

Umpqua, Smith River Tributary Streams Clearance Nearing End

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NEARING THE END — The Umpqua - Smith River watershed stream clearance project of the Oregon State Game Commission, jointly sponsored by affected land-owners, is nearing completion. The project involves about 18 miles of log jams. Shown is the removal of the Weatherly Creek drifts. (Down Peseau photos).



BEFORE AND AFTER STUDIED — Ron McDivitt of Reedsport, aquatic biologist for the state Game Commission; Bob Guyman, stream improvement forman; John Lonz of the Coos Bay district, Bureau of Land Management staff forester; and Kaare Gunnerod of Gardiner, International Paper Company forester, compare the Weatherly Creek streambed in a before-and-after stream clearance study. A huge, densely packed pile of old timbers and debris was removed from the creek bed in the foreground.

Nearing completion in the western Douglas County area is the ambitious stream-clearance project involving tributaries of the Umpqua and Smith Rivers.

The Oregon State Game Commission is spearheading the stream to restore the spawning beds and related resource protection values of the coastal streams.

A total of 18 miles of densely packed drifts of old timbers and debris have been removed from Vincent Creek, Big Creek, Mose-town Creek, tributary to the Smith River; and Weatherly, Lutsinger and Little Paradise Creeks of the Umpqua.

Several Participate

Jim and Jake Mitchell, operators of Mitchell Bros., logging contractors, have the contract with the Game Commission. Participating in the Umpqua-Smith project are the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the International Paper Company, owners of the affected land. Participation in the cost is on a 60-40 basis, with the Game Commission sharing the major portion.

Drifts and log jams removed from the creek beds have accumulated throughout past decades, resulting in part from careless logging methods of the past, and from natural blowdown and storm damage. The Weatherly Creek project, involving enormous drifts, is in the Weatherly Creek timber burn area, stricken twice in recent decades by devastating forest fires. The latest fire occurred in 1951, when tens of thousands of acres of timber were charred.

Stocking Planned

The rehabilitated spawning streams will be stocked with salmon and possibly steelhead and cutthroat, probably next year, in an effort to restore the normal spawning cycles, Game Department spokesmen say.

The project has also restored the scenic values of some of the streams, such as Weatherly Creek, where a picturesque canyon had been piled high with unsightly drift. The clearance at this point reduced

the fall or drop of the stream flow from a sheer 40-foot falls from the edge of the drift to a gradual 12 feet over a 150-foot stretch of the stream.

Local News

Kathleen Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foster of Brookings, Ore., is here visiting her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Broadwater, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster.

Mrs. Roger McKenzie and son, Jeff, of Billings, Mont., are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McKay. The McKenzies moved from Roseburg to Billings late last fall. Mr. McKenzie is with the government at Billings.

Mrs. Ray Lane, a former teacher at Roseburg Junior Academy, who has been teaching the Adventist Church School at Madras, Ore., has been in Roseburg visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tonole, and family, and with friends in the area.

Mrs. Edgar Lewis, owner of Mabel's in Roseburg, has returned home, following a trip to New York City on a buying trip and to Aalo Alto, Calif., to attend commencement at Stanford, at which time her grandson, Bob Fies, was graduated. The latter's mother, Mrs. Harry LeBeau, and family, also went to California for the commencement. Bob will enter Stanford School of Medicine.

WORKING CAPITAL RISES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government reported this week the net working capital of U. S. corporations rose by \$1.6 billion in the first three months of 1962 to a new high of \$139 billion.

The increase was about one fourth smaller than the \$2.1 billion gain in the first three months of 1961.

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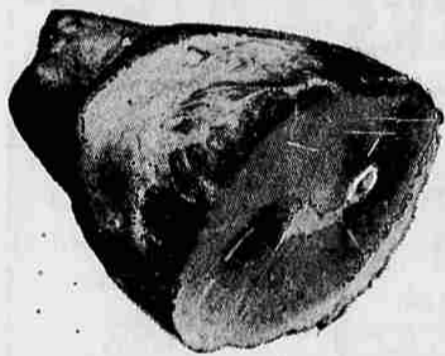
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