

Rain Quells Forest Fires; Storm Brings Hailstones

Range blazes, apparently started by hunters, were quelled in Eastern Oregon Monday by showers.

And in Southern Oregon, residents of the little community of Bly, some 50 miles east of Klamath Falls, were repairing punctures in their roofs caused by a downpour of huge hailstones.

John C. Hunt, Bureau of Land

Management fire control officer, said the largest Eastern Oregon blaze covered some 500 acres in a region 35 miles south of Brownlee Dam in the Snake River Canyon, before being brought under control.

This was one of seven fires, believed started by deer hunters, in the Baker area since Saturday. Damage from the other blazes

was minor except for the destruction of two cabins.

A 150-acre blaze near Starkey, 28 miles southwest of LaGrande, was controlled Monday.

Guy Johnson of the U.S. Forest Service said fire danger in Western Oregon had lessened because of recent rains.

At Bly, residents said that

every roof in the town of 75 houses was damaged by Sunday's hail storm.

Larry Svensgaard, owner of the Syca Store, said hailstones 1 1/4 inches in diameter smashed through the roof of his establishment and at one time there were three inches of melting hailstones on the floor.

Under the Weather

The following persons were confined Monday in the infirmary: Judy A. Crago, Karen Brevig, Ron E. Krupke, Peter P. Strand, Patrick M. O'Connor, William W. Muessig, David E. Fredrickson, Charles Trachi, and Fred H. Clewley.

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IF YOU'RE ONE of the more than 65 million Americans who hold down a job, you probably work about 40 hours a week.

But did you ever stop to consider that taxes are so high today you work for yourself only 27 of those 40 hours? The other 13 go to pay your share of the cost of government.

No one expects to live without taxes, obviously. But when they take more than \$110 billion, or about one dollar out of every three earned, something's wrong.

You pay these taxes in more ways than you know, too.

If you lived in California, for instance, made

\$7,500 last year, and listed a wife and two children as dependents, you were taxed these ways to start with: Federal income \$875, Social Security \$95, State income \$25, Property tax \$325, Auto license tax \$40, State and Local sales tax \$75 and Telephone tax \$10.

This adds up to \$1445 and it's only the beginning.

Did you buy a car? Figure another \$175 tax. The tax on the gasoline to run your car was at least \$65. You also paid a 10% tax every time you bought a plane or train ticket or spent a dollar at the movies.

And you're still not through. Because every

company that made anything you bought had to pay taxes on practically everything that went into the product.

These thousands of indirect taxes were eventually passed on to you as part of the cost of your purchases.

The result? At least one-third of what you earned went to pay some form of taxes.

The real danger is obvious: taxes this high may be so discouraging that you have less incentive to work harder, earn more money and produce more.

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