

Forest reserves - Montana July 19, 1886

Hill to Hon. Knute Nelson

"The Bill for timber reservation on the Headwaters of the Missouri is on its face bad legislation. There are only a few small streams to be affected by it and these do not flow over 5% of the water in the Missouri. river where they empty into it. The Head of the Gallatin Madison and Jefferson forks of the Mo. are near the headwaters of the Yellowstone and a large addition [to] the Yellowstone Park on the west would be of benefit." "I ~~think~~ we certainly in the Northwest fared as well at least under Republican Rule as we have so far under the Brigadins [?], and I think ~~there~~ will be quite a change in sentiment <sup>(over)</sup> the fall Elections

If the G.O.P. were not so far gone on Protection I think they would keep the Country."

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