

## National Forest Fire Losses Up

Acreage losses from forest fires on national forests of the Pacific Northwest to date have been the most serious since 1939, according to Kermit W. Linstedt, assistant regional forester in charge of fire control, U. S. Forest Service, Portland.

"Already, approximately 29,000 acres of national forest land and other lands within national forest boundaries have been burned," Linstedt said, "and the history-making 1951 fire season is not yet over. Many of our largest fires have occurred in September."

"The 1951 fire season may be characterized as one with as severe burning conditions as have ever been experienced in the Pacific Northwest," the fire control chief said. "Humidities from 10-20 per cent and winds from 20 to 30 miles per hour were frequent during July and August. This resulted in forest fuels reaching a critically dry stage."

Linstedt said that lightning occurrence has been unusually low this season. Only 352 lightning fires were recorded to September 1, and man-caused fires have jumped to 347. This is not an alarming figure considering the severity of burning conditions, he said.

"The number of man-caused fires undoubtedly would have been much greater were it not for the fine prevention efforts made by the Keep Green associations, the radio, press, and numerous private advertisers," Linstedt remarked. "Their co-operation has been appreciated greatly."

The federal forester pointed out that the next five weeks should bring the rains which end the fire season but that there would be no relaxing of care with fire in the woods until these rains have arrived.

## Go Easy On Power

"Don't murder your power line" during the coming hunting season is the special plea issued today by the Bonneville power administration through W. E. Trommershausen, Southwestern district manager, Eugene. Every 230,000 and 115,000-volt transmission line in the area carries power to vital defense plants, homes, hospitals, farms and factories.

Cost to the consumers of supplying insulator and power line targets for thoughtless marksmen in the Pacific Northwest last year on the Bonneville system was over \$15,000 for replacing 553 insulator units and repairing conductor and structural damage caused by rifle fire. Costs to the government total over \$75,000 for the last 10 years of maintenance operation not counting losses to industries and electrical equipment users resulting from power outages.

"One insulator will be shattered by rifle fire every 16 hours during the coming year on the basis of past records and an insulator unit will have to be replaced for every eight miles of transmission line," said Trommershausen.

"Every hunter who resists the impulse to use a glistening porcelain or glass insulator for a target saves the ultimate power user from \$20 to over \$100 in costs of replacement and repairing damages."

A seven-man maintenance crew is required to make insulator replacements working with "hot" and dangerous 230,000 and 115,000 volt lines where one false move could mean instant death. Power cannot be turned off because of the key industries and dozens of communities whose power service would be affected. Each transmission line severed by rifle fire can mean electrocu-

tion for any person coming in contact with it, warned Trommershausen.

All hunters are asked to co-operate in the following recommendations:

1. Don't fire in the direction of insulator, tower or pole structures of high voltage transmission lines.

2. Report to the nearest FBI, sheriff, or Bonneville power administration office any instances you observe of hunters using transmission line structures for targets.

3. Report any transmission line damage you may observe in remote forest and mountain areas to the nearest Bonneville office.

All cases of malicious damage to federal property are assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and are punishable by \$10,000 fine, 10 years' imprisonment, or both.

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| September 17 | 64   | 53   | .... |
| September 18 | 69   | 48   | .... |
| September 19 | 64   | 49   | .... |
| September 20 | 54   | 48   | T    |
| September 21 | 53   | 47   | T    |
| September 22 | 61   | 45   | .... |
| September 23 | 66   | 50   | .... |

## LOCAL NEWS

Loretta Sternberg, who has been in a Portland hospital for some time, is reported by her mother to have undergone a very successful skin-graft operation. Expectations are held for her final full recovery. A fund which has been raised during the past few weeks by different societies in Curry county and by popular subscription, has reached the sum of \$1800 with additional amounts promised.

Ben Kern and his mother, Mrs. Clara Kern, drove to Klamath Falls last Friday on business. They returned Saturday.

Gene Gould, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gould, said he was to be transferred this week from San Antonio, Texas, air base to a base near Chicago. He was not able to give any further details about his new assignment at the time he wrote.

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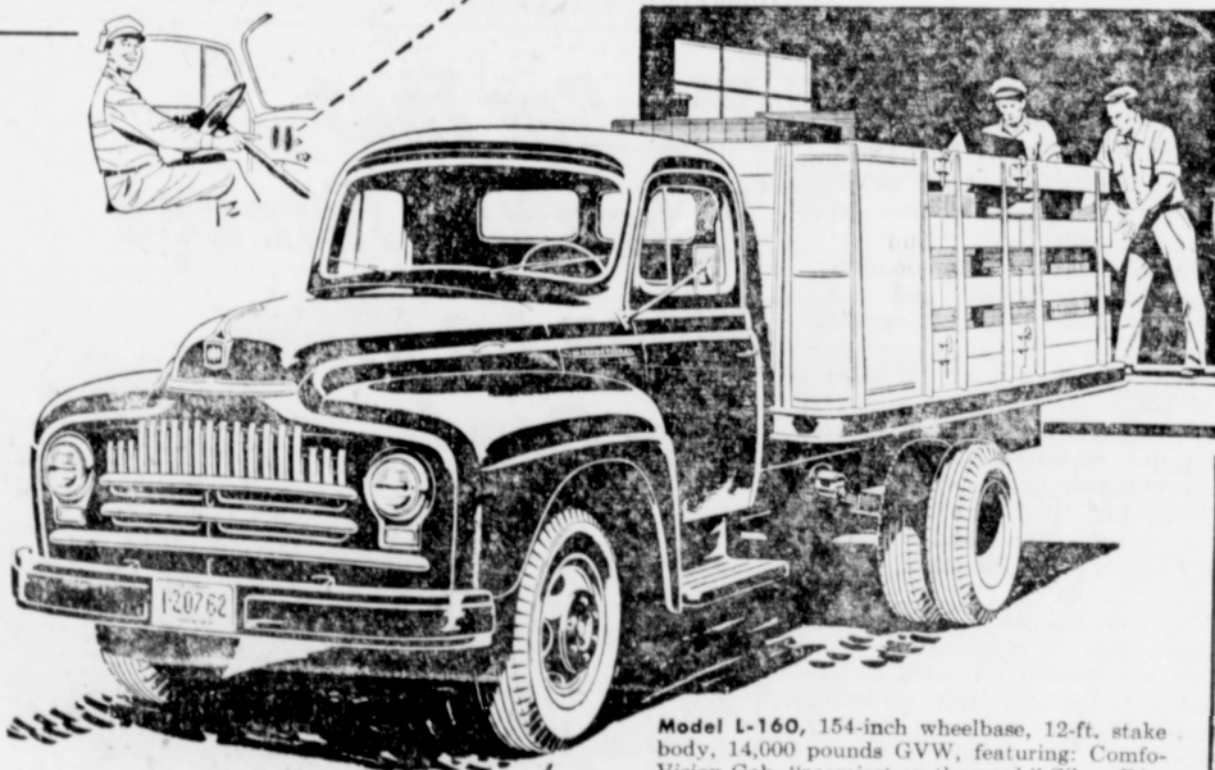
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