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Ottawa, March 29, 1913.

Sir,

A few years ago at the request of this Department the Department of the Interior granted camping privileges on a small tract of land at Trout Lake in the Long Lake Forest Reserve to the Indians. We have received a communication from that Department to the effect that a careful examination has been made into this matter and it has been found that the Indians have been taking trout during the spring season with the result that the fishing in the lake has been very much injured.

In view of the fact that the Indians have a reserve in the vicinity of Kamloops and are not dependent on fishing in this lake for a food supply the said Department of the Interior has considered that the Indians should not be allowed any privileges other than those which are enjoyed by the rest of the people and therefore the fishing and camping privileges heretofore granted have been withdrawn and hereafter Indians will require to conform with the regulations the same as whites.

I may say that this Department does not see any way to urge any change in the said decision. I have therefore to request you to notify the Indians accordingly.

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Indian Agent,

Kamloops, B.C.

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