



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Craig,

Reese
FYI
Craig

Rather than summarizing the enclosed letter, I'll just let you have the whole to share with Bob Proudman and/or whomever else you please.

Don't return the letter.

I'm still making plans here and finishing out my DNR work.

Before I leave, if I leave, when I leave -- I'll call you.

al

also enclosed
(over)

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Dear Al,

Just a short note and an answer to a few of your questions. First thing, we've had a discussion here and it's said that in the new book on the AT that it's 510 miles through Virginia, well if it is - we're going to need more than 45 Hays. So far we've decided to regroup at Harpers Ferry and all wait in together. The thru-hikers first, those are the ones who have hiked 75% of the states (or more). Those are the ones that will be receiving the awards also. Let's see, on the AT Monty plans to meet ~~at~~ us at check points every 80 miles or so. He will make town runs if

necessary. One at noon and one
little later until he has
everyone taken care of. We
also have the option of keep-
ing a food box or not. I
personally don't want one
because that's just one more
thing to take care of at R.C.
Monty also intends to go on
to the Atlantic with us.

Now in R.C. So far most of
the people have said that
they would only like to
stay in R.C. long enough
to take care of our obligations
then hike on to the ocean.

After that the ones who
want to tour R.C. can go
back there and stay as
long as they like! Cindy
said that if there won't be
a place to camp that
there are enough people

on the hike who live there
that she's sure they would
put us up at their houses.

Just a thought, nothing
definite. Your question, Shall
we circle the city for more
attention? Well however we
come in we can't make it look
like a parade, there are laws
against it. (That was brought
to my attention.) I'm sure
Craig would know more
about that.

Yes, Monty said he got the
patches and shirts from AHS.
And yes - the more days
indoors the better, at least
now when it's cold.

Your question about another
support vehicle. I think Rep
has a very good idea. From
what we are told AHS does not
have the budget for it but

me would be helpful to go
head of the group and do
all the necessary Pk work.
Newspaper, radio, see about
towns, (laundry, store, cafe
and try and find us a place
to stay indoors. and much
needed showers.) That would
have to be all that the
vehicle was used for because
there are just too many hikers
here that would take
advantage of something like
that and use it for their
own personal gain and
unnecessary runs. Like bar
uns and somebody always
needs to make a phone call
or get to town for something
or another. You have to
draw the line somewhere
and so far Monty hasn't
had much luck.

That reminds me - Jim Carnot
is back to hike with us, but
without his car. It's easy to
see he's not near as popular
now as he was when he had
a car. I think Rex's idea is a
real good one, what do you
think.

William wanted me to ask
you about some music you
were going to send to him
for his recorder. And Bro
wanted me to ask about the
newspaper article (I think he
meant the one that was done
at Apple Creek and pictures
taken at the crossing). He
said you were going to try
and get copies for us.

Wow this turned into
a longer letter than I
had thought. Guess I'd

better say goodnight, they
turned out the lights a little
while ago and I'm sitting
here writing by candle
light. We're in Providence
Kentucky today and the
towns people opened up
their three churches for
us to stay in. Nice huh.
Especially since it's going
down to 0° and all our
gear is wet from yesterday's
rain. The ladies from one
of the churches are making
breakfast for us also. And you
know how well I like my
coffee, well I walked up
town this afternoon to the
only cafe and the owner
was giving coffee at no
charge to us hikers.
But that was nice. Got to
say goodnight for now. Adena

→ I'M GLAD YOU'RE COMING BACK.