

Intermingled BLM, Private Lands Blamed For Huge Access Problem In Western Ore.

(First in a series on Bureau of Land Management timber sales practices).

In the neighborhood of 5,000 separate access problems on Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management lands alone are the headache — in the past, the present and no doubt in the future — of BLM foresters.

So intimates James F. Doyle, Portland, area administrator of the bureau. He recently issued a lengthy explanation of timber sales practices of the bureau. The paper is related closely to evidence received by the Congressional Joint

Committee on Federal Timber, which spent the third and fourth weeks of November in Oregon hearings.

Eighteen counties in Western Oregon contain approximately 5,250 separate parcels of Oregon and California land grant and other public domain lands.

BLM Tracts Hampered In
Nearly every one of the tracts is bounded on all four sides by land under other ownership.

And because topography restricts location of roads, access to each of the parcels must be over other lands — private, in nearly every case.

The reason has its stem in Oregon history when the government granted alternate sections of land to an early-day railroad company. When the company failed to build its road, the land reverted to federal ownership. In the meantime, lands intermingled with the now BLM-administered land were claimed in private ownership.

Timber Covers Lands
As the lumbering industry grew in Western Oregon, these federal lands increased in importance because merchantable timber grows on most.

The Bureau of Land Management started setting up a sales program to make the trees available to industry.

To carry through on the timber program, set up for years ahead, the BLM has had to have long-term rights to roads. It resorted to three methods by which it could cross private land:

1. Acquisition of easements from timber purchasers. On bureau lands, it's specified in timber sales contracts that the agency will have possession of roads as soon as a logging operation is completed.

Easements Acquired
On private lands over which timber purchasers have carried logs,

easements have been acquired by negotiation or, in extreme instances, by condemnation. About 1,000 miles of roads have been built on O & C lands or obtained through easements.

2. Reciprocal right-of-way agreements. About 1,200 miles of roads have been made available to timber purchasers because the BLM and private timber owners have traded right-of-way grants in individual watersheds.

3. Funds appropriated by Congress. About 325 miles of roads have been started in this way. The latter program first was proposed in 1948, but the first money — \$500,000 — couldn't be put to active use until fiscal 1951. In 1952, the sum was increased to \$700,000.

Larger Money Okayed

In 1953, larger appropriations began to be approved in Congress, primarily because of wind and insect damage to O & C forests. The BLM received these amounts in following years for access roads: 1953 — \$2,750,000, 1954 — \$2,000,000, 1955 — \$2,486,000. Allocated for 1956 is \$2,260,000.

In the four named years, Congress has specified that the cash outlays must be repaid by counties from revenues in lieu of taxes collected from O & C timber sales.

Money is spent for roads (1) in areas where BLM ownership is predominant; (2) where there are no roads to reach old-growth timber; and (3) where construction costs would be so high that it would be impractical to require purchasers to build as a condition in their contracts.

Construction Cost High
The result is that roads built by funds sent from Congress reach into difficult terrain. Doyle gave the South Sisters and Esmond Creek roads between Gardiner and Eugene as examples. Costs of these roads generally are more than average.

A typical government-constructed road will cost about \$72,300 a mile. But Doyle pointed out that such roads are built to high standards for permanent use. He reasoned that access routes actually may be cheaper in the long run when built to optimum standards.

300-Pound Lion Buried In Pink-Tufted Satin

HERSCHER, Ill. (AP) — A 300-pound lion with the disposition of Ferdinand the Bull was buried Sunday in pink-tufted satin with his head on a royal purple pillow.

He was Tex, aged 5, who died Saturday in the arms of his mistress, Miss Bobbette Porter, 29. Veterinarians said a chest tumor caused the death of the lion who liked television, who never roared, and who loved human companionship.

Miss Porter, who once owned 32 cats, had kept Tex since he was 3 months old. He lived in a pine-lined den off the living room of the Porter farmhouse near this northeastern Illinois community. He went to Florida on vacation with the Porter family, played ball and wrestled with Bill, 30-year-old brother of Bobbette. He also was fond of riding in station wagons and found ice cream a real delicacy.

He was buried in a pet cemetery on the Porter farm.

India Criticizes Russians' Timing Of Bomb Blast

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Hindustan Standard said today Russia's Communist party chief should have picked another time, place and occasion to announce the explosion of a hydrogen bomb by the Soviet Union.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, now touring India with Premier Nikolai Bulganin, announced the bomb test in a speech Saturday at Bangalore.

The Standard, a leading newspaper in New Delhi and Calcutta, said Khrushchev's use of an Indian platform for the announcement was "ill chosen... in appropriate and embarrassing to his Indian hosts."

The Standard's statement was the second time the Russian leaders have drawn critical comment from the Indian press since they arrived more than a week ago. They were criticized also when they attacked the West in a speech before the Indian Parliament.

The Russian visitors stayed overnight at Ootacamund, south India's favorite hill station, after an inspection trip of coffee, tea, coconut and banana plantations. It was announced there that Bulganin and Khrushchev will extend their Indian visit two days — until Dec. 14 — to permit a trip to Kashmir.

Discrimination Against Jews On Jobs Claimed

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Jewish Congress says it finds "widespread" job discrimination against Jews and believes the situation might be even worse if the national were not prosperous and enjoying full employment.

The AJC made its report yesterday on the basis of a nationwide survey conducted for the World Jewish Congress.

It stated there is "sufficient evidence of discrimination against Jews to prevent undue optimism concerning prompt elimination of that evil."

Since "discrimination against Jews is more subtle than discrimination against other groups, we must be alert to find fresh, imaginative approaches to the task of breaking down long-established patterns of employment that limit the economic opportunities of many Americans," the report said.

There is less discrimination in states with fair employment laws, it said, but these laws "do not by themselves halt discrimination."

The AJC said its survey showed that "Jews are largely excluded from many basic industries, such as commercial banking, automobile manufacturing, shipping and transportation, agriculture and mining."

"They tend, as a result, to be concentrated in speculative industries, retail trade and the professions," the report continued.

STATIONS HONORED

CHICAGO (AP) — Two Oregon radio stations—KSLM, Salem, and KOAC, Corvallis—Sunday were presented with awards by the National Safety Council for exceptional service in farm safety.

The presentations were made at a luncheon given by the council for members of the National Assn. of Television and Radio Farm Directors.

1,000 Skiers Make Trip To Mt. Hood Ski Slopes

PORTLAND (AP) — More than 1,000 skiers were on the slopes of Mt. Hood east of here Sunday to take advantage of fine snow conditions.

Most of them went to Timberline. Only one tow was operating there but many climbed to higher altitudes. Cool late afternoon temperatures gave the snow a corn texture.

Conditions were less favorable below at Government Camp where rain washed away some of the snow. But the Pacific Northwest Ski Assn. over the weekend certified 12 instructors at Multnomah. Some came from as far away as Bellingham and Boise.

SHOOTS WIFE, CHILDREN

CHICAGO (AP) — Robin Thomas, 27, told police he shot and killed his wife Edith, 33, and wounded two of his stepchildren because they moved some of his books from their living room to a back porch. "I don't like cold books," he told Police Sgt. Salvatore Cannoneri after his arrest. He was held without charge.

The stepchildren are expected to recover.

DIES OF BURNS

MILFORD, Conn. (AP) — Nine-year-old Charles Hickey Jr. died last night of burns received when he threw a match into a can of gasoline to prove to his brother and sister that he could set off an explosion. The boy was burned critically Friday.

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FUNNY BUSINESS



"It's okay to let 'em follow—I didn't want to postpone the meeting of our bridge foursome!"

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WELL, SOON KNOW IF THEY WERE INVA! ANYWAY, I DOUBT IF THEY'LL GET FAR.

CONK! OLD PAL, THAT MAP YOU DREW WILL LEAD 'EM ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE THRU AN ISOLATED REGION, WITH NO CHANCE TO RE-FUEL!

EXACTLY! THEY'LL BE LUCKY TO GET BACK AT ALL, MUCH LESS IN TIME TO PUT TH' COPS ON OUR TAIL BEFORE WE CAN BE HOLED UP TILL THE BLOWS OVER!

TOO BAD WE CAN'T REACH FRANKIE AND SAVE TH' TEN GRAND HE'S TAKIN' LEFTY TO BUMP OFF ROYCE.

YEAH, HELL BE THERE ANY TIME NOW. HE WAS GONNA DRIVE ALL NIGHT!

FRECKLES

WELL, DOTIE! MIND IF I WALK WITH YOU?

THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST IT, BAZOO!

FO' MERCY'S SAKE—RUN! RUN ANYWHERE!

BROTHER NOT!—AH WANTS 'T GIT CAUGHT!

BEIN' INSIDE MAN AT TH' SHONK WORKS IS A-SHAME. LONELY LIFE!—AH CRAVES TH' COMPANIONSHIP OF A WOMIN—PREFERABLY OF TH' OPPOSITE SEX—

AWRIGHT, HE'S YOURS!

LADIES?—HEY!!—LADIES!!

LITTLE ABNER

WHATCHA MEAN I COST YOU A HALF MILLION BUCKS?

YOU COULD HAVE DONE BETTER BY THAT MOVIE PRODUCER BACK THERE.

—YOU DIDN'T HAFTA WASTE TIME GETTING YOURSELF PROMOTED TO GENERAL WHILE HE LAID CHAINED UP IN A CELL—YOU, YOU, LOUT!

DAWGWOOD

MOM, THIS IS ALICE—I BROUGHT HER HOME TO MEET YOU AND DAD

HOW NICE—I'LL CALL DADGOW.

TEE, HEE.

DID YOU CALL ME? I WAS DOING SOME PLUMBING.

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY ALEXANDER—YOU CAN ALWAYS GET ANOTHER GIRL, BUT YOU CAN'T GET ANOTHER FATHER.