Fort Bridger, W.T.

Jan. 8, 1871

My dear Sir:

Yours of 30 ult. was received yesterday, and I am glad to hear that your expeditions into our country has afforded you such satisfaction, and hope that it may lead to your making some further explorations here.

As soon as the winter is over I contemplate making an exploration across the Uintah mountains, with a view to establishing a military road into the Uintah Valley & Indian Reservations.

Should I make any discoveries of fossils or other objects that may possess interest to you, I will take great pleasure in giving you the benefit thereof.
So far our winter has been very mild and pleasant. In a few days last month the cold was pretty severe, the thermometer sinking to 7° below zero, but I see that at a good many points east of us it was much colder. So we may congratulate ourselves.

We are all enjoying good health in the garrison, including Judge Carter's family, and all desiring to be remembered to you and to the gentlemen of your party, and when you publish some of the results of your trip, I hope you will let us profit thereby.

Yours my truly,

R. La Motte

May 15, '47

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