

Conservation - Congresses

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Hill to Pres. Theodore Roosevelt

Dear Mr. President, I have great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation for May thirteenth next, to attend a Conference on the Conservation of National Resources. The people of this country have entirely failed to appreciate the rapidity with which they are consuming what was probably the most noble heritage of natural resources to be found in any country. The greatest foundation of value and, I might say, of its life itself, is in the fertility of the soil, and this is being washed as recklessly and rapidly as any of the others. I hope to be in Washington next week and will have the pleasure

of calling upon you. Thanking you sincerely  
for the invitation, I [REDACTED] yours sincerely"

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