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Tribes Question Management of Timber

Effective management of the reservation's most valuable resource - its timber - cannot be carried out as long as adequate funds and personnel in the BIA are lacking. So said General Manager Ken Smith in recent testimony before subcommittees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Speaking in support of increased monies for Timber Stand Improvement and expanded BIA forestry staff, Smith suggested that the BIA

cannot fulfill its "trust responsibility as a prudent forest manager" while such needs go unmet.

Ken Smith, accompanied by Administrative Branch Head Doug McClelland, went to Washington, D.C. April 19-22 to offer testimony as to the value and importance of Warm Springs' timber resource and the effects of reduced BIA forestry programs on its productive management.

The BIA as trustee of the

forest, is responsible for managing the resource by maintaining an inventory, determining the annual allowable cut, arranging sales, overseeing thinning operations and replanting the forests. Protection of the forest from fire, insects and disease is another responsibility of the BIA.

The local BIA forestry program employs 29 permanent people presently and there are three vacant positions. The program impacts hundreds

more who depend on logging, thinning and the mill for their livelihood.

In recent years the federal government has tightened its purse strings in the area of BIA resource programs. According to Warm Springs Superintendent Jim Cornett, the bulk of the BIA funds nationwide have been earmarked for social and educational programs.

Last year Congress attempted to correct this situation by appropriating \$5 million to launch a ten year program for the improvement of Indian forests. Warm Springs received \$249,000 which, though appreciated, is considered to be less than adequate for catching up on unfinished work.

Smith pointed out however that additional funds would be useless without sufficient staff to plan and supervise timber improvement programs. Personnel ceilings in the BIA, set by the Office of Management and Budget and Congress, have caused forestry programs to lag behind in tree thinning and planting and fail to keep pace with "state of the art" timber management practices.

Smith added that timber stand improvement would be meaningless without a "current and comprehensive management plan." And yet staff is inadequate to do the inventory and gather the information necessary for progressive man-

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Fire Destroys Riverside Home

In a matter of moments, the house belonging to Hiram Smith and situated on the

banks of the Deschutes River near Highway 26, burned to its foundation April 25. The fire department was notified at 8:25 p.m. by an employee of the Frontier tavern, which was about the same time that volunteer fireman Dave Williams spotted the flames as he sat in Alice's Restaurant.

Williams said he thought the fire may have started around the back porch area. Levi Boise, who was living in the house but not at home when the fire started, could only guess what might have contributed to the blaze. A cigarette left burning or faulty electrical wiring in the kitchen may have been responsible, he said. However, no cause has yet been determined.

Rumors that someone had been caught in the burning house were not substantiated as Fire and Police Department

personnel combed through the rubble that night and the next morning and found no evidence. Boise indicated that he was not aware of anyone being in the house before the fire.

The large older house was apparently quite dry, and since it was a completely wooden structure with no sheetrock, the fire spread rapidly. The first fire truck had only about 1000 gallons of water on it, which lasts about four minutes. While they switched to drafting out of the river, the second truck was summoned. Fire Chief Jack Fiala said that it is customary to send only one truck to a fire that is outside the district, leaving one truck ready in the fire hall.

Further investigation may turn up a cause for the fire, although it will be difficult because of the total destruction of the house, said Fiala.

Kah-Nee-Ta Gets Spot On Game Show

Some eager contestant on "The Price is Right" this June may win a vacation package at Kah-Nee-Ta. She will be lured by photographs and enticed by a personal invitation: "We'll fly you and your loved one..."

Kah-Nee-Ta has signed a contract with the CBS game show and has communicated with several other shows to secure air time in exchange for six days of free accommodations.

Manager Dan Myles commented, "I used to do this down in southern California so I knew it could be done." He got the ball rolling and is now waiting to hear from twelve different game shows including "Let's Make a Deal" and "Hollywood Squares."

The vacation package will offer to two people: round trip airfare, six nights lodging, six breakfasts, six dinners and free recreation (golf, tennis, horseback riding, mineral bath, swimming, etc.)

There is always the possibility that no one will select the Kah-Nee-Ta package, in which case Kah-Nee-Ta will have had a free advertising spot.

The spot will consist of a catchy 25-word lead-in accompanied by two large photos showing Kah-Nee-Ta and its surroundings.

The exact date of the segment of "The Price is Right" featuring Kah-Nee-Ta will not be known until two weeks ahead of time.

Cooperation Needed For Spring Cleanup

The BIA and the Tribes are counting on people to collect and bag trash and other unsightly and fire hazardous material for the annual Spring Clean-up Day set for Monday, May 16.

This day was chosen so that people might have the weekend to gather up whatever they want hauled to the dump. BIA and Tribal trucks will pick up the trash which should be in plastic bags and left at the curbs.

Special attention should be

given to cleaning flammable materials away from homes, especially from under trailers, to reduce the risk of fire.

The grade school is also having their clean-up day on the 16th. The first through third graders will collect garbage from the area immediately around the school and the fourth through sixth graders will cover the campus area.

Spring clean-up is a statewide campaign sponsored by the Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association.

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Junior High Community Liaison Marie Calica reminds all parents and guardians that writing or calling in an excuse after a student's absence is very important. She says, "I know it's very difficult after attending a funeral to remember to call or write an excuse for your student, and we at the junior high understand. But for legal policies please remember it needs to be done. Thanks."