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Committees appointed by Council

Tribal Council, on November 17, appointed tribal committee members. Following are the appointments.

Fish and Wildlife—Bernice Mitchell, Claude Smith, Sr., Mickey Brunoe, Delbert Frank, Sr. and Eugene Greene, Sr., and Jewell Van Pelt is secretary.

Health and Welfare—Janice Clements, Rita Squiempfen, Karen Wallulatum and Mary Ann Meanus. Rowena Begay is secretary.

Education—Liz Tewe, Evaline Patt, Irene Towe and Ellen Johnson. Jewell Van Pelt is secretary.

Range, Irrigation and Agriculture—Buford Johnson, Jr., Wilson Wewa, Sr., Perry Greene, Vincent Wallulatum and Rita Squiempfen. Nadine Calica is secretary.

Land Use—Alfred Smith, Jr., Dennis Starr, Warren Clements, Cyrus Katchia and Vernon Henry. Paula Moses serves as secretary.

Water Control—Alvin Smith, Elmer Scott, Jr., and Pierson Mitchell. Nadine Calica is secretary.

Timber—Max Jackson, Ellison David, Sr., Arthur Mitchell and Delton Switzler. Paula Moses is secretary.

MOIHS—Bernice Mitchell, Lillie Heath, Warren Clements, Emily Wahenka, Betty Lou Lucio, Delbert Frank, Sr., Janice Clements, Donald Kerr, Donna Behrend and James Southern. Beulah Wahpat serves as secretary.

Culture and Heritage—Orin Johnson, Karen Wallulatum, Madeline McInturff, Delbert Frank, Sr., Verbena Greene and Gladys Thompson. Rowena Begay is secretary.

Committee chairmen will be selected at a later date.

Annual cut topic of discussion

"If the emphasis changes and the priority for other resources is raised the growth rate would be affected." In a presentation to Tribal Council December 15 regarding the annual allowable cut Warm Springs Bureau of Indian Affairs forest manager Bob Harned stressed the need for foresters to know what the Tribe wants in the way of both timber production and timber harvest.

Attention to the future of the Warm Springs timber resource based on two concerns in particular prompted Tribal Council to meet with BIA agency and area foresters. The first involves the feelings expressed by many tribal members that resources other than timber are also important including cultural and archaeological sites, fish and wildlife and simple visual beauty.

The other issue related to the economy of the reservation through Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. Equipment at the mill is proving inefficient in handling small log sizes that are brought for milling. An investment in a small log facility has been proposed to Tribal Council.

The allowable annual cut for Warm Springs was figured in the 1982 10-year Forest Management Plan. The cut was calculated mathematically by the Austrian formula. It included old growth along with second growth timber stands.

The Forest Management Plan also gave consideration to other resources with allocations made for conditional use areas and recrea-

tional areas as well as guarantees for both water and visual quality. Tribal Council adopted this alternative "with the stipulation that the special concerns of the Natural Resources Department be taken into consideration." Since then some commercial acres have been put into conditional use status. "It has had an impact on the allowable annual cut and the amount of timber to be cut," says BIA Portland area forester George Smith.

In determining the allowable annual cut the forestry department operated under the premise that timber production is a priority and will be maximized. The forest will be operated as a tree farm for greatest productivity. The assumptions on which the allowable annual cuts are based are eight.

1. The total commercial forest, minus the Conditional Use Areas, would have the production of timber or fiber maximized. This original assumption was modified in the Forest Management Plan particularly by the Streamside Management Plan to protect the Tribe's water, fisheries, game and aesthetic resources.

2. The evenflow of timber from the Warm Springs Block is a Tribal goal.

3. The cut on the McQuinn Strip was calculated for a ten year period so that the cut could be varied by year to optimize income to the tribes.

4. The allowable annual cut is a maximum figure. Less volume could

be cut and not significantly alter the long range return from the Tribal Forest resource.

5. The future forest would look like a tree farm being composed of young fast growing trees. The old growth forest, except in Conditional Use Areas, would be gone.

6. Tribal Council could add to subtract areas from the commercial forest base to meet changing Tribal demands and/or changing forest technology.

7. In order to supply an evenflow of logs to Warm Springs Forest Products Industries the cut from the Warm Springs Block was set on a yearly basis. There is no reason that this cut could not be varied to take advantage of market conditions.

8. The cut is based on the assumption that the present intensive forest management activities in the form of thinning, planting, site preparation, etc. will continue at the present rate.

It was emphasized by Harned and other attending forest managers that any consideration for other resources must be indicated by Tribal Council.

Removing commercial forest acreage from production to allow buffer strips along streams or for protection of other resources reduces the number of acres available for logging operations. This, accompanied with the harvest of trees with a smaller diameter, could have an effect on the Warm Springs economy.

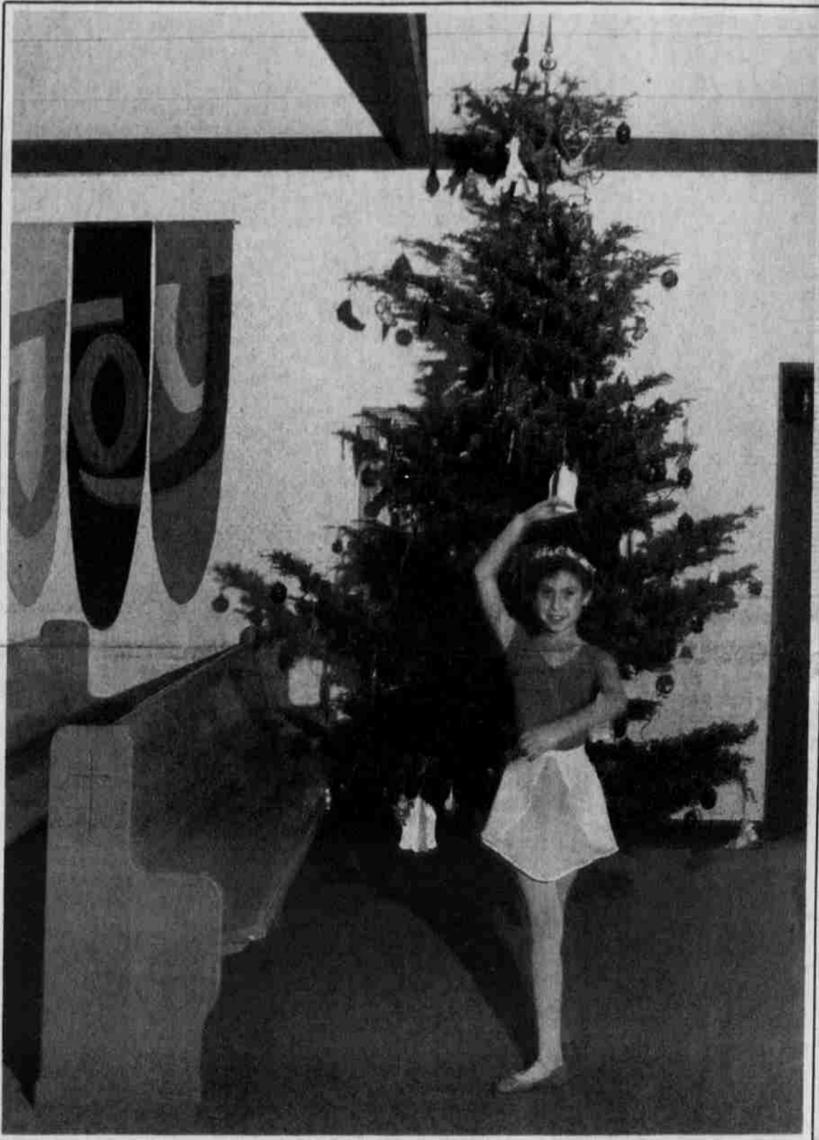
A chart presented to Tribal Council by Presale Officer Jim Akerson indicated that the average 16-foot tree diameter in 1995 will be 9 inches. In 1940 it was 20 inches. Logs as small as 6 inches can be commercially utilized at this time, explained Akerson. George Smith stated, "If the forest is to be managed for timber production we will end up with smaller logs."

With this in mind "there may be a need to reconsider the facilities. The resource is changing and needs to be treated as such," emphasized Harned. Other reservations and communities have had to make this change.

If it is determined that a small log facility is feasible, flexibility is important, says Tribal Consultant Ken Smith. To that George Smith added, "You don't want to stray too far from what industry is doing as far as log size." Smith continued, "You must have the maximum efficiency in handling the product to capture the profit. You will lose if the facility doesn't handle the log efficiently."

To contribute to log production, experimental tree stands on the

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Christmas ballet

A traditional Christmas ballet, the Nutcracker suite, will be performed at Bend High, December 20 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunmiet Minnick is one of the dancers from the Central Oregon School of Ballet who will be performing.

EDITH useful in teaching fire safety

A smoke detector buzzes an alarm, a child in bed quickly crawls to the bedroom door, feels the door to make sure it isn't warm, opens the door and crawls in the hallway. The child then closes the bedroom door, continues to crawl down the hallway to the exit door and feels the second door which is warm. If the child opens the door, smoke will flood the hall and he will see

flames. The only safe way out is through a window in the hall. The child crawls back to the window and jumps out into the arms of a firefighter.

At the Warm Springs Elementary School children went through that experience with the aid of the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department December 14, 15 and 16. The flames were simulated with flashing lights and the smoke was produced by a machine. The experience was made possible with the use of EDITH, Exit Drill In The Home. EDITH is a program which teaches children via a video and a movie, how to correctly exit a home during a fire. Following the

visual matter a child is taken to a specially designed mobile unit consisting of a hallway and a bedroom. Personnel from the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department were in the trailer with the children during the drill and one was at the window.

The drill gives the child actual practical experience in a home fire drill. As the child prepares to enter the trailer a firefighter ask the child's name, if fire drills are practiced at home and what type of

windows are at his home—vertical or horizontal. The information is then passed on to personnel in the trailer.

The specially constructed trailer is equipped with a smoke detector, smoke generator, exhaust fan and simulated fire. It was built with donations from various organizations in Central Oregon.

The trailer is used at schools but has been used at shopping malls to give adults and children of all ages

experience in a home fire drill.

From information collected from children at the Warm Springs school, it is estimated that nearly 50 percent of their families do practice exit fire drills in the home. According to one of the firefighters, the children, for the most part, went through the drill with ease. There were some children who had been through a real home fire and the experience was realistic enough that they showed a real urgency to get out of the trailer.

Notice

To Tribal Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Farmer's Home Administration's Home Preservation Grant "Statement of Activities is available for review at the following locations:

The Warm Springs Planning office or the Tribal Housing Department office located in the main Administration Building, in Warm Springs, Oregon.

Holiday events calendar

- December 19 Buff Elementary Christmas program, 6th grade, 2:00 p.m. in gym.
- December 22 W.S. Community Christmas Play 7:00 p.m.

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Calendars available

Each year the Spilyay Tymoo puts together an arrangement of old photographs depicting the lives of various Indian people of Warm Springs. During each month on the calendar, special events, tribal holidays and deadlines for articles to be placed in Spilyay is listed.

Pat Leno-Baker and Priscilla Squiempfen gathered the material and information for the calendars. The calendars are priced at \$2.00 and can be purchased at the office.

Return elk, deer tags

The hunting season on the reservation is over for 1986. Deer season ended October 31, bear and elk season both ended November 30. The tribal Natural Resources department would like all State Ceded and Reservation deer and elk tags returned to their office located behind the Old Administration building.

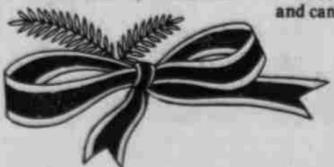
The only hunting season open at this time is the Upland Bird Season, it opened September 1 and will close December 31. The bag limit by species is as follows: grouse—three per day; quail—ten per day; pheasant—two per season, roosters only; chukars—ten per day; turkey—one per month. The bird season on the reservation is for tribal enrolled

members only.

If you have any questions concerning the hunting seasons contact the Natural Resources department at 553-1161, ext. 233 or 234.

The Upland Bird population is healthy where there is good habitat and the weather conditions have made major influence on the bird populations. The hunting impact on the population is generally so small that it warrants little attention.

All migratory birds and water fowl; geese, ducks and doves are classified as migratory birds which makes them governed by the migratory bird act. Federal hunting regulations should be followed concerning the above named birds.



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