

ion of fire avenues, of the same general character as those which are doing such good service in the forestcovered sections of Europe. to establish and maintain a system of forest protection as elaborate and efficient as those abroad. The prinare the vast areas to be covered, and the relatively high cost of labor. The his life business, knowing that if h rest; and his position is strengthened by the certainty that punishment for breach of the laws, and particularly those against fire, is swift and sure. The pay, however, is so small that it is possible to maintain in Europe a force which would be altogether out of the question in the United States. Under existing conditions, it would seem that the most effective way to safeguard our forests would be to cut through them a network of fire avenues, following the European practice of making the width of the clearing twice the height of the tallest timber through which it is cut. In Europe the avenues in some forests will be found at intervals of half a mile; here they would be opened at intervals of from two to five miles. according to the configuration and value of the forest lands. The cost of the work, if it were judiciously laid out and properly executed, might be covered largely, and in some h calities altogether, by the sale of the timber. The avenues could be so located with regard to the stream: and rivers or the slope of the coun try, that the timber might be sh to the streams and floated out, or hauled out by sleds when the ground was snow covered. If the cloared avenues were seeded, it would 1 possible to rent the grazing privilegein consideration of the owners of the stock keeping down the undergrowth.

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