

BLM Proposes Timber Salvage Program For Western Oregon Fire-Kill, Blowdowns

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WASHINGTON—The Bureau of Land Management disclosed Wednesday a proposed timber salvage program for Oregon and California forest lands that would double the amount of O & C timber to be logged this coming year—if Congress were to grant the necessary extra funds.

BLM Director Marion Clawson estimated 700,000,000 board feet of timber should be salvaged as a result of fires, blow downs and beetle infestations during the past year. Of this, 500,000,000 is accessible and could be salvaged at a cost to BLM of some \$2 million, Clawson estimated.

BLM NOW is operating with insufficient funds to conduct the salvage program without dropping its normal green timber cutting schedules, Clawson explained, so that it must do one or the other or ask Congress for the money to do both.

The new budget contains requests only for normal expenses—\$969,000 for O & C sales management and related costs and \$700,000 for access roads. The former figure represents an increase of \$100,000, of which roughly \$20,000 would go for fire protection and \$80,000 for management costs.

Since the annual budget contains no request for salvage costs, Clawson said they would have to be included in a supplemental

request which is likely to go to Congress later this session. This week at meetings of O & C regional advisory boards in Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg and Medford, and in Salem next Monday, Clawson said BLM officials were to pose two questions:

- How much would it disrupt local timber sales programs if BLM shifted to salvage timber?
- If not much BLM will shift.
- If quite a bit, then how important is it to salvage the 700,000,000 board feet of timber leveled in recent months?

Tape Blamed In Air Plunge

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Civil Aeronautics Board said Wednesday a loose binding tape flapping from the left elevator was the probable cause for a sudden 2,200-foot dive by an airliner over Pennsylvania earlier this week.

Capital Airlines, owner of the ship, was directed to check all planes for which the new type of binding tape for control surfaces has been recently adopted.

'Tough' Guy Demands Car

PORTLAND—(P)—A rough-clad man carrying a bible, a whip and a revolver, walked into the police station here and demanded an automobile.

Police got a little excited about this, and it took some time to straighten out matters.

It turned out the man was E. W. Thompson, veteran actor for the Portland Civic Theater, and he was at the theater in costume when his car was impounded by police for parking in the wrong place.

He got the car after some explanations.

Radio Stolen

A car radio and some dashboard grillwork was stolen from an automobile on a used car lot at 259 W. 10th Ave. Tuesday, but was not reported to city police until Wednesday. John Beier, car lot manager, reported the radio, valued at \$40, was stolen sometime Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Death Notices

MOCK—Lila Rhea Mock, age 58, died at her home 600 Hunsaker Lane, January 30, 1952. She was born December 28, 1893 in Illinois. She is survived by her husband, Ellsworth A. Mock; 7 sons, John E., Albert W., Lyle F., Arvid L., Bernard F., Clair L., all of Eugene; Leland, E., of Army Air Force, stationed in Korea; 2 brothers, Eldred Morrow of Springfield, Ore.; J. W. Morrow of Carepinteria, Calif.; 3 sisters, Mrs. Alice Smith of Porterville, Calif.; Mrs. Howard Michaels of Porterville, Calif.; Mrs. C. O. Beinhorn of Exeter, Calif. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Poole-Larsen Chapel.

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The answers, said Clawson, will be used to determine whether BLM should ask for more appropriations.

Last fall, after the fire damage had been assessed, the budget bureau denied a smaller request to start salvage sales on grounds that BLM ought to shift over from normal cutting to salvage work using funds already at hand.

Salvage cutting is more expensive because the value of the timber is less, the cost of cruising is higher, and the timber to be logged is often in scattered patches.

CLAWSON estimates value of the accessible 500 million board feet of timber at \$7.5 million, nearly four times the salvage costs.

This value will gradually decline, due to increased infestation and normal deterioration. Clawson contends, if salvage work is not begun now.

But whether it should be in lieu of regular cutting or in addition to it, he is leaving up to local O & C boards—and ultimately to Congress.

Death Notices

PIERCE—Lewis D. Pierce, a resident of Eugene since 1908, died early Thursday morning, January 31, 1952 at his home, 350 E. 18th Ave. He was born in Michigan in 1877. He was in the grocery business here until 1933, at which time he entered the brokerage business selling largely for Eugene Fruit Growers Assn. Mr. Pierce was always active in civic affairs, was a charter member of Kiwanis Club and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce. For 19½ years he served on the Eugene Water Board. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Eugene. Besides his wife, he is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. R. W. (Frances) McKnight, Modesto, Calif.; Mrs. C. W. (Lois) Dietrich of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. W. H. (Louise) Wright of Eugene and 2 grandchildren, Lewis S. Wright and Linda Carol Wright of Eugene; a sister, Mrs. R. W. Richmond of Eugene; 2 brothers, Hoyt E. Pierce of Santa Ana, Calif.; Edward J. Pierce of Los Angeles. Funeral services will be conducted in Simon-Lounsberry Mortuary, Monday, February 4, 1952 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. William Johnson, a member of the Christian Science Church will officiate. Private commitment in Best-Haven Memorial Park. Mr. Pierce will lie in state at chapel from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun. February 3, when friends may call.

JORGENSEN—William C. Jorgensen of 210 E. 30th, died Wednesday, January 30, 1952 at the age of 76. He was born April 14, 1875 in Harlan, Iowa and was married to Rose Thompson October 6, 1902 in Pipestone, Minn. She died June 8, 1941. Mr. Jorgensen was a member of the Lutheran church and is survived by 2 sons, Ralph of Eugene and Bernard with the USMC at San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Leo Madison of Albany; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren. The body of Mr. Jorgensen will be sent by Southern Pacific to Tyler, Minn. for interment beside his wife. Veatch Hollingsworth England Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

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Germans Want Curfew on GIs

STUTTGART, Germany—(P)—"A growing number of incidents" prompted the Parliament of the West German state of Württemberg-baden Wednesday to ask American authorities for a curfew on U.S. occupation troops.

Sixteen reported cases of assault, rape and robbery in Hanneberg alone in the last three weeks involved U.S. Army personnel, the Parliament learned from police statistics.

The state legislators suggested that American soldiers be prevented from spending the nights in the cities.

Cutting Torch Said Stolen From Project

A cutting torch, complete with hose, tank and gauges, Wednesday was reported missing from the second floor of the new high school building.

A steel worker on the building, Charlie Jones, 320 River Loop 2, reported the torch to city police, but said the torch was first noticed gone Monday. The cutting tools are owned by the Soule Steel Co.

Scene of the Crime

MONTREAL—(P)—A man Wednesday staged his second holdup of the same bank and escaped with \$3,000. On his first visit a few weeks ago he took \$4,000.

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