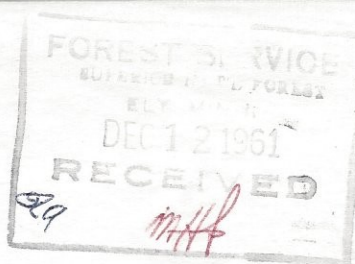


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December 11, 1961

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Miss Dorothy Molter
Box 718
Ely, Minnesota

Dear Miss Molter:

In our letter of June 27, 1961, we made you an offer of \$19,500.00 for your land and improvements on Knife Lake. We are authorized to purchase your property at that price, subject to such reduction in the purchase price as might be necessary if you desire to reserve a period of occupancy.

As we have often discussed during our long period of negotiations, beginning in 1950, the Forest Service has been directed by Congress to acquire private properties which impair the unique qualities and natural features of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. This we must do, giving all consideration we can to private property owners. We have tried to consider individual wants and needs as best we can. We cannot, however, pay a price higher than the fair market value of the property.

You have stated by letter of July 25, 1961, and on at least five other occasions that you were not interested in selling. We are sorry that we have been unable to come to any agreement on the disposal of your property over the years. It appears, therefore, that further negotiations will serve no useful purpose for either party. Under the circumstances we see no alternative than to recommend that condemnation proceedings be initiated to acquire your property.

Yours very truly,

L. P. Neff, Forest Supervisor

cc: W.O. (2)
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