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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Yellowstone Park, Wyo.,
July 15, 1927.

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killing porcupines

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

I inclose an original letter dated July 11th addressed to me by the Acting Chief Civil Engineer in regard to the killing of trees in the Craters of the Moon National Monument by porcupines. My recommendation is that in the Craters of the Moon National Monument porcupine be declared to be a predatory animal and that instructions be issued to the custodian of the Monument to kill these animals on sight.

I have been in the Craters of the Moon National Monument and I can assure you that trees are very scarce and ought to be given the utmost of protection. I do not believe it is necessary to send the Chief Naturalist to the Craters of the Moon National Monument simply to investigate the porcupine situation. It may, however, be advisable to send him over there for other purposes if we desire to get a full report on all phases of possible development of the Monument.

Very truly yours,

Franklin C. Cunningham
Assistant Director (Field)

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