

# BLM Expects to Lift O&C Timber Sales to \$28 Million for Year

## 700 Million Board Feet Cut Sighted By Woosley

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials expect to increase timber sales on the Oregon and California (O&C) railroad grant lands to a possible 700 million board feet in the year beginning July 1.

The expectation was outlined by bureau spokesmen in recent testimony, made public Wednesday before a House Appropriations Subcommittee.

## U.S. Chamber Fights Federal Aid to Schools

### House Testimony Says Classroom Shortage Doesn't Exist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said today there is no critical national shortage of classrooms, and that it regards federal aid for schools construction "unwise and unnecessary."

The chamber position was presented to a House Education subcommittee by Thomas A. Ballantine of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on Education.

He said in prepared testimony: "It is the consensus of business in this country that the states and their communities are responsible for, and able to finance the development of the school systems required by their citizens."

Federal help, he said, "would lead inevitably to the transformation of public education from a state and local function to one increasingly directed by the federal government."

"No critical national shortage in classrooms has been or can be demonstrated to exist," he said.

The House committee has before it an administration bill which would provide for \$1,200,000,000 in federal aid for school construction over the next four years. Other proposals also are under committee consideration.

Ballantine said a report by the U.S. Office of Education states 63,000 new classrooms were built in the year ending last fall. About 49,000 of these would have taken care of the report's estimated enrollment increase of a million and its estimated figure of 14,000 for abandoned classrooms, Ballantine said.

That, he added, leaves a surplus of 14,000 classrooms for "pupils in excess of enrollment capacity."

## UO Med School to Get Treat-Cancer Machine

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Donner Foundation of Philadelphia Tuesday named seven medical centers, including the University of Oregon medical school at Portland, to receive a machine for the treatment of deep-seated cancers.

The machine is a two-million-volt Van de Graaf X-ray generator. The foundation earlier had donated five of the machines to hospitals.

28 million dollars in receipts, compared with the 24½ million anticipated this year from a cut of 670 million board feet. Western Oregon counties in which the lands lie receive 75 percent of the O&C receipts although they now are returning a third of this for access road construction. James F. Doyle, BLM area administrator, attributed the increasing cut to revisions now going on in the 20-year-old inventory.

He estimated completion of the inventory may permit an allowable cut within sustained yield limits of as much as 750 million board feet. He said the inventory shows an average of 31 per cent more timber than was believed obtainable under previous studies.

Included in appropriation requests for the O&C program in the year beginning July 1 are \$6,020,000 for access road construction, \$1,064,000 for reforestation and an unspecified amount to provide housing and other facilities for fire fighters at Scottsburg, Ore. All but the fire fighters' housing and \$104,000 of the reforestation item actually are paid by the O&C counties from money which would go to them.

The proposed reforestation program will cover some 30,000 acres of now unproductive lands, 32,000 acres more than in the current year.

While some areas would restock naturally over a long period, Woosley said, prompt reforestation would reduce losses in potential growth of as much as 75 million to 100 million board feet a year.

At present price levels, he said, this growth would be worth between three and four million dollars a year.

James P. Beirne, BLM budget and finance officer, told the committee that O&C counties have agreed to contribute up to a million dollars a year from their receipts until the reforestation program is completed.

Present estimates are that 207,500 acres require reforestation with an additional 12,500 acres being added to the total each year as the result of timber sales.

Included in the proposed access road program are grading of 101 miles of road, construction of six bridges and some surfacing.

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