

# CHETCO DISTRICT RANGER REPORTS TO PEOPLE ON INCOME IN 1954

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 What Happens to Income From the Sale of Forest Products on the National Forests?  
 (This is the third article in a series prepared to inform the people about the administration of their National Forests.)

Last week I indicated that the total receipts on the Chetco Ranger District in 1954 were \$206,164.00. This money came principally from the sale of timber. All checks are made payable to the treasurer of the United States. What does Uncle Sam do with all this money?

Twenty five percent of that money is returned directly to the State of Oregon. This 25 percent fund comes with a tag on it. The tag says "for school and roads only". The state distributes its Forest Service 25 percent money among the counties in proportion to the number of acres of National Forest in each county. Of course this support to local economy increases in direct proportion to the increase in harvest of forest products.

Uncle Sam sends back additional money in the form of direct appropriations, which pay costs that would otherwise have to be incurred by local governments.

These money outlays are referred to as "specific contributions in kind." These expenditures concern chiefly fire control, construction and maintenance of roads, trails and other structures and forest highway.

In 1952 a study was made of the period 1950-1952 to determine how total contributions to local government would compare with estimated taxes assuming the national forest land to be in ownership. In

this study national forest expenditures were not included merely because they served a useful purpose or had some public benefit. The test applied was whether the particular expenditures were such that state or local government would actually have been financially able and willing to spend equivalent funds during the period in question had the national forests been in private ownership.

For instance, in fire control only 70 percent of the total cost of fire control on the national forests was used in the study since this figure roughly equalled the rate of state fire control expenditure on a per acre basis. In the case of expenditures for construction and maintenance of roads, trails, and structures, only 44 percent of the total national forest expenditures was used in the study.

In the case of roads, a useful test for inclusion was that of mail or school bus use. Since state or local authorities can be expected to build or take responsibility for

maintaining roads used in this way. Most of the strictly Forest Service improvements were excluded in the study.

The outcome of this study showed the Pacific Northwest Region to have the highest ratio of estimated taxes to total contributions. Estimated taxes on the national forests in the Pacific Northwest were 81 percent of the National Forest contributions to local tax relief. The Southwestern Region had the lowest ratio with estimated taxes being 21 percent of contribution.

Thus far I have discussed the 25 percent fund direct payments and the "specific contributions in kind". There are many recreational, watershed, and other values which accrue to local economies. These are difficult to express in monetary terms.

Perhaps one of the most important, next to watershed protection, is the permanent maintenance to local economies that results from stability of forest management. The community is assured of a continuous and in-

Demas Horn, a former Brookings resident, now living in British Columbia, was visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hampton. Horn will enter the service soon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Campbell and son Jimmy drove to San Francisco last week end to pick up Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Gregory, who is from Kansas City Missouri. They returned Sunday Mrs. Gregory is here on an extended vacation.

Art Guthrie and Don Vaughn went to Albany to bowl in the All-Coast tournament last week end. They bowled in the doubles and singles. Clifford and Bill Guthrie drove along and stayed in Eugene with their grandmother. They attended the A League basketball tournament held there.

Next week I would like to discuss our plans for development of the Chetco District resources in 1955.

ATTENDS ARMY SCHOOL  
 Lloyd Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simpson has started his training at Camp Gordon, in Atlanta Georgia. Simpson is attending the Signal Corps school, where he will learn signaling, typing, and decoding.

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## Birthday Party

### Held For Mrs. Craig

Mrs. Donald Craig was hostess at a birthday party given for Edith Berger Monday afternoon. The birthday club members invited included Agnes Darger, Marie Hoar, Pora Gustafson, Pauline Tygert Betty Nelson, Mertie Harroun, Ada Bennett, Dorothy Simpson, Ellen Johnson, and Florence Davis. Refreshments were served, af-

A group of college youngsters are home on their spring vacation this week end. Gene Weeks, and Pat Herman are home from the University of Oregon in Eugene. Darrel Hampton is home from Oregon State. Jerry Anderson is home from the service.

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 Dr. Elmer C. Adams, executive secretary, Oregon Baptist Convention.

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