

Congress to vote on timberlands

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Sometime this month or next Congress will decide what standards will govern the use of 187 million acres of public land — the national forests.

Both houses are under pressure to reach a decision soon. Clearcutting — the most widely used timber harvesting technique — was all but outlawed by an August 1975 court decision in West Virginia, the now famous (or notorious) Monongahela decision.

The Monongahela decision was based on a strict interpretation of the 1897 Organic Act, which states that only dead or mature trees may be removed from public lands and that each tree must be marked for harvesting.

The controversy moved west when a similar decision effectively

stalled timber sales from the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. If that decision is appealed and upheld it will apply to the entire Ninth Circuit, which includes Oregon, Washington and California.

Few people, however, want a complete ban on clearcutting.

Environmental groups are using the crisis forced upon the timber products industry by the Monongahela decision as a means of getting Congress to enact a bill that would set standards for Forest Service policies.

Some of the highest priority provisions of the environmentalists' bill, sponsored by Sen. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, have nothing to do with clearcutting.

The Randolph Bill (SB 2926) would require that timberlands be managed for sustained yield in half-million acre parcels so that

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