

Packwood challenges Dept. of Agriculture reforestation cutback

Benlate use receives OK

Looking forward to 1980 fiscal year budget for reforestation, Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore) today requested a meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland. With the rush of Senate business in anticipation of a mid-October adjournment, Packwood suggested the meeting take place quickly following the end of Senate business. In mid-November, the Department of Agriculture's budget will undergo the fall review in the Office of Management and Budget, prior to submission to Congress.

Senator Packwood's invitation to Bergland follows closely a similar message directed to President Carter on August 29. At that time, the Oregon Senator challenged the Administration to justify its three-year failure to provide full funding in its budget requests for reforestation. Citing Congressional decisions made in 1974 and 1976, Packwood criticized the Administration for falling drastically short in the money budgeted to replant thousands of acres of national timberlands.

"The questions I asked President Carter last month," said Packwood, "should not be lost in the White House. I not only insist on finding out why they have failed to pay for replanting trees for the past three years, but much more importantly, I want Secretary Bergland to understand Congress won't stand idly by when the 1980 budget requests are made."

Forest Service tightens timber sales

The Forest Service will tighten administration of its existing timber sale policy as part of a plan to keep better track of logs sold from national forests, John R. McGuire, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture agency said today.

The plan results from an interview in which the internal review team discovered several weaknesses in the present system that could result in theft or loss of those logs. Corrective actions were proposed, McGuire said, and the final actions announced today closely follow those proposals.

Among actions to be taken by the Forest Service are:

—Identifying all timber by a brand, paint mark, tag or similar means, except where timber is sold by measuring standing trees before they are harvested.

—Gradually expand the use of unharvested tree measurement as a method of selling national forest timber where economically feasible.

—Identifying the place where logs will be measured and the routes on which they will be hauled.

—Establishing a national program to reduce cutting and removal of undesignated trees. The program will include law enforcement training for appropriate personnel and surveillance of national forest transportation routes.

McGuire said the Forest Service will begin these actions immediately.

est improvements are returned not only in timber receipts. They provide jobs and housed, and enhance watershed, recreation and wildlife values."

"While I wait to hear from the President," Packwood

added, "It's vital for the bureaucrats at the Department of Agriculture to appreciate the impact this policy has on the people of Oregon. In our state alone, if we don't eliminate the backlog of

unrestored national forest timber lands, we will run short of at least 20 million seedlings by 1981. That is enough to replant 40,000 acres and timber in Number 1 to Oregon's economy."

Wheat producers in 16 Oregon counties will be permitted to use the fungicide Benlate to control cercosporiella foot rot as a result of an exemption granted the Oregon Department of Agriculture by the Environmental Protection Agency earlier this month.

This exemption expires June 30, 1979. Benlate 50W is to be used at a rate of 1.0 pounds of product per acre in five to 10 gallons of water, if applied aerially, or in 20 to 30 gallons of water if applied by ground equipment. Only one application is authorized, and only licensed commercial applicators or growers may make the application.

Benlate may be used on a total of 50,000 acres of wheat in the following counties: Morrow, Baker, Gilliam, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Washington and Clackamas.

The Oregon State Board of Agriculture has urged the federal government to abandon its interim rules which set asserted unworkable standards for weighing devices in the grain storage and shipping industry—rules which are contrary to accepted standards set by all 50 states in the union.

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