

National Park Proposals

THE SISSON PROMOTION ASSOCIATION

Sisson (Siskiyou County) California

February 23rd, 1912

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. TAFT,
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We beg to call your attention to a set of resolutions recently passed by the Sisson Promotion Association in which the people of California are asking that the National Government set aside and declare Mt. Shasta and suitable land round and about this mountain a NATIONAL PARK.

California has been wonderfully blessed by nature in the number and variety of her natural wonders and among them MT. SHASTA stands preeminent and the people of California are asking that this mountain with suitable land around it together with what little timber yet remains be set aside as a park to be enjoyed by all the people for generations to come.

We know of the many things you have done for California and the keen interest you have always taken in behalf of the people and your desire to have them enjoy that which nature intended they should enjoy and we ask that you kindly preserve to us this ancient landmark in all its natural beauty and your kindness will be very highly appreciated by the people of California and particularly those of northern California.

We beg to remain,

Very truly,

SISSON PROMPTION ASSOCIATION

By E.H. Kaupp
Secretary

WHEREAS, California has been endowed by nature with much scenic grandeur, with her forests of GIANT REDWOODS and her mountains with their SNOW COVERED PEAKS that are the wonder and admiration of all who have the opportunity of beholding them, and

WHEREAS, MT SHASTA, being one of the foremost mountains of the world and second to none in the United States, standing practically alone and rising to a height of 14,444 feet above the sea level, with its perpetual coat of snow and its lower foothills still covered with a virgin forest of Silver Fir, Sugar and Yellow Pine, and

WHEREAS, Many people yearly visit MT. SHASTA that they may view it in all its grandeur, and

WHEREAS, THE PANAMA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION WILL bring many thousands of visitors to California in the year 1915, practically all of whom will want to see MT. SHASTA before they return home and many of whom will attempt the arduous task of climbing to its summit where an unobstructed view of all the northern part of California can be had by the aid of powerful field glasses, and,

WHEREAS, The people of California are desirous of seeing MT. SHASTA remain for future generations in all its grandeur and its virgin forests retained, and that it may be made easy of access for the benefit of the people of the UNITED STATES and of the WORLD, and

WHEREAS, the Attention of the National Government has never been directed to MT. SHASTA by the people of California as one of the real wonders of the World, A SNOW COVERED MOUNTAIN THAT WAS ONCE AN ACTIVE VOLCANO WHICH HAS AT THE PRESENT TIME A BOILING HOT SULPHUR SPRING ON ITS VERY SUMMIT, and its sides covered with huge boulders showing plainly that in ages past they were thrown out by this seething volcano, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Improvement Association of Sisson, Siskiyou County, State of California, at a meeting held at Sisson on February 14, 1912, that the President of the United States, the Senators from this state and the Congressman from the first California Congressional district, be and the same are hereby petitioned and earnestly urged to take appropriate steps to the end that MT. SHASTA, with its glaciers, volcanic cones and cirques, with the world famous wild romantic cliffs, gorges and canyons, together with such additional territory and easements for easy and comfortable access as may be determined, BE DECLARED A NATIONAL PARK, and maintained as such, and that to this end proper and sufficient appropriations of money be made by Congress.

RESOLVED, that copies of these resolutions, properly authenticated by the President and Secretary of this association, be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the United States Senators from California, the Congressional [sic] delegation from this State and the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

RESOLVED, that this matter be also referred to the Board of Trustees of the town of Sisson, the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, to the Supervisor of the Shasta National Forest, to the State Senator of this Senatorial district and to Assemblyman from this district for recommendation and action of such nature as they may deem proper.

RESOLVED, further, that all admirers of scenic beauty and grandeur be asked to aid in the attainment of the above purpose.

The foregoing resolution was regularly adopted at a meeting of the Sisson Promotion Association held on the 16th day of February, 1912, at Sisson, Siskiyou County, California.

SISSON PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

M.J. KNOX
President

Attest:

E.H. Kaupp
Secretary