

## Relations Between Mining Industry and Forest Service, 1891 - 1991

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Excerpt –

Rossiter W. Raymond was among the earliest of mining professionals to comment on forest issues for several years he was U.S. Commissioner of Mineral Statistics. He travelled throughout the mining regions of the west in the late 1860's and early 1870's, preparing extensive reports of his observations on all aspects of mining. In 1870, he used his report. to call attention to the "wanton destruction of timber in the mining regions of the West" and asked "what shall be the remedy". As an editor of two mining industry trade publications, his interest in conservation is reflected time and again in the pages of these publications. Raymond, who advocated free market approaches rather than government supervision, but he backed both **Bernhard Fernow, first Chief of the U.S. Agriculture Department, Division of Forestry** and his successor, Gifford Pinchot, consistently over the next thirty years, sparing no effort to foster the preservation of forests and creation of an effective agency of government to administer forest lands. **(Dempsey, Stanley. 1991)**

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