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Dear Mr. Stevens:

To say that my life has been changed by the Great Himalayan National Park is an understatement. Starting in 2006, as part of an eco-tourism beta-group, to leading a 2009 summit expedition, and today, part of an October, 2012 trek – I am truly a supporter and fan of conservation and preservation initiatives of the Western Himalayas.

I've toured over 60 countries around the world. Some people collect salt-shakers, I collect memories. At the very top of the list are the recollections of pristine mountains, crystal clear skies plus the delicate balance between humans and nature in all her glory.

I was first hooked on GHNP during a 2006 trek up the Valley of the Gods towards Chakri Peak. The sacred rivers and prayer sites blended with daily, jaw dropping beauty. In 2009 I lead an expedition through the Pin-Parvati Pass. The local shepherders and the serenity of the valleys welcomed our every step. This is why I am visiting GHNP again in October of this year.

Each trip we saw a dedication by local agencies and tour companies preserving nature while finding ways to support local economies and residents. The people of this Western Himalayan region are truly stewards of their environment. They welcome visitors into their culture and their hearts. It is a reminder we are all part of the same family.

To know this family treasures the natural gifts of the Western Himalayas is something I will continue to support!

Sincerely,

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