Changes in Government Timber Policies Needed, Industry Representatives Agree

The third in a series of congressional hearings into federal timber policies concluded in Medford yesterday afternoon, and most lumber industry representatives testifying generally agreed on several improvements of administering government controlled timber sources.

Some 13 parties interested in southern Oregon lumber agreed on over-all principles of more access roads financed by federal funds, on a competent reinventory of present timber supplies, an increased salvage sales program, and additional personnel to help attain allowable cuts from government land.

Difference of Opinion

There was a difference of opinion on whether or not Bureau of Land Management marketing areas should be changed, and at least one witness suggested organization of a similar program in forest service managed land.

The hearings moved to Roseburg today, where Congressmen Earl Chudoff (D-Penn.), and Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.), were expected to hear several more witnesses. The hearings started in Redding, Calif., Monday, and will end Dec. 1 in Spokane, Wash.

David C. Shaw, attorney representing Gold Beach and Curry county interests, suggested the principle of marketing areas be applied to forest service land in the Siskiyou National forest. Presently, forest service timber is not limited to specific processing areas as under the BLM marketing area program.

Lack of Roads

Shaw pointed out that timber which geographically and economically should go into the Gold Beach area does not because of lack of available mainline access roads. He said a forest service road from the north would funnel timber into the Coos Bay area which would enhance Gold Beach economy.

The actual cut from forest service land in that area is far below the allowable cut because access roads are not available. He said a primary road is needed east from Gold Beach to make timber accessible. These roads, he said, should be built by the government because rough terrain makes it almost impossible for individual operators to finance mainline access roads.

Norman Webb, representing Brown Brothers Lumber company of Grants Pass, said BLM marketing area boundaries should be changed and all areas open to competitive bidding. Webb pointed out that the company may have to close operations if boundaries are not changed.

Webb claimed he could not go more than five miles from the company site for timber, while other operators could come into the area near Brown Brothers and log.

Established in 1947

The boundaries were established after public hearings in 1947, when master marketing units comprised natural groupings of drainages containing BLM timber. Smaller towns within the master units had no historical dependence on the adjacent master unit, according to BLM officials, because there were no records to show that smaller towns processed timber from adjacent units.

The result was overlapping of Jackson and Josephine marketing units, especially in the valley areas, processed timber from both Jackson and Josephine master units, continued to do so after units were established. Smaller towns, however, were limited to the unit which they had historical dependence.

BLM officials pointed to Murphy and Merlin as examples. Neither town produced evidence they processed BLM timber from the Jackson master unit, and therefore could purchase only in the Josephine marketing area.

Another witness yesterday afternoon, Howard Russell, forester for Hunter and Best sawmill, suggested flexible marketing areas. He said the company is within a mile of the Josephine area, yet can not purchase timber from the area.

Russell pointed out that flexible boundaries would eliminate several situations similar to Hunter and Best's, but said the company favored the principle of marketing areas.

General Argument

Testimony on mainline access roads and increasing salvage sales as well as increasing allowable cuts prevailed throughout the hearing, and although witnesses varied in details of what should be done, they generally agreed on principles involved.

Virgel L. Clark, representing Brookings Plywood corporation and other interests, said access roads should be constructed by the government when financing is beyond the capacity of individual operators. He said he thought federally constructed roads are the least favorable because of political and economic pressures, and operator - built roads are constructed when and where economic pressures, and operator-built roads are constructed when and where economics dictate. He also said access roads can be built cheaper by operators.

Jack A. Crump, representing the S.H. and W. Lumber company and the Sunny Valley Lumber company of the Grants Pass area, said more funds should be appropriated by congress for access roads. He suggested that timber sale regulations be amended so sale receipts might be expended on construction. He also said sales should be of sufficient size to amortize construction of roads.

Maps Presented

Crump presented maps of the Siskiyou and Rogue River National forests indicating where he thought access roads should be constructed to obtain overmature timber.

Access roads were discussed yesterday morning, when Lewis L. Simpson, secretary-manager of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, asked that road regulations be reviewed and a "commonsense" approach used to eliminate cumbersome and unwieldy regulations.

He pointed out large areas of over - mature, diseased, and blowndown timber is inaccessible because access roads are lacking. He suggested mainline access roads built by the government with spur roads constructed by successful bidders.

Witnesses agreed that funds should be provided to increase personnel to administer allowable cut sales.

Howard Norwood, manager of Magnolia Lumber company of Rogue River, explained that personnel is not available for the actual cut to equal the allowable cut on government timber. Adequate and competent personnel could bring the actual cut up to allowable cut, and many companies, such as Magnolia, would not be faced with possible closures because of lack of logs, he said.

New Survey Needed

Up-to-date inventories, witnesses said, would help greatly in increasing the allowable cut. Crump pointed out "old and unreliable estimates in volume" are being used in allowable cut policies, and stressed the need of a new survey .

Along with a reinventory, Simpson said, goes an "accurate and careful study of timber growth in each area. The annual allowable cut must be synchronized with the annual growth in each area in order to promote sustained yield."

Salvage sale programs should be altered, witnesses said, to remove as quickly as possible diseased, killed and other damaged trees.

Clark pointed out that salvage timber should be in excess of green timber in salvage areas, and should not be included in allowable cut estimates.

Simpson said "The primary thing is to salvage as much of the timber as possible and to rehabilitate the salvage area so that it will start reproducing a new crop of timber as quickly as possible."

Norwood said there is "a lot of loss because the salvage program is not being pushed," and Crump pointed out that there are several areas where overmature timber should be salvaged as soon as possible.

Others Testify

Other witnesses who testified yesterday included Frank VanDyke, representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Don McNeil, also of the chamber; R. E. Kellso, Southern Oregon Plywood, Inc.; K. W. Blanchard, Lithia Lumber company, Ashland; Glenn L. Jackson, representing the Oregon State Industrial commission; and E. H. Wood, vice-president of Conifer Wood Products of Medford.

Subcommittee members who did not attend the hearing include Congressmen John E. Moss Jr., (D-Calif.), and Robert H. Mollohan (D-W.Va.). Senators who did not attend are Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.), and George W. Malone (R-Nev.). Neuberger earlier this week was stricken with a virus infection and was unable to be here, and Scott was in Columbia, S.C., presiding over a meeting of the senate agriculture committee.

Following the hearings, Congressman Chudoff said a report and constructive recommendations will be prepared for consideration by Congress.

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Outdoor Advertising Law Slated To Start Dec. 31

Portland—The permit requirements of Oregon's new outdoor advertising law which goes into effect Dec. 31 were outlined by Tom Current, assistant commissioner of labor, at a meeting of the Oregon Roadside council in Portland this week. He stated the Bureau of Labor is now ready to accept applications and permit fees for annual sign permits for 1956 for the construction and use of highway signs meeting the provisions of the law.

Current emphasized, "It is the hope of Commissioner of Labor Norman A. Nilsen that the law will work toward a return to the natural beauty of Oregon's highways without undue loss to the advertising industry and the industries dependent upon advertising."

The council was requested to advise highway sign owners who have not received sign permit applications to obtain them from the labor bureau as well as information on provisions of the act pertaining to their outdoor advertising. A weatherproof identification tag will be issued for each sign securing a permit.

Current pointed out that the law generally regulates placement, spacing, safety, and appearance of advertising signs and structures outside of incorporated cities. He named several limited exemptions including signs which advertise the name, nature or services of a business and which are placed within 300 feet of the business site.

He pointed out that while these signs are exempt from payment of a fee, they are subject to other regulations. Various warning signs, signs on a farm advertising its products, and rental or sale signs on the real estate involved also are not subject to permit but are under some regulation.

Compulsory Meat Inspection Underway

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A three-weeks program of compulsory meat inspection is underway this week in Klamath, Lake and part of Grant county.

Two packing plants in Lake county, four in Klamath and one in Grant county will be under continuous inspection during the three weeks pilot study. Two inspection teams are examining all animals before and after slaughter at the plants.

The compulsory meat inspection pilot program was authorized by the 1955 Legislature.

Similar inspections have already been completed in several sections of northwest Oregon.

Most of the major island areas of the Antarctic continent are named for females, while most mountain ranges and peaks, glaciers, bays and islands are named for males.

Salk Tells New Tests of Safety

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — The U. S. Public Health Service today unveiled new production and safety testing procedures of polio vaccine which should put manufacture of safe vaccine on "an assembly line basis."

Dr. Jonas Salk, appearing with a panel of polio experts at the 83rd annual meeting of the American Public Health association, said that under the new procedures, including much more effective safety testing, "we should get safe consistency in lot after lot."

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U. S. surgeon general, said manufacturers were in "various stages of readiness" and that some already were operating under the procedures set forth in the interim report released today by the Public Health Service's Technical Committee on Polio Vaccine.

Several changes in manufacturing procedures and safety tests were outlined in the report.

Salk said the changes amounted to submitting each batch of vaccine to a "calculated amount of over-treatment" to create a bonus "margin of safety" against any lingering virus that conceivably might remain.

Three Perish in Fire In Chicago Residence

Chicago—(U.P.)—A brother, sister, and baby girl were killed early today when fire swept their home and their bodies were brought to the hospital where their mother was on duty as a nurse.

The dead were identified as Louis Kohler, 19, his sister, Betty Ann, 15, and their four-month-old half-sister, Catherine Eileen Killips.

Jack Killips, 46, the stepfather of the two older children and father of the youngest, was severely burned and was in critical condition at the Little Company of Mary Hospital, where his wife is a nurse.

Film To Be Shown For Advisory Group

A film entitled "Head of the House" will be shown at a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Jackson Juvenile Court at 8 p.m. Monday, it was announced today.

The Rev. Thomas McCamant will serve as moderator of a discussion to follow showing of the film. The meeting will be held in the circuit court room in the county courthouse.

The executive committee of the group will meet at 7:30 p.m. prior to the full committee meeting.

Total new memberships and renewals in the state farm bureaus as of March 31, 1955 were 74,102 ahead of the corresponding period a year ago. The total for the 48 state farm bureaus and Puerto Rico was 1,081,078 farm families.

DETERMINED to make full-time career of acting, Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski arrives in Hollywood for motion picture debut. *(International)*

Taxis of Yellowknife in Canada's far northern-District of Mackenzie, do a thriving business. Because few people own cars, some cabs rack up 5,000 miles a month. In winter, to avoid trouble starting, drivers keep their motors running all the time.

Manning, in the northern part of Canada's province of Alberta, advertises itself as the "northernmost midwestern farm town in North America." The town is 565 miles north of the United States border.

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