

Forest reserves - Montana                      July 20, 1886  
Hill to H. B. Strait, H. of R., Washington  
Re bill for proposed Forestry Reserve in northern Montana, which seems to be "something else than what it proposes. The only good agricultural land in Montana lies in the northern part of the Territory and a large part of it is included in this reservation. If the design is to protect the flow of water in the Missouri River, the extension of the Yellowstone Park Res. westward to cover the head waters of the Gallatin Madison & Jefferson Forks would be effective, but as proposed it is mainly an open Prairie without any timber."

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