

Heeren Commended For Outstanding Service

Thirty years with the BIA's Forestry Program have brought Gunther Heeren two awards of achievement along with all the hard work.

The first award the Warm Springs' Forest Manager received was in 1967. The job was never easy but that was before the McQuinn Strip and budget cutbacks created new challenges.

Heeren was awarded recognition a second time just last week. The certificate from the BIA reads "...in recognition of services performed in a manner exceeding the requirements of the position."

To BIA Superintendent Jim Cornett, who recommended Heeren for the award, this short message means many things.

It means that Heeren and his staff took on the responsibility of administering 67,000 more acres of timber when the McQuinn Strip was added to the reservation in 1972. This included the supervision of timber sales for an additional annual cut of 18 million board feet, the carrying out of logging contracts already started by the Forest Service and the

establishment of sample plots for the forest inventory. This he did with just five additional personnel.

It also means fine fire

control. Says Cornett, "I think Gunther and staff have done an outstanding job in fire control. In doing this of course they're working with the U.S.

Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the State Department of Forestry. They have maintained good working relationships with all the agencies so we get maximum cooperation of fires and emergencies."

And it means many more things such as planning and supervising pre-commercial thinning operations that have resulted from the return of administrative fees on timber sales to the Tribes; providing training for his employees to keep up with new forestry techniques; and maintaining the Continuous Forest Inventory.

Such honors come after years of dedication and growing responsibility. Heeren, like most of us, started "at the bottom of the barrel." In 1948 he joined the BIA in Warm Springs as a Beginning Forester. By 1956 he had moved up to Assistant Forest Manager on the Colville Reservation. Heeren returned to Warm Springs in 1964 and assumed the position of Forest Manager.

Heeren's first award commended him for superior performance. He says he doesn't

remember the circumstances.

However he is very aware of how his department has changed through the years. "Initially we had five employees, now we have 29," he commented. "The annual allowable cut has increased greatly and we're doing things we never did before, such as timber stand improvement work including pre-commercial thinning and lots of planting."

"As we get into the second and third cuts things become more critical," Heeren remarked. He looks to more intensive management and planning for the forest. Brush control for reducing competition and releasing trees to grow faster will be one area of concentration. Studies are being done on fertilizing and staff is looking into the improvement of stands by selective breeding.

Heeren said he was "very pleased" with the award he received, adding, "I think we've made a lot of inroads and we still have a long way to go."

With his awards filed away, Heeren is continuing to take on the challenges of a changing field.



Gunther Heeren, BIA Forestry Manager in Warm Springs, recently received a special award for his outstanding service. Heeren has seen many changes in timber management during his thirty years with the BIA.

Ed Spino Retires From Roads

Ed Spino is the envy of all Tribal and BIA employees these days. He's sleeping while we're working.

He deserves a few extra Z's. His retirement July 29 marked almost thirty-one years with the BIA Roads Department in Warm Springs and Pendleton.

Sleeping isn't all that easy after so many years of 8-5. Ed found himself waking up at the usual work time despite efforts to the contrary. He's building up to half a day now and is still left with a half day to occupy in some manner. "I can't get used to it," he commented about all his extra time.

Meanwhile down at the Roads Department his cat skinning, scraping and bulldozing are being missed. He's a heck of a good equipment operator," remarked Spino's supervisor Don Schmith. "We'll miss his quality of work."

Spino is confident the department will go on without him. "They've got a lot of good operators down there."

Spino, a self-defined "foreigner", came to Warm Springs from his home on the Umatilla Reservation in 1952. Already with the Roads Department he was transferred here to work on the Beaver grade between HeHe and Simnasho.

He proceeded to put 25 years into the Warm Springs roads. He has also raised a family of eight kids, all but one of whom are home now. No wonder he can't sleep.

Ed has no plans for his retirement. "Right now I'm just loafing around, heading for powwows," he said contentedly. He hinted at possible self-employment, but didn't appear to want to talk about it.

He has however set one goal for himself. "I might be able to sleep all day later on."

Notice of Public Hearing Airport Master Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
September 8, 1977
at 7:30 p.m.
Warm Springs Agency Longhouse

PURPOSE: To consider the Economic, Social and Environmental effects of the proposed Warm Springs Airport and its consistency with Community Planning Goals and Objectives.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recently approved the Final Draft of the Warm Springs Airport Master Plan and Environmental Assessment Report and intend to apply for Federal funds to carry out the following Development at the proposed Warm Springs Airport, Warm Springs, Oregon:

Designate 418 acres within Section 19 on the Butte North of the Warm Springs Mill and East of the Fire Control Center as Airport Property; Construct, Pave and Light a Runway 3,800 feet by 75 feet; Construct and Pave an Aircraft Parking Apron 200 feet by 300 feet to accommodate about 20 to 25 aircraft; Construct and Pave a connecting Stub Taxiway 213 feet by 40 feet; Provide a graded and drained safety area around the Runway 150 feet by 4,200 feet; Construct an Administration and Operations building about 2,200 square feet including Utilities; Construct an entrance road about 8,450 linear feet and auto parking area for about 50 to 60 cars; Install a rotating beacon, lighted Wind Cone, Segmented Circle and Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI-2); Construct about 2,500 linear feet of stock fencing with cattle guard and 1,200 linear feet of security fencing with gates and; Construct a residence with Utilities for a resident Caretaker-Manager.

Copies of the Final Draft of the Airport Master Plan and Environmental Assessment are now available for review in the office of the Warm Springs Planning Department, Administration Building, Warm Springs, Oregon. The Document summarizes the impact which the proposed project is expected to have upon the Environment and is available to any person for review during normal working hours prior to the hearing date.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing on Sept. 8, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse for the purpose of considering the Economic, Social and Environmental effects of the Airport location and its consistency with the Goals and Objectives of such Urban Planning as has been carried out for this area.

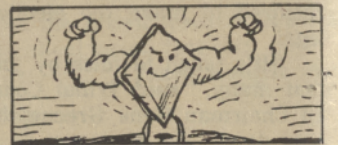
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'Hoot Owl' In Effect

Because of extremely high temperatures on the reservation the past few weeks, four operations began working "hoot owl" August 11, and will continue to do so until further notice.

According to Gunther Heeren, BIA Forest Manager, hoot owling is a process where an operation goes to work early in the morning and must be out of the forest by 1:00 P.M. A combination of the current



Talc is the softest mineral. Diamond is the hardest.

Arts Display


A public reception to celebrate the first anniversary of the 10-Arts of Oregon display at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge will take place on Sunday, August 21, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., according to Dan Myles, Kah-Nee-Ta general manager. Punch and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There is no charge.

10-Arts of Oregon is a group of central Oregon professional artists who meet periodically to discuss and critique their work. The works hung in the Mezzanine Gallery of the Lodge number about 70, and are changed every six weeks. All works are for sale.

"To show our gratitude to the 10-Arts artists for adding to the culture and attractiveness of Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, we're inviting all members of the public to the reception," Myles said. "We hope this anniversary will be the first of many."

heat wave and tinder dry conditions on reservation forest lands have greatly increased the risk of fires, forcing the restriction.

Thus far, the operations affected in hoot owl are the ones involved in the slash crushings of precommercial tree thinning slash. According to Heeren, if the drought continues the logging outfits could be shut down or hoot owling may affect them also.



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