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Colby on
Yosemite
Outing



Apr. 16-07

My dear Mrs. Muir:-

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It will be very easy for you to run up
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you & it will not necessitate a moment's
planning on your part nor cost you a cent.
We expect to have a large party which
will have very little to do except when our
main party is moving in or out & we can
meet you at any time or take you out any time.
Couldn't you bring Helen with you?

It will be a great favor to me & a great
pleasure to us all if you will come for the
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Very sincerely,
Wm E Colby

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Apr. 16, '07.

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I hope that you will be with us on our Outing for a few days at least this summer. It will be very easy for you to run up on the railroad and come in with us and spend a few days in the Tuolumne meadows. We will arrange everything for you and it will not necessitate a moment's planning on your part nor cost you a cent. We expect to have a large pack train which will have very little to do except when our main party is moving in or out and we can meet you at any time or take you out any time. Couldn't you bring Helen with you?

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