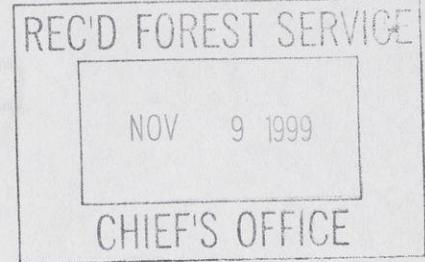
Memorandum



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1999

Mr. Michael P. Dombeck
Chief
U.S. Forest Service
201 14th St., S.W. 4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20250



Dear Mike:

My recent travel has reminded me of the high expectations Americans have for their government. Improving the lives of American citizens is why we are working so hard to transform the way government conducts business.

As we mark the sixth anniversary of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, I want to acknowledge the fine work your agency is doing to improve the lives of the people you serve. Morley Winograd has kept me apprised of what you are doing to make this a government that works better and gets results that Americans care about. A prime example of how we are changing government to provide better service to the public is the new integrated, nationwide electronic outdoor recreation information system that your agency helped to establish.

I appreciate the hard work involved and wanted to thank you for your efforts and those of your team. Working together, we can make the vision of restoring trust in America's government come true. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

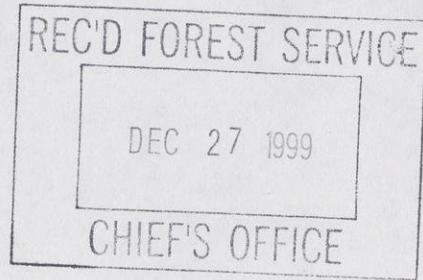
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1999

Mr. Michael P. Dombeck
Chief of Forest Service
Dept. of Agriculture/Forest Service
Sidney Yates Building
201 14th Street, S.W., 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20250



Dear Mr. Dombeck:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts to help make this week both incredible and historic. The federal government, for the first time ever, has measured the satisfaction of our customers and told the world how we performed. This is an enormous turning point, and it puts real muscle on our commitment to deliver service as good as the best businesses in America. We will never be able to back down from that promise now. The American people are paying attention.

It took courage and leadership to make this happen — your courage and leadership, along with the other agency leaders who participated. I am so proud of my first team; individuals like you are showing others what is possible to make government work better and cost less.

Now, we are able to show that government can learn from its customers and perform better. Like businesses, we will use the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) every year to measure the success of our operations. The next index is scheduled to begin in August of 2000. Between now and then, we need to do everything we can to respond to what we have learned and improve our services. I know that by listening to our customers, we are going to raise the ACSI score so that a year from now, we can truly say we have met our goal — service equal to the best in business.

There is one opportunity I want you to seriously consider: expanding your use of the index to include additional customer groups. We did a tremendous job for the first time out; now that we know we can do this, we need to do more. We must talk to more core customer groups. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has already committed to add two additional sectors in addition to recent retirees. And like the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), we need to hear more from our toughest customers. We must continue to show that we are not afraid to ask how we are doing because we are absolutely, positively committed to service — just like you showed them this week.

Your efforts have been great, Michael. Keep up the good work.

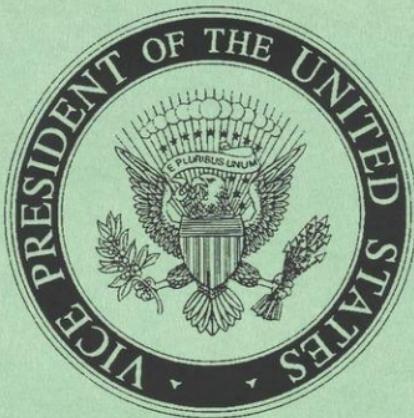
Sincerely,

Al Gore

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Memoirs

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT



TRIP OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

JUNE 29, 1998

SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT GORE
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1998
FINAL

SCHEDULER: TODD DENNETT
WORK PHONE: 202-456-9048
HOME PHONE: 703-522-4373
WHCA PAGER#: PIN #4465

WASHINGTON, DC - DAYTONA BEACH & PALM COAST, FL - WASHINGTON, DC

DAYTONA BEACH WEATHER FORECAST: Sunny & hot - highs in the mid 90's.

Staff Note: Staff vans depart for Andrews at 6:10 am from the South Court.

Note: The President is in China.

Note: All events in Florida are casual attire.

7:00 am **MOTORCADE DEPARTS NAVOBS**
 En Route: LZ
 Drive Time: 5 minutes
 BRIEFING IN THE CAR

7:05 am **MOTORCADE ARRIVES LZ**

7:10 am **MARINE II DEPARTS LZ**
 En Route: Andrews AFB
 Flight Time: 10 minutes

Marine II Manifest:
The Vice President
Paul Cusack
Paul Hegarty
Monica Dixon
Mike Feldman
Cmd. Scott
John Chitwood
3 USSS

7:20 am **MARINE II ARRIVES**

7:30 am

AIR FORCE II DEPARTS (C-9)

En Route: Daytona Beach, FL

Flight Time: 1 hour 55 minutes

AFII Manifest:

The Vice President

Carol Browner

Jim Lyons

Mike Dombeck

Lacey Suiter

Monica Dixon

Paul Cusack

Paul Hegarty

Mike Feldman

Callie Shell

Larry Haas

Nathan Naylor

Rosina Bierbaum

Rick Gonzales

Kris Balderston

Cmd. Scott

John Chitwood

7 USSS

3 WHCA

Note: Breakfast will be served on the plane.

9:25 am

AIR FORCE II ARRIVES

Daytona Beach Jet Center

904-255-0471

OPEN PRESS

Greeters:

Congresswoman Corinne Brown

Mayor Baron "Bud" Asher, Daytona Beach

Patricia Northey, Vice Chairman, Volusia County Council

R. H. (Pat) Patterson, Volusia County Council Member

Freddye C. Moore, Volusia County Council Member

Robert E. Tuttle, Volusia County Council Member

Ann McFall, Volusia County Council Member

Christina A. Travis, Daytona Beach Commissioner

George Burden, Daytona Beach Commissioner

Yvonne Scarlett-Golden, Daytona Beach Commissioner

FL Advance Team:
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Pager: 888-369-5190
Cell: 202-757-9563
Site: Michael Coen
Cell: 202-744-1546
SkyPager: pin# 145 4500
Press: Roger Salazar
Pager: 800-800-7759
Cell: 202-757-9112
Motorcade: John Marble
SkyPager: pin # 216 7981

Staff Phone: 904-252-9448
Staff Fax: 904-252-2852
Press Phone: 904-252-1398

Hotel
Ramada Inn Speedway
phone: 904-255-2422
fax: 904-253-1749

9:35 am

MOTORCADE DEPARTS

En Route: Emergency Operations Center
Drive Time: 15 minutes

Motorcade Manifest:

Lead: Goodman
Limo: The Vice President
Spare: Hegarty, Chitwood
Control: Dixon, Cusack, Scott
Support: Shell, Haas, Feldman, Bierbaum, Gonzales
Guest 1: Browner, Lyons, Dombeck, Suiter, Balderston
Guest 2: Brown, Asher
Guest 3:
Press 1: Naylor, Press TBD
Press 2: Local Pool

9:50 am

MOTORCADE ARRIVES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
49 Keyton Drive

Greeters: R. Stanley Rosevear, Chairman, Volusia County Council
Larry Arrington, Volusia County Manager
Paul Fay, FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer
Jim Ryan, Volusia County Emergency Manager
Joe Myers, Director, FL Division of Emergency Management

9:55 am

GREET EMERGENCY CENTER PERSONNEL

Emergency Operations Center

10:00 am

Participants: 35-40 people
49 Keyton Drive
Contact: Eric Anderson
POOL PRESS

Format:

- The Vice President, accompanied by Jim Ryan, Volusia County Emergency Manager, enters the room and greets emergency center personnel.
- Jim Ryan makes brief informal remarks and introduces the Vice President.
- The Vice President makes brief informal remarks and departs.

10:05 am

BRIEFING

Emergency Operations Center - Conference Room

Participants: 16-18

Contact: Rosina Bierbaum, Michael Coen

POOL PRESS

Format:

- The Vice President, accompanied by Jim Ryan, enters the room and takes a seat at the table.
- Jim Ryan opens discussion with the Vice President and the following individuals:
 - Lewis Kearney, US Forest Service, Incident Commander
 - Ray Walsh, Volusia County Firefighter
 - Bart Hagemeyer, Meteorologist in Charge of the National Weather Service in Melbourne, FL
 - Dr. David Easterling, National Climate Data Center
 - Dr. Steven Wiersma, Deputy State Epidemiologist
- The Vice President makes brief closing remarks and departs

10:40 am

MOTORCADE DEPARTS

En Route: Fire Science Institute

Drive Time: 5 minutes

Motorcade Manifest:

Lead: Goodman

Limo: The Vice President

Spare: Hegarty, Chitwood

Control: Dixon, Cusack, Scott

Support: Shell, Haas, Feldman, Bierbaum, Gonzales

Guest 1: Browner, Lyons, Dombeck, Suiter, Balderston

Guest 2: Brown, Asher, Fay, Meyers, Hardin

Guest 3: Rosevear, Ryan, Bryon, Arrington

Press 1: Naylor, Press TBD
Press 2: Local Pool

10:45 am **MOTORCADE ARRIVES FIRE SCIENCE INSTITUTE**
3889 Tigar Bay Road

Greeters: Governor Lawton Chiles
Jim Tauber, Volusia County Fire Chief
Jim Mauney, Manager, Incident Command Post

10:50 am **VISIT WITH FIREFIGHTERS**

Fire Science Institute

Attendees: 50-100

Remarks: Andrei Cherny

Contact: Eric Anderson

OPEN PRESS

Format:

- The Vice President, accompanied by Governor Chiles and Volusia County Fire Chief Jim Tauber, proceeds to the stage.
- Chief Tauber makes brief remarks and introduces Governor Chiles.
- Governor Chiles makes brief remarks and introduces the Vice President.
- The Vice President makes remarks.
- The Vice President is presented with a Volusia County Fire Hat.
- The Vice President works a ropeline and departs.

11:20 am **HOLD**

11:30 am

Note: Boxed lunches will be provided in the motorcade.

11:30 am **MOTORCADE DEPARTS**

En Route: Seminole Woods Subdivision

Drive Time: 35 minutes

Motorcade Manifest:

Lead: Goodman

Limo: The Vice President

Spare: Hegarty, Chitwood

Control: Dixon, Cusack, Scott

Support: Shell, Haas, Feldman, Bierbaum, Gonzales

Guest 1: Browner, Lyons, Dombeck, Suiter, Balderston
Guest 2: Brown, Fay
Guest 3: Meyers, Hardin
Press 1: Naylor, Press TBD
Press 2: Local Pool

12:05 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES
116 Ulturn Trail

Note: Staff may proceed directly to the Cromer residence.

12:10 pm WALKING TOUR OF DAMAGE
12:35 pm Seminole Woods Subdivision
Contact: Eric Anderson
OPEN PRESS

Format:

The Vice President, accompanied by Governor Chiles, walks through the damaged neighborhood and visits four families.

12:40 pm PROCEED TO CROMER RESIDENCE

Greeters: Mark Cromer
Tara Cromer
George Hanns, Vice Chairman, Flaglar County Commission
John Feay, Flaglar County Commissioner
Michael Des Parte, Flaglar County Commissioner
(T) Sam Trivett, Flaglar County Commissioner
(T) Jerry Davis, Director, Flaglar Co. Emergency Operations Center

12:45 pm HOLD
12:50 pm

1:25 pm BRIEFING
1:35 pm Cromer Residence
Contact: Larry Haas

1:40 pm **PRESS STATEMENT**
1:50 pm Seminole Woods Subdivision
Contact: Larry Haas
OPEN PRESS

2:00 pm **MOTORCADE DEPARTS**
En Route: Airport
Drive Time: 30 minutes

Motorcade Manifest:
Lead: Goodman
Limo: The Vice President
Spare: Hegarty, Chitwood
Control: Dixon, Cusack, Scott
Support: Shell, Haas, Feldman, Bierbaum, Gonzales
Guest 1: Browner, Lyons, Dombeck, Suiter, Balderston
Guest 2: Brown, Fay
Guest 3: Meyers, Hardin
Press 1: Naylor, Press TBD
Press 2: Local Pool

2:30 pm **MOTORCADE ARRIVES**

2:40 pm **AIR FORCE II DEPARTS**
En Route: Andrews AFB
Flight Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

AFII Manifest:
The Vice President
Carol Browner
Jim Lyons
Mike Dombeck
Lacey Suiter
Monica Dixon
Paul Cusack
Paul Hegarty
Mike Feldman
Callie Shell
Larry Haas
Nathan Naylor
Rosina Bierbaum
Rick Gonzales
Kris Balderston
Cmd. Scott
John Chitwood
Maurie Goodman
Roger Salazar
Andrew Kauders

Michael Coen
8 USSS
3 WHCA

Note: A light meal will be served on the plane.

4:25 pm AIR FORCE II ARRIVES

4:35 pm MARINE II DEPARTS
En Route: Navobs
Flight Time: 10 minutes

Marine II Manifest:

The Vice President
Paul Cusack
Paul Hegarty
Monica Dixon
Mike Feldman
Cmd. Scott
John Chitwood
3 USSS

4:45 pm MARINE II ARRIVES NAVOBS

5:15 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS RESIDENCE
En Route: Sheraton Carlton
Drive Time: 15 minutes

5:30 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES

Advance: Steve Adamske

5:30 pm LEADERSHIP 98 DINNER
Sheraton Carlton - Senate Salon
Attendees: 35 Call Time: 5:00 pm
Event Contact: Joe Eyer
Contact: Ansley Jones
CLOSED PRESS

Format:

- The Vice President enters the room and greets guests.
- The Vice President proceeds to his seat.
- Dinner is served.

Peter Knight introduces the Vice President.

The Vice President makes brief informal remarks.

7:00 pm **MOTORCADE DEPARTS**

En Route: Navobs

Drive Time: 15 minutes

7:15 pm **MOTORCADE ARRIVES NAVOBS**

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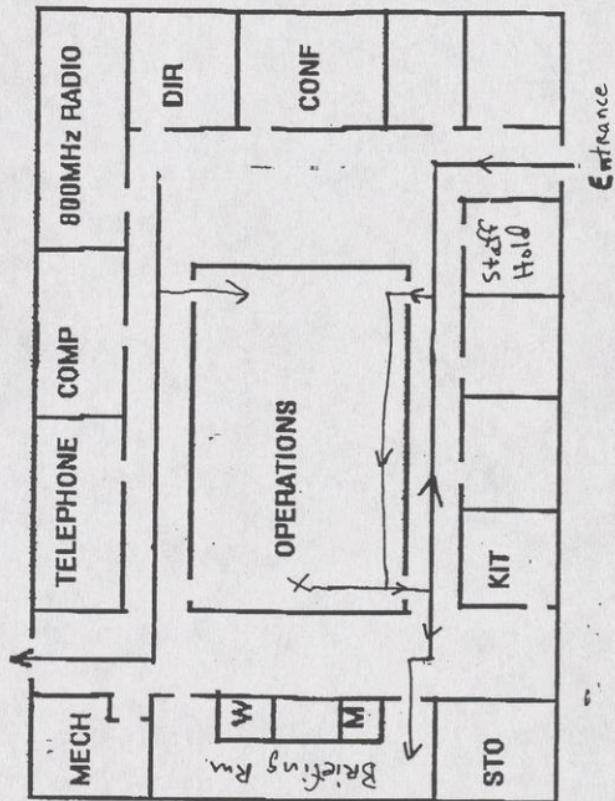
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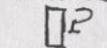
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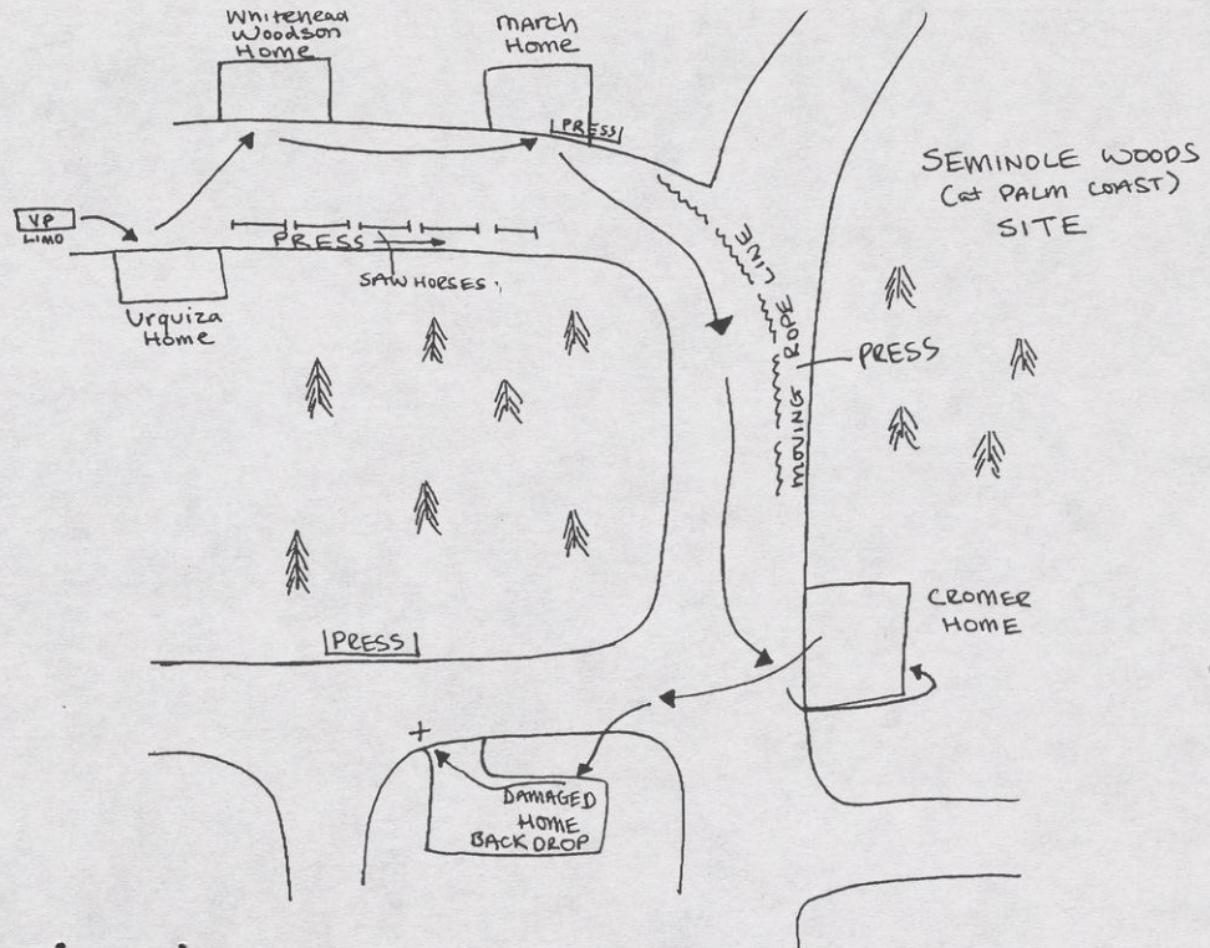
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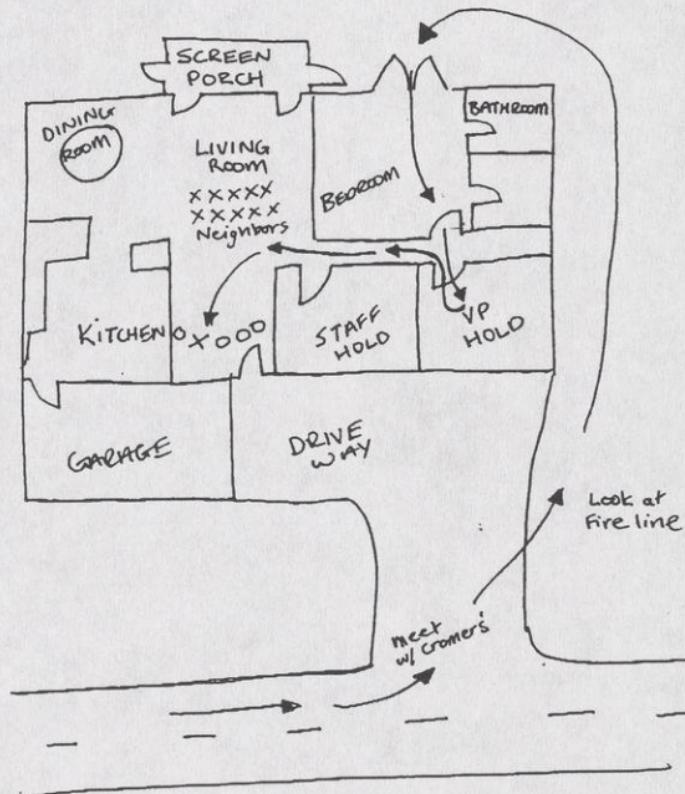
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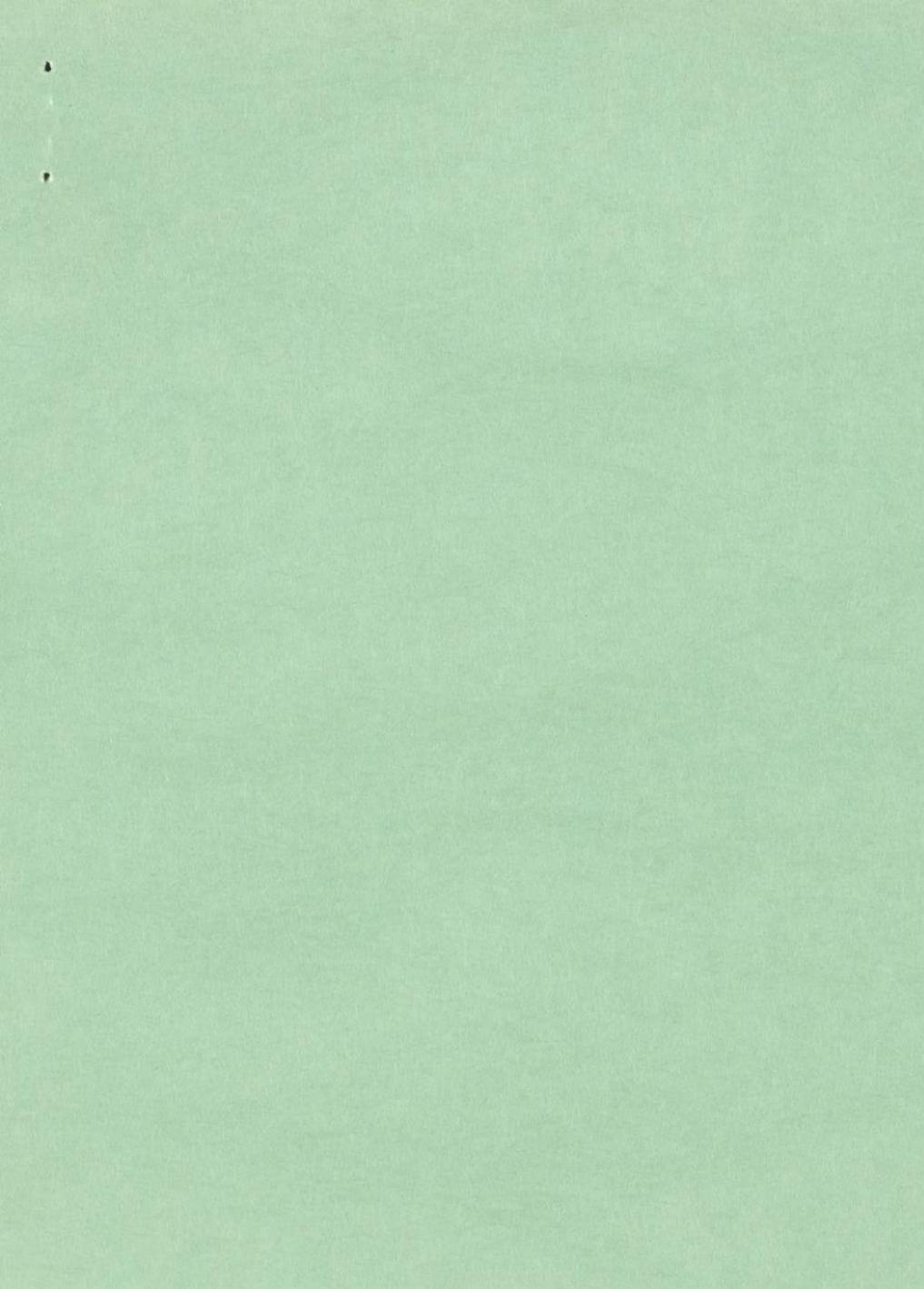
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149 ULATURN TRAIL S.





Mike Dombeck



**WELCOME
ABOARD
Air Force Two**

JOHN A. KITZHABER
Governor



April 2, 1998

Dear Mike,

I know you have had some tough going with Congress over the last few months, but I wanted to write and let you know that I think you're doing an excellent job. Your efforts to focus the agency — and the country — on the need to restore ecosystem health will ultimately prevail and will be an important legacy for yourself and for future generations.

Keep up the good work and know that out here in Oregon you are appreciated.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. Kitzhaber".

JOHN A. KITZHABER

Governor

Salem, OR 97310-0370

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MIKE DOMBECK - CHIEF
US FOREST SERVICE
PO BOX 96090
WASHINGTON DC 20090

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*On the occasion of the
First International Conference on
Reinventing Government*

*The Vice President
requests the pleasure of your company
at dinner
on Thursday, the fourteenth of January
at seven o'clock*

*To Reinert
R.S.W.P.
202-647-1735*

*The Benjamin Franklin Room
Department of State
2201 C Street, Northwest*



Dinner
by
The Vice President
on the occasion of the
First International Conference on
Reinventing Government

Menu

Roasted Red Pepper Soup

Herb Crusted Tenderloin of Beef

Potato Truffle Casserole

Sugar Snap Peas

Baby Carrots and Petit Pan Squash

Apple Charlotte Timbale
Calvados Ice Cream

Echelon Chardonnay 1997
Hunter Ashby Merlot 1995

Department of State
January 14, 1999

RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD
WISCONSIN



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

April 7, 1997

Mr. Michael P. Dombeck
305 Broadleaf Drive NE
Vienna, Virginia 22180-3536

Dear Mr. Dombeck,

It has recently come to my attention that you have been appointed head of the US Forest Service, and I wanted to extend my congratulations. Your lifelong enjoyment of the American wilderness and your continuous dedication to its preservation is extraordinary, and I am sure you will prove to be an excellent leader of the service with your knowledge and skill. Congratulations and best of luck with your latest achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell D. Feingold".

Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 13, 1999

October 13, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

SUBJECT: Protection of Forest "Roadless" Areas

At the start of this century, President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated this Nation to the conservation of natural resources -- our land, our water, our wildlife, and all the other precious gifts nature had bestowed upon us. One of America's great central tasks, he declared, is "leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us."

In pursuit of that goal, President Roosevelt established new protections for millions upon millions of acres across America. His remarkable legacy includes 5 national parks, 18 national monuments, and dozens of wildlife refuges. Among his most notable conservation achievements were the consolidation of 65 million acres of Federal forest reserves into the National Forest System, and the creation of the United States Forest Service to ensure wise stewardship of these lands for future generations. In this effort, he was guided by Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service and a founder of America's conservation movement.

Today, the National Forest System has grown to 192 million acres of forests and grasslands in 46 States and territories. These lands provide a broad array of benefits to the American people. They support rural industries, sustain fish and wildlife, generate drinking water for 60 million Americans, and provide important recreation opportunities to an increasingly urban population.

Over the years, unfortunately, our Nation has not always honored President Roosevelt's vision. Too often, we have favored resource extraction over conservation, degrading our forests and the critical natural values they sustain. As the consequences of these actions have become more apparent, the American people have expressed growing concern and have called on us to restore balance to their forests.

My Administration has made significant strides in improving the management of our Federal forestlands. Beginning with the adoption of a comprehensive, science-based forest plan for the Pacific Northwest, we have sought to strengthen protections for wildlife, water quality, and other vital ecological values, while ensuring a steady, sustainable supply of timber and other commodities to support stable rural economies. The new forest planning regulation proposed last month represents another major step in that direction.

It is time now, I believe, to address our next challenge -- the fate of those lands within the National Forest System that remain largely untouched by human intervention.

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A principal defining characteristic of these lands is that they do not have, and in most cases never have had, roads across them. We know from earlier inventories that there are more than 10 million acres of "roadless" area within the National Forest System, generally in parcels of 5,000 acres or more. A temporary moratorium on road building in most of these areas has allowed us time to assess their ecological, economic, and social values and to evaluate long-term options for their management.

In weighing the future of these lands, we are presented with a unique historic opportunity. From the Appalachian Mountains to the Sierra Nevada, these are some of the last, best unprotected wildlands in America. They are vital havens for wildlife -- indeed, some are absolutely critical to the survival of endangered species. They are a source of clean, fresh water for countless communities. They offer unparalleled opportunities for hikers, campers, hunters, anglers, and others to experience unspoiled nature. In short, these lands bestow upon us unique and irreplaceable benefits. They are a treasured inheritance -- enduring remnants of an untrammeled wilderness that once stretched from ocean to ocean.

Accordingly, I have determined that it is in the best interest of our Nation, and of future generations, to provide strong and lasting protection for these forests, and I am directing you to initiate administrative proceedings to that end.

Specifically, I direct the Forest Service to develop, and propose for public comment...regulations to provide appropriate long-term protection for most or all of these currently inventoried "roadless" areas, and to determine whether such protection is warranted for any smaller "roadless" areas not yet inventoried. The public, and all interested parties, should have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed regulations. In the final regulations, the nature and degree of protections afforded should reflect the best available science and a careful consideration of the full range of ecological, economic, and social values inherent in these lands.

I commend you, along with the Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Jim Lyons, the Chief of the Forest Service, Michael Dombeck, and the entire Forest Service for your leadership in strengthening and modernizing the management of our Federal forests -- lands held by us in trust for all Americans and for future generations. With the new effort we launch today, we can feel confident that we have helped to fulfill and extend the conservation legacy of Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, and to ensure that the 21st century is indeed a new century for America's forests.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

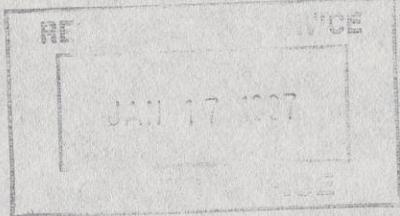
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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1689 C Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-5151

January 9, 1997



Mr. Michael Dombeck, Chief
USDA Forest Service
P.O. Box 96090
Washington, D.C. 20090-6090

Dear Mike:

Congratulations Mike! On behalf of the members of the Alaska Directorate, the Secretary's Alaska Office and myself, I would like to extend to you our deepest heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Your distinguished service and experience with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be of great value to you in your new capacity.

I also want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all of your strong and effective support over these past years for BLM's programs in Alaska. Your thoughtful advocacy for sound resource management and administration has served the State of Alaska and its residents very well.

I am looking forward to continuing our cooperative approach to addressing the many issues that cross DOA/DOI jurisdictional boundaries, particularly with regard to endangered species, federal subsistence management, and a myriad of land and resources matters. You have been an effective advocate for sound management practices and good science. We have a tremendous opportunity to work closely together and to continue to implement a strong public land management program.

In closing, I wish you the very best in your future activities as the Chief of the Forest Service.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Williams
Special Assistant to the Secretary
for Alaska

cc: The Secretary
Members, ACPG, Alaska
Phil Janik, USDAFS, Juneau



UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1998

Michael Dombeck
Chief, Forest Service
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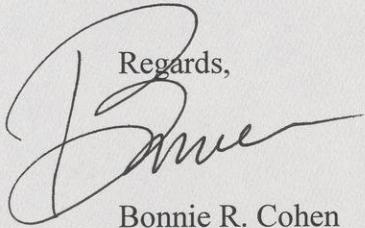
Dear Mike:

I just had to write and say what a good job I think you're doing. (At least from the press reports!)

All the things we talked about, fretted about, and complained about, at the Forest Service seem to be being addressed - logging roads, overuse of wilderness like the Salmon, ... We are all lucky you are there - and Francis too.

Hope you are having fun. Which is something people always say to me - and I don't have an answer yet.

Regards,


Bonnie R. Cohen

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August 30, 2000

Mr. Mike Dombeck, Chief
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Post Office Box 96090
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Dear Mr. Dombeck:

I am pleased that you were able to participate in the recent dedication of the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Thank you for taking the time to join me for this special occasion. With the construction of this beautiful new facility, we have established another valuable tool in environmental stewardship. I am proud that I was able to secure federal funds to make it a reality.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Robert C. Byrd
Robert C. Byrd

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BYRON L. DORGAN
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Mike

Thank you for coming
to North Dakota. I will be
joining you on Friday in Dickinson
if the Senate schedule cooperates.

I really appreciate
your work on the grasslands
issues.

Thanks Mike!

Byron

SIDNEY R. YATES
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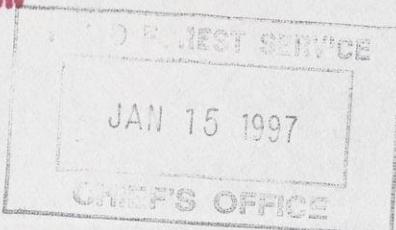
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1/8/97

Chief -

Just read your statement from
monday to f.s. employees -

Excellent speech.

Mr. Yates and I are very much
looking forward to working with
you in your new job.

best -

Jason Bryson Alderman

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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September 24, 1999

The Honorable Michael Dombeck
Director
U.S. Forest Service
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Director Dombeck:

I recently read the September 6, 1999 edition of *Newsweek* which included a complimentary article regarding your directorship of the U.S. Forest Service. I commend you for your efforts.

As a "laid-back Wisconsin native" myself, I recognize the difficult and competing tasks that you face. And as a member of the House Committee on Resources, subcommittee on Forestry and Forest Health, I hope to work with you and the Forest Service to find a common balance between economic and environmental interests on our national forests.

Again, my best wishes for your continued success at the U.S. Forest Service. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Ron Kind
Member of Congress

Mike -
Keep up the great work.
You make us cheeseheads
very proud!

ELIZABETH FURSE
1ST DISTRICT, OREGON

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January 9, 1997

Michael Dombeck, Chief
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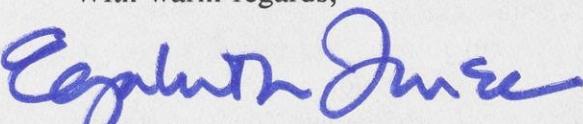
Dear Chief Dombeck:

Please accept my congratulations on your new appointment as Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

As you well know, the job that lies ahead will not be an easy one. The Forest Service is faced with many challenges, foremost of which is restoring the agency's credibility and regaining the trust of the American people in the wake of the disastrous salvage rider. In the Northwest, the agency must also work with other landowners in tackling the pressing habitat degradation problems contributing to the decline of the region's once-abundant salmon runs. The public health and safety issue of the link between mudslides and adjacent forest management activities must also be addressed, as tragically illustrated during the recent floods with the deaths of eight Oregonians.

I am confident and hopeful that your experience and scientific background will position you well for addressing these important issues. I look forward to working with you on them in the 105th Congress.

With warm regards,

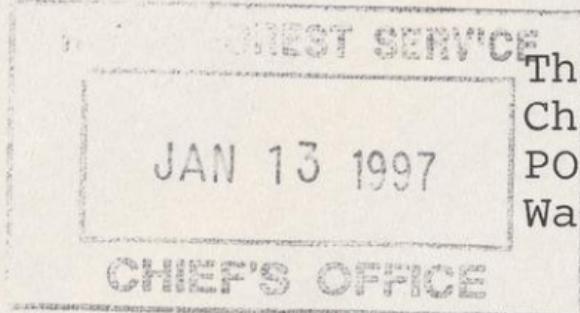


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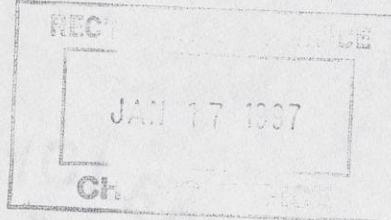
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Honorable Michael Dombeck
Chief, Forest Service
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Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mike:

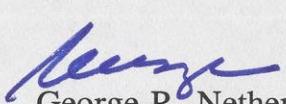
Congratulations on your being appointed as Chief of the Forest Service.

I know the courage and commitment it takes to serve in such a high-profile position. The important thing for society, however, is that more people with good qualities and experience, such as yourself, be willing to serve under often difficult circumstances. I look forward to working with you over the next two years.

Please contact me directly if I can be of any assistance to you in ensuring a smooth transition.

Best regards.

Cordially,


George R. Nethercutt, Jr.
Representative in Congress

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Good luck to you, Mike!



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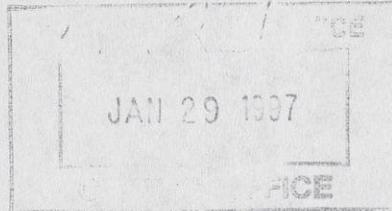
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January 8, 1997

Michael Dombeck, Chief
USDA Forest Service
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Washington, D.C. 20090-6090



Mike

Dear Chief Dombeck:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Chief of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. I'm sure you'll find the opportunity to lead the agency into the next century to be rewarding.

We're especially pleased to have a native of Wisconsin in charge of this very important agency. Your experience in and knowledge of Wisconsin's northwoods will undoubtedly be useful as you consider new ways to accomplish stewardship of the nation's forests. With your excellent academic training at UW-Stevens Point, University of Minnesota and Iowa State University, you are well-prepared to guide the agency through these challenging times.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources truly values the outstanding relationship we have with the State and Private, Research and National Forest branches of the Forest Service. We have the common goal of maintaining healthy, productive and diverse ecosystems and I look forward to maintaining this effective partnership between our two agencies.

Again, congratulations on your new assignment. Don't hesitate to call on me or my staff if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

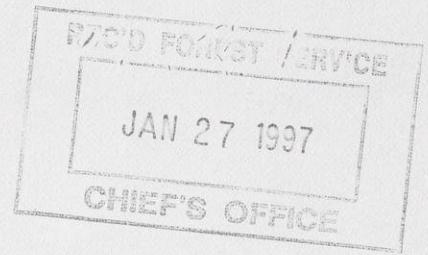
George

George E. Meyer, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



FRAN ULMER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF ALASKA

January 13, 1997



Mr. Mike Dombeck, Chief
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Agriculture
201 14th Street SW at Independence SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mike:

I am writing to you as a fellow former Badger to congratulate you on your recent appointment as chief of the Forest Service. It is an important job, particularly to those of us who live in the Tongass National Forest.

If there is anything I can do for you here in Alaska or if you would like to discuss the Tongass, please give me a call.

I've enclosed a copy of my resume so you can trace the Wisconsin roots! Best wishes to you and your team.

Sincerely,

Fran Ulmer
Fran Ulmer
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosure

Frances Ann Ulmer



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January 1995 - Present

Lieutenant Governor • Elected with Governor Tony Knowles
November 1994. First woman elected to statewide office
in Alaska

November 1986 - January 1995

State Representative • Four terms in the Alaska State House of
Representatives. Last term served as Minority Leader

October 1983 - October 1985

Mayor • City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Personal

Married for 18 years to Bill Council, attorney in private practice
Two teenagers, Amy and Louis
Hobbies: fishing, hiking, kayaking, cross country skiing and singing
Place of Birth: Madison, Wisconsin
Alaska resident since 1973

Education

1972

J.D. University of Wisconsin Law School, Cum Laude

1969

B.A. University of Wisconsin, Madison
Joint major in Political Science and Economics
Advanced training in conflict mediation and executive
management (American Management Association)

Honors

1991

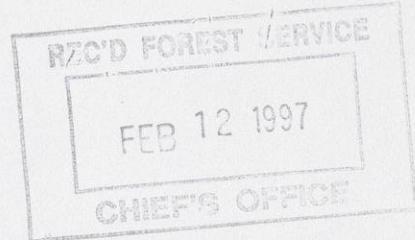
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1992

Chair, Alaska Delegation, Democratic National Convention



TOMMY G. THOMPSON
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN



January 31, 1997

Chief Michael Dombeck
U.S. Forest Service
P.O. Box 96090
Washington D.C. 20090-6090

Dear Chief Dombeck:

I want to join your family and many friends in congratulating you on being named Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

From your time spent with UW-Stevens Point, to now at our Nation's Capitol, I commend your years of devotion to our natural resources.

It is an honor for me to have a Wisconsin native serving in this role. This is a tremendous accomplishment and I wish you all the best at the U.S. Forest Service.

With warm regards,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

TGT/jlw



NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

JAMES R. LYONS
UNDER SECRETARY

12/9/97

MIKE -

Great piece in the Post
on the 25th and
on the front page of the
Salt Lake TRIB! The
message is getting out and
you're finally getting heard
by the media. Great job!

Let's talk about ways
I can lend support when we
get together this week.

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September 25, 2000

Mr. Michael Dombeck
Chief
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Dear Mr. Dombeck:

The roundtable in New York on September 19th certainly fulfilled the hopes of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute that we could help create an agenda of the crucial issues facing conservation and land use as we begin a new century. Thank you for being with us. The stature of the participants and the high caliber of the discussion were most impressive. Working closely with Ted Roosevelt and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, we will now help prepare the next step; keeping you informed as we go forward.

It was a great personal pleasure for me to meet you. The Presidential Library and the Historic Site at Hyde Park will be the venue, I hope, of some of our future deliberations. If your travels bring you to Hyde Park at any time, please let me know so we can be sure that you have full access to the facilities.

With great respect and admiration for what you have done and what you are doing, I am

Sincerely,

William J. vanden Heuvel
Chairman





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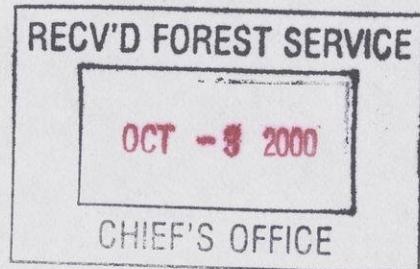
Dear Mike:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your hard work on the report, *Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment*. You and your staff did a superb job, and I know that I speak for the President in thanking you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan".

DAN GLICKMAN
Secretary



Memorandum



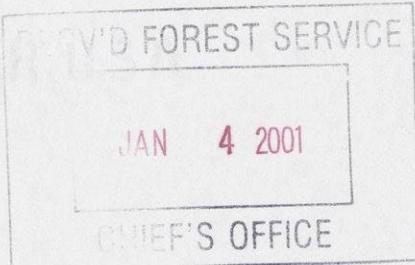
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To Mike Dombeck -

You might be
interested in the
attached story from
Hortulus Magazine. There
is a picture of you on p. 35



Dan

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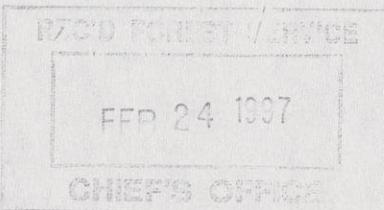
Dear Mr. Dombeck:

I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment to Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. This position will undoubtedly present many challenges with the multitude of complex issues at hand. I wish you all the best in this new endeavor.

If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at any time. I hope I will have the opportunity to see you on your next visit to Alaska.

Sincerely,

Beverly Masek
Representative
District 28



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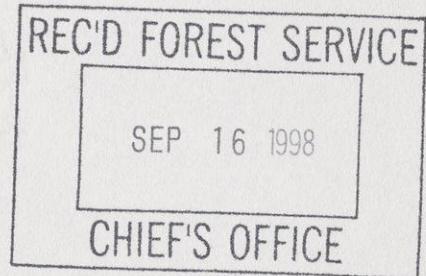
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September 9, 1998

Mr. Michael Dombeck
Chief
U.S. Forest Service
201 14th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chief Dombeck:

The purchase of the New World mine in Cooke City, Montana stands as one of the major environmental accomplishments of the Clinton Administration. Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park, is a national treasure for present and future generations of Americans. Your work helped save Yellowstone by establishing a new and creative manner of dispute resolution while respecting and preserving cherished private property rights.

This purchase and restoration of the New World mine property bears the signatures of many talented and dedicated people working as a team. I want to thank you for contributing your special skills and possessing persistence to ensure that the historic agreement announced by President Clinton on August 12, 1996 came to fruition. I know that you must be proud to have been a part of that team.

Your service is a great credit to you and the Forest Service. President Clinton and Vice President Gore are grateful to you for your efforts as well. I hope you will share this letter with your staff and pass along the Administration's appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Kathleen A. McGinty
Chairman

KAM/rsk



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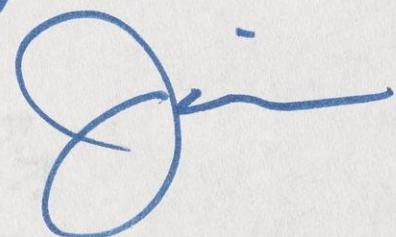
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Mike —

10/7/29

So much is happening right now and so much progress is being made, we don't often have time to sit and listen. Your remarks today at the Leopold Conference were outstanding — both in substance and delivery. I've seen you grow in this job by leaps and bounds. Thanks for your partnership and leadership. Leopold would be pleased!



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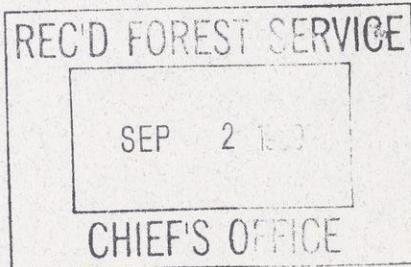
Aug 30th

Dear Mike,

I thought you might
want to see this article
from yesterday's Mid Page.

Til sun,

Doug



JOHN A. KITZHABER
Governor



July 21, 1999

Dear Mike,

Here is an article from the Oregonian which you may have seen. It appeared right after your visit.

Thanks again for your efforts on behalf of forest health in the Northwest. I look forward to working with you to make this a great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JAH".