

# McQuinn Strip logging practices questioned—Continued from page 1



Doug McClelland stands among downed firs in a five-acre clearcut. There was little blowdown in this area.

portion of this harvest was standing green timber, which appears to be beyond the salvage sale authority," says McClelland.

The second issue to be addressed is if the Tribe is receiving fair market value for the timber. As trustee, the BIA is "obligated" to obtain the best possible price for the material.

The third aspect to consider is administration of the sale. It is the responsibility of the BIA to ensure that proper logging techniques are used and that loggers don't remove any unnecessary timber.

The McQuinn Strip Act of 1972 mandates timber taken off McQuinn between 1972 and 1992 must be sold at public auction, can not be exported in the foreign market, nor can the Tribe cut, buy or remove any of the commercial timber. Even though this was an "emergency" sale consisting of blowdown material, tribal attorneys determined that none of the McQuinn timber could be brought to Warm Springs for resale or manufacturing. Donaghu maintains that the McQuinn sale was put together with the idea that the timber was going to WSFPI. Twenty-five percent of the sale was green and not damaged by wind. This percentage didn't have to be that high, says Donaghu, but because "we originally thought the sale was going to WSFPI, we conducted sanitation harvest and cleaned up the area. We wouldn't have done that if we knew it was going off-reservation." Sanitation harvest is where "high risk" trees are identified and marked for removal.

High quality Douglas and noble

firs and other species are found on the McQuinn Strip. It is extremely valuable on the domestic market and even more so on the foreign market. Once McQuinn management is turned over to the Tribe in 1992, the timber taken can be exported, if the Tribe so chooses, or processed in the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill. A high percentage (60 percent to 65 percent) of the timber taken in this sale was green, standing timber, says Spitz. The Tribe could have realized as much as \$2 million to \$4 million more for the timber had it been left for harvest in 1992, Spitz believes.

Tribal Council Chairman Zane Jackson, expressed concern over the annual allowable cut. "We lost the greater part of the 1992 annual allowable cut for WSFPI" by having this removed now. "The allowable cut off the main Warm Springs block was trimmed to minimize the loss of material that would be available for manufacturing at the mill." The reduction in the AAC could affect employment in 1992.

Spitz questions, too, the silviculture philosophy of the BIA. "It is not well thought out." The "patchwork" clearcut design endangers remaining stands as there will most certainly be windthrow in the future. Also threatened is wildlife. With the understory removed, very little shelter exists for large or small animals.

"We'll have to take time to assess our situation," said Jackson. "Only then will we be able to decide what

to do. We will be careful to do what's in the best interest of the Tribe and, of course, our timber resource. We have an obligation to our people to ensure that our trustee is managing our forests for the

greatest benefit and value for our people, including not only the economic value, but other important resource and cultural values as well," Jackson concluded.

## McQuinn Blowdown Journal

**1988**—Tribe becomes concerned about large amount of McQuinn timber planned for sale during 1989-1991. It is determined that the 20-year allowable cut has been met. Tribe requests that there be no more cutting in the McQuinn until 1992.

**January, 1990**—Major windstorm causes substantial blowdown on both McQuinn and Warm Springs blocks.

**April 1 to June 1, 1990**—Snowmelt in some areas of McQuinn make portions accessible; by April 20, all areas are accessible. May 4, Forestry conducts helicopter survey of blowdown. May 15, forestry presale begins ground reconnaissance of blowdown. By May 25, initial reconnaissance and mapping of blowdown is completed. On May 29, BIA forest manager informs WSFPI his intent to sell McQuinn timber to them under emergency authority. Initial estimate is 3 million to 5 million board feet. On May 30 and 31, forestry begins cruising and marking sale.

**June 28**—Tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp determines that WSFPI cannot process McQuinn timber due to stipulations in McQuinn Act of 1972.

**July 11**—Forestry finishes sale layout and begins computing timber volumes and mapping. It is determined that the value of this timber will probably double in 1992 when McQuinn Act restrictions expire.

**July 16**—Agency superintendent signs waiver to shorten the required advertisement period from 30 days to seven; gains approval from tribal timber committee.

**July 19**—Prospectus sent to prospective buyers.

**July 26**—Discover that terms of sale are very different from those previously agreed to by tribal and Portland Area Office representatives. Volume is now estimated to be 18.5 Mbf.

**July 27**—Forestry staff conducts field trip for prospective buyers. Area Office informs local forestry officials that only damaged trees were to be included in the sale and that there would be no clearcuts, shelterwood final removals or selection cuts (also clearcuts). Forestry maintains that a maximum of 25 percent of green standing timber had been included in the sale and that a change in prescription was impractical. Tribal forestry consultant Jim Spitz maintains that over 60 percent of the timber included in the sale is green and not seriously damaged.

**August 2**—Forestry amends sale and removes approximately one million board feet.

**August 3**—Vanport, of Boring, Oregon, awarded sale in bidding.

**August 13**—Cutting begins on sale.

**August 14**—Spitz and tribal biologist Terry Luther check cutting on parts of McQuinn. Notice cutting of snags and unmarked, undamaged trees.

**August 23**—Tour consisting of Donaghu, Spitz, Doug McClelland, Cal Mukomoto, Ken Smith, George Smith and Ken Lathorp tour a small portion of sale. Approximated 1.4 Mbf removed by changes following tour.

**September 7**—Tribal Council Chairman requests Bernard Topash to stop logging on the sale; Topash agrees.

**September 10**—Tribal Council meets to discuss McQuinn salvage. Forestry maintains that very few unmarked trees have been cut. Council directs forestry to work more closely with Spitz. Council allows logging to continue with the understanding that all possible standing green trees would be removed from the sale.

**September 11**—Forestry marking "take" trees in unmarked salvages and blacking out some trees that had been marked for cutting.

**September 25**—Ken Smith and Zane Jackson, on behalf of Tribal Council, write letter to superintendent asking to stop the cutting of green timber.

**October 2**—Spitz observes fresh cutting of unmarked trees.

**October 9**—At Zane Jackson's request, Area Director Stan Speaks directs forestry to stop cutting of green timber.

**October 12**—Forestry now doing an "excellent" job of blacking out paint designating undamaged trees for cutting, but less than one million board feet remains to be cut.



Large area should not have been clearcut, according to tribal forestry consultant.

## Get ready for Fitness Challenge

The Warm Springs Recreation Department will sponsor the 1990 November Fitness Challenge November 1 to November 30, 1990. Traveling Trophy to the department with the most number of minutes exercised. Participant/Team Average.

All persons entering the Challenge are required to pay a \$5.00 fee, and if you do not wish to receive a N.F.C. shirt, but wish to participate a \$3.00 fee is asked. Individual time sheet logs are available at the Recreation office after fees are paid. Select one person to "Captain" your team, he/she will be the contact person for your team.

Entrants can be of the Warm Springs Tribal organization, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, W.S. Elementary, and any outside individual, group or organization that wishes to participate.

Entry's for Challenge participants must be received by Friday, November 16. Those wishing to order a "Challenge" T-shirt must have their order in by this time.

## Alcohol, drug use declines—Continued from page 1

- Preparing For The Drug (Free) Years, a family training effort sponsored by Governor Goldschmidt, the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, and the Oregon Prevention Resource Center which has trained over 8,000 parents throughout Oregon.
- Joint efforts between the Oregon Prevention Resource Center, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, and the State Department of Education to move all schools to adopt a K-12 curriculum to reduce alcohol and drug problems.

- Annual prevention conferences, currently in their seventh year, to assist county teams in learning how to reduce alcohol and drug problems. An average of 600 delegates attend each year.
- The defeat of the initiative to legalize marijuana and increased marijuana fines passed by the 1989 legislature. Both the defeat of the initiative and the fine increase had the Governor's strong public support.
- The Oregon Business Council's promotion of strong drug-free work place policy throughout

Oregon's 50 largest businesses.

Governor Neil Goldschmidt warned that, "While there is progress and there is hope, there is no room for complacency. No one should delude themselves about the persistence of those peddling drugs to our children. If we cannot surpass their resolve, the progress we see today will disappear. We must press harder. We must double our commitment to keeping our children drug-free. Because after today, we not only have faith that such efforts can succeed, we have proof."

Efforts to expand the alcohol and other drug use prevention within the community include OREGON TOGETHER!, a new strategy aimed at the community level. Special initiatives with small business, Oregon's religious community, and other organizations are also underway. Expanded Oregon Teen Leadership Institutes and Project Graduation will help provide alcohol and drug-free alternatives for Oregon's young people all year long, noted Kushner.

In addition, Neil Goldschmidt has proposed that Oregon provide drug and alcohol treatment services to all Oregon pregnant women and children. The proposal will be included in the 1991-93 budget he presents to the next governor.

The 1990 Oregon Public School Drug Use Survey was conducted by Dr. Doug Egan of Lewis and Clark's Business School and was based upon a survey sample of 1,774 eighth grade students and 1,974 eleventh grade students in five geographic regions throughout Oregon.

## Meeting set

The Shaker Church will conduct an important business meeting Monday, November 12. Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. On the agenda will be the election of an assistant minister.

## Trailer for sale

**Trailer for sale**—14' x 70' trailer house, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, excellent condition, \$8,000 or best offer. If interested call 553-1101 after 6:00 p.m.

## Toyota for sale

**For Sale**—1979 Toyota Corolla Hatchback, 5 speed, 4 cylinder with air conditioning, AM-FM Sony cassette player. Runs excellent for \$700. For more information call Beverly at 553-2416.

## Victims Assistance meet set

The Victims Assistance program of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will host a conference November 1-3, 1990 in Portland, Oregon at the Columbia River Red Lion. The conference was made available through a \$91,000 grant from the Office of Victims of Crime, a part of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The purpose of the conference is to strengthen Indian nations and bring justice for victims of crime. The conference will also bring together diverse groups, including victims who can work together to meet the special challenges in their communities to build more effective

services in Indian communities across the nation. The National Indian Judges Association has endorsed the conference and encourages tribal judges to attend.

There will be three training categories: 1. general victims assistance; 2. judicial/law enforcement; 3. healing and spirituality.

Registration is \$45 per person for the three-day conference. Room reservations can be made by calling the Red Lion toll-free line at 1-800-547-8010. Room rates are \$54 per night. Mention the conference when making room reservations.

## Poet Woody to read from book Oct. 25

Thursday, October 25, Native American poet Elizabeth Woody reads from her work at 6:30 p.m. in Room 401 Cramer Hall (1721 S.W. Broadway) on the Portland State

University campus. Woody was recipient of the 1990 American Book Award and a founding member of the Northwest Native American Writer's Association.

The poetry reading is part of a reception and open house at the Women's Studies Program office launching the first phase of their library of writing by women of color. The reception takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

The Women's Studies Program library collection, begun through an individual donation, is intended to promote creative work by women of color and make it easily accessible. It will include fiction, poetry and creative expressions in an oral tradition, as well as critical appreciation, biographies and autobiographies.

Works by and about Native American women are currently in the library. Works by and about other women of color will be added as opportunity and funds allow.

The Women's Studies Program Library is open to the public. Donations of money and books are welcome, as are suggestions about works to be included.

For more information, contact Women's Studies, Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207, or call coordinator of the Women's Studies Certificate Program at PSU, Johanna Brenner, 725-3516.



The third annual Arts and Crafts Fair had various exhibitors and many visitors. The Fair was held October 13 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

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