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*(An answer to  
Kreutzer's letter.)*  
Mr. William R. Kreutzer,  
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Kreutzer:

I have just recently learned of your retirement after your remarkable service of forty-one years, and I can not deny myself the pleasure of writing to congratulate you. It seems a long time ago when you and I first met. But I do not forget that you were in it before I was, although I began my work in the old Division of Forestry a month and eight days before you started under the Land Office. On the other hand, you certainly lasted a whole lot longer than I did.

Every good wish to you for health and happiness now that you have retired. When you come to write the story of your life in the Forest Service of the Government, I am sure you will not forget to contrast the conditions at the beginning and at the end.

With every good wish to you once more.

Faithfully yours,

*Gifford Pinchot*