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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1927.

Hon. Ralph Budd,
President, Great Northern Railway Company,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Budd:

I have your letter of the 11th and was surprised at your report of the condition of the road to Two Medicine Lake, as we had agreed last winter to improve it.

Upon looking into the matter since the receipt of your letter, I find the first proposals for resurfacing 5.7 miles were opened on June 28, 1927, but only one bid was received, which was 43% higher than the engineers' estimates. The bid was rejected on July 20, upon the recommendation of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, and new bids were called for. On August 12, 1927, the contract was awarded to the Pioneer Construction Company, of Bozeman, Montana.

The progress report filed October 1, 1927, by the Bureau of Public Roads, which is handling the work for the National Park Service, shows the following:

"Work on the Two Medicine Surfacing Contract between Trick Falls and the junction of the Blackfeet Highway continued with fairly good success. Base rock material was laid from Trick Falls on the west end of the contract to 3 miles east, or slightly more than half the length of the job. The Top surfacing course is now complete from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Trick Falls to Engineering Station 225, or practically two miles in length. The Slides are now being removed and subgrade being prepared on the remaining east 2.7 miles."

The program for next year provides for an expenditure of \$50,000 to complete an additional mile between Trick Falls and Two Medicine Lake, including the bridge over Two Medicine River and the creek near the chalet.

I am sorry that we were unable to get started

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until rather late in the season, but assure you that we are still interested in getting the roads and trails in Glacier National Park in first class condition at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HUBERT WORK

Copy to: Messrs. L. W. Hill } Please note.
W. P. Kenney) Ralph Budd, 10/19/27.

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FINISHED UP THE PEONIE AND IRIS PLANTING AT GLACIER PARK OCT 8TH
DELAYED SEVERAL DAYS WITH SNOW, BUT GOT THEM ALL IN THE GROUND IN GOOD
SHAPE.

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Mr. Hill

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 25, 1927.

Hon. Ralph Budd,
President, Great Northern Railway Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

Referring again to your letter of October 11,
I inclose memorandum just now submitted, bearing on the
road work in Glacier National Park.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) HUBERT WORK.

Memorandum for Mr. Burlew:

October 20, 1927.

Thanks for letting me see the attached correspondence.

If weather conditions hold good in Glacier, the Pioneer Construction Company expects to finish up their contract this year but will certainly finish it early next spring.

If we get a \$5,000,000 road appropriation, the additional mile of the construction of the Two Medicine Road should be started shortly after the appropriation becomes available as the plans and surveys are all completed.

(Signed) DEMARAY.

Copy to: L. W. Hill, Esq.-

Please note.

Ralph Budd, 10/28/27.

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St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28, 1927.

Mr. Louis W. Hill,
President,
Great Northern Railway Company,
Great Northern Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I regret very much that I did not have the pleasure today, not only for early associations' sake, but also that I might have the pleasure of discussing with you Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta.

It has come to our notice that there is a possibility of development and that the Dominion Parks Branch of Canada, who now operate a small golf course, are considering the advisability of handing this course to other interests.

We have had considerable success in the building of the Canadian National Railway course at Jasper Park and also Banff Springs Hotel course at Banff, and in addition many other courses in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Stanley Thompson is at present in Banff, and I am sure, if you should so desire, that he would be privileged to stop at Waterton Lakes on his return to Toronto and give you a full and comprehensive report on the suitability of the ground there for a first-class golf course. A telegram to Mr. Thompson at the Mount Royal Hotel, Banff, Alberta, will, I am sure, receive his immediate attention.

Again regretting that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. Hill

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St. Paul, Minn., October 29th, 1927

Mr. L. W. Hill, ✓
Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney.

I quote below portion of letter from Mr. C. A. Davidson, Highway Commissioner, Province of Alberta, concerning progress in improving the Cardston-Waterton Park Highway:

"You will be glad to learn that in the last two weeks substantial progress has been made in grading and that as a result, we called for tenders last week on gravel surfacing of the entire contract which, on final location, is a distance of 24.7 miles. Tenders will be opened at this office at noon of the 27th October and I will advise you of the name of the successful tenderer and provide you with the unit prices bid. Meanwhile, for your information, I am enclosing the specification which has been designed to cover the project and you will note therefrom that we are using inch and a quarter crushed gravel for our first course placement.

"As you are probably aware, this has been a very poor working season, particularly in the South of the Province and we count ourselves fortunate that we are able to commence surfacing during the present year. We have called for the completion of gravelling by March 31 but doubt if we will be able to complete the entire work by that time. We are quite hopeful, however, of having our work in sufficiently good shape by June 15 to permit uninterrupted traffic from Cardston to Waterton Park."

A. H. Hogeland ✓

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St. Paul, Minn., November 4, 1927

Mr. L. W. Hill,
Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney.

Report from Assistant Engineer of road improvement work,
Cardston to Waterton Park Boundary, as of October 31st as follows:

"Status of road improvement work between Cardston and the
Park boundary.

Grading total of 75% complete to date.

Was over this road yesterday and found the following work done.

Grading on 17 miles practically complete with about 7 miles
ready for gravelling and the balance having to be bladed off for
gravelling. Also on the grading there is 0.2 miles 50% graded,
0.5 miles 70% graded and 1.1 miles 90% graded.

The total miles over the new work from the McLeod turnoff
1.8 miles west of Cardston to the Park boundary is 24.7 miles.
The 1.8 miles out of Cardston is a part of the Cardston to McLeod
new work and is now graded.

Bridges have all been placed on the new work and road culverts
are 80% placed.

There are now about 100 teams with frezno's, grading machines,
one tractor and two blades working on the grading.

Bids for gravelling were opened the 27th and believe the con-
tract has been let but there are no gravelling outfits on the ground
as yet.

Weather conditions the past month have been favorable and with
another month of the same weather believe the grading will be completed
and the first course of gravel will be pretty well placed."

A. H. Hogeland



The GLACIER PARK TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
Glacier Park Montana

11/9/27

Dear Mr Kenney -

I believe you will be interested to know the
present capacity of Hotels & "Camps" in
Yellowstone National Park:-

Hotel Company

	<u>Total Rooms</u>	<u>with bath</u>	<u>No Bath</u>
Mammoth Hotel	220	30	190
Old Faithful Inn	357	123	234
Lake Hotel	300	82	218
Canyon Hotel	276	67	209
<u>Total Hotel Rooms</u>	<u>1153</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>851</u>

Camps Company

	<u>Single room Cabins</u>	<u>two room cabins</u>	<u>four room cabins</u>	<u>Single beds</u>	<u>double beds</u>	<u>Total beds</u>
Mammoth Camp						
Mammoth Camp	100	89 178	24 104	28	410	438
Mammoth Camp	130	104 208	14 56	38	376	414
Old Faithful	126	109 218	5 20	21	364	385
Lake	154	118 236	9 36	10	426	436
Canyon	31	18 36	1 4	8	67	75
Roosevelt	8	4 8	0 0	10	16	16
Sylvan Pass						
Total Camp Rooms		1650	55	105	1659	1764

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Yours truly

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GLACIER PARK HOTEL COMPANY

St. Paul, Minnesota, November 15, 1927.

Mr. C. O. Jenks,
Vice President, Glacier Park Hotel Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 10, written on Kalispell
Division:

I concur with your recommendations that Belton Chalets should remain where they are, but I do not feel that we should count on building a hotel at the head of Lake McDonald, near Lewis' Hotel, which should answer the purpose. We are not looking for chances to build hotels, and I do not think tourists would stop there when the road is finished, but would go through to Sun Camp, St. Marys, etc.


Nor am I very keen about the prospect of possibility of an auto road from Lake McDonald, north to the Prince of Wales Hotel. I am quite confident that when the highway goes over the Marias Pass or over the Logan Pass - and probably in three years both may be built - the Belton Chalets will be made full use of.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) LOUIS W. HULL

President.

Copy to Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney.



C O P Y

Helena, Montana, November 16, 1927

Mr. Ralph Budd
President Great Northern Railway Co.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

My son, Gary Cooper, now a Famous Players' Lasky star, learned to ride on my ranch at Sunnyside on your line from Havre to Butte. He has starred in three "Westerns", but at the suggestion of the critics is now assigned to roles which will take his pictures in all the big theatres in the moving picture world. The magazines Motion Picture, Picture Play and Photoplay for December, contain pictures and articles concerning his next big picture in which he plays the title role - "Beau Sabreur". All his press notices have been very favorable.

For some time I have considered the advisability of establishing dude ranches under the name of "The Gary Cooper Dude Ranches" the same to be large and thoroughly equipped to give the wealthy vacationist all he desires in the way of entertainment and living accommodations. Besides the home ranch, one at Glacier Park seemed desirable.

On my return to Helena from Hollywood, some sixty days ago, I discussed the matter with your local Assistant Passenger Agent, Mr. Pewters. He evinced a lively interest in the project, and assured me your company would heartily co-operate with us in the enterprise. After Mr. Kenney's visit to Helena, I assumed that he would make some report to me. Although I have seen him several times since, I have heard nothing from him, and have concluded that he has lost interest in the project.

Last week I wrote to Mr. Charles Donnelly and suggested the starting of a very large enterprise of that sort near Yellowstone Park. He wired Mr. Smith at Billings (who was attending a dude ranch convention there.) We are now making rapid progress to the end last suggested, that gentleman having assured of material assistance in the matter. The worldwide publicity Paramount gives its players and pictures sets before the motion picture public everywhere entertainment of intense interest, so that the locus of their pictures and the personnel of its players are the subject of discussion in every household.

Knowing that Paramount is anxious to make a picture starring my son, dealing with Montana historical events, I have suggested to it the filming of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It now has the matter under very serious consideration. The publicity the making and exhibition of that photoplay will be given will create in every citizen and school attendant an intense desire to see the route of Lewis and Clark, and the natural objects immortalized in their journal, to say nothing of the exhibition of the picture itself.

As we intend to make these institutions attractive to those who can afford the best, I feel impelled to address you directly on the subject. The other railroads have exhibited so much interest in the matter, that it has occurred to me that in view of the whole subject of travel and vacation, your company could not well afford to look with indifference upon a project tending, as this would, to add very materially to your summer business. My gratitude to the Great Northern Railway Company for past favors prompts me to address you directly concerning this matter; particularly in view of the solicitude shown by your competitors. My associates are Mr. J. Burke Clements, Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Board, and Mr. Lester H. Loble, City Attorney of the City of Helena.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Charles H. Cooper

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November 19, 1927

Charles H. Cooper, Esq.
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am obliged to you for your letter of November 16. The Great Northern Railway is very much interested in dude ranch development and will be glad to have additional dude ranches in the vicinity of Glacier Park where there are some already. I enclose a booklet about dude ranches in our territory, which was published last year; also a booklet which the Great Northern published about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

You will see from this last booklet that Lewis and Clark traversed a good deal of Great Northern territory. Clark on his return East came down the Yellowstone River, which is paralleled by the Northern Pacific, and Lewis went over into the Blackfoot country, the two parties joining again near Fort Union on the Great Northern.

I do not know just what you want us to do. If it is to assist you in finding a suitable location, we are able and would be glad to do that, but whatever it is, Mr. Kenney would be very much interested in the activity as I talked with him this morning about the matter and he told me that he would ask Mr. Pewters to make him a report.

I suppose Great Falls is probably as important a point as there is on the entire route of the Lewis and Clark trip, because of their discovery of the Falls and their encounter with bears and storms there. Lewis' fatal clash with some Indians near Glacier Park is also a matter of great importance and those episodes would naturally

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be featured in any moving picture of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. I heard sometime ago that one of the large moving picture concerns was working on the Lewis and Clark epic production, but do not know which it was.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) RALPH BODD

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Mr. Louis W. Hill ✓
Mr. W. P. Kenney
Mr. W. R. Mills

GLACIER PARK HOTEL COMPANY

Comparative statement of Glacier Park Hotel Company and Yellowstone Park Hotel Company number of rooms with and without bath available for guests.

	:Private:	:Total:	:	:	:	: Total :
	: and :	No :	No.of:	Double:	Sing-:	Double: Number:
	: Conn. :	Bath:	Rooms:	Beds :	le :	Deck : of :
	: Bath. :	:	:	:	:Beds :	Beds : Beds. :
GLACIER PARK HOTEL CO.	:	:	:	:	:	:
<u>HOTELS</u>	:	:	:	:	:	:
Glacier Park Hotel	: 114 :	63 :	177 :	144 :	228 :	372 :
Many Glacier Hotel	: 193 :	27 :	220 :	149 :	260 :	409 :
Prince of Wales Hotel	: 81 :	-0- :	81 :	72 :	81 :	153 :
Total	388 :	90 :	478 :	365 :	569 :	934 :

YELLOWSTONE HOTELS

Mammoth Hotel	: 30 :	190 :	220 :	Not available
Old Faithful Inn	: 123 :	234 :	357 :	" "
Lake Hotel	: 82 :	218 :	300 :	" "
Canyon Hotel	: 67 :	209 :	276 :	" "
Total	302 :	851 :	1153 :	+

GLACIER PARK HOTEL CO.

CHALET CAMPS

Two Medicine	: 35 :	35 :	12 :	16 :	45 :	118 :
Cut Bank	: 9 :	9 :	4 :	7 :	21 :	53 :
St. Mary	: 27 :	27 :	13 :	:	64 :	141 :
Sun Camp	: 74 :	74 :	30 :	61 :	51 :	193 :
Sperry	: 20 :	20 :	30 :	15 :	:	45 :
Many Glacier	: 28 :	28 :	4 :	18 :	40 :	102 :
Granite Park (includes 18 tents)	: 40 :	40 :	:	36 :	54 :	144 :
Belton	: 37 :	37 :	32 :	34 :	:	66 :
Total	270 :	270 :	125 :	187 :	275 :	862 :

YELLOWSTONE -CAMPS

Mammoth - Camp	: 382 :	382 :	410 :	28 :	:	438 :
Old Faithful "	: 394 :	394 :	376 :	38 :	:	414 :
Lake "	: 364 :	364 :	364 :	21 :	:	385 :
Canyon "	: 426 :	426 :	426 :	10 :	:	436 :
Roosevelt "	: 71 :	71 :	67 :	8 :	:	75 :
Sylvan Pass "	: 16 :	16 :	16 :	:	:	16 :
Total	1653 :	1653 :	1659 :	105 :	:	1764 :

GLACIER PARK HOTEL COMPANY

November 21, 1927

Total rooms available for guests after allowing for rooms used by employees.

	Connect- ing bath:	Private: Bath	No. of Bath:	Total No. of Rooms:	Double: Beds	Single: Beds	Double Deck Beds.
Glacier Park Hotel	102	10	53	165	144	204	
" " Chalet		2	10	12		24	
Many Glacier Hotel	188	5	27	220	149	260	
" " Chalets	-	-	28	28	4	18	40
Prince of Wales Hotel	16	65	--	81	72	81	
Two Medicine Chalets	-	-	35	35	12	16	45
Cut Bank Chalets	-	-	9	9	4	7	21
St. Mary "	-	-	27	27	13	--	64
Going-to-the-Sun "	-	-	74	74	30	61	51
Sperry Chalets	-	-	20	20	30	15	--
* Granite Park Chalets	-	-	40	40	--	36	54
Belton Chalets	-	-	37	37	32	34	--

* 18 of the 40 rooms at Granite Park are tents.

Hotels - 466 rooms
388 baths
Chalets - 289 rooms

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November 21, 1927

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Going-to-the-Sun "	-	-	74	74	20	61	51
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2 copies to Fremont 11/21/27 - They both went to L. Hill.

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St. Paul, Minn., November 23, 1927.

Mr. C. O. Jenks:

Yesterday some Thanksgiving bouquets of pom-poms were delivered to me at the office, with your compliments, and I understand they are from the greenhouse at Monroe, Washington.

These are very nice flowers and I thank you for sending them.

Louis W. Hill.



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