First Large Timber Sale of Year Slated

The Medford district office of the bureau of land management has announced that its first large timber sale of the year will be held March 14 at the Medford city hall. The sale will consist of six tracts containing an estimated 21,659,000 board feet of timber, according to E. K. Peterson, Medford district forester.

Three of the tracts, containing an estimated 7,836,000 board feet, are in Josephine county. The other three, containing an estimated 13,823,000 board feet are in Jackson county, Peterson said.

Classified As Salvage

In Josephine county, one tract containing an estimated 1,809,000 board feet is classified as salvage, since a majority of the timber is "blow down." Two of the Jackson county tracts are in the area covered by the September, 1955, Sykes creek fire. The two tracts, estimated to contain 4,902,000 board feet, are also classified as salvage, Peterson said.

The salvage sales may be removed to any O&C marketing area for manufacture, whereas the tracts advertised as green must be delivered to mills within their respective marketing areas for at least primary manufacture, he noted.

The two Sykes Creek fire tracts will complete the salvage operations on bureau land damaged by that fire. Approximately 16 million board feet of timber located in the fire area was advertised for sale last year, but no bids were received for the timber included in these two tracts, when it was advertised last fall, Peterson said.

The proposed sale will reflect the first major change in bureau stumpage prices since the lumber prices started to decline last summer, he said. The new prices for Douglas fir are from $4 to $5 lower per thousand board feet than the previous prices.

In addition to the six tracts to be offered for sale March 14, there are three tracts containing an estimated 4,405,000 board feet which are open for bid at this time. These are tracts for which no bids were received at recent advertised sales. Such no-bid tracts may be kept open for receipt of bids for a period of 90 days if the district forester so elects.

Information regarding any of the proposed sales or the no-bid sales may be secured from the office of the district forester at the Medford city hall.

Larkin Transferred From BLM Office

David H. Larkin, a forester assigned to the Medford district office of the bureau of land management for the 1½ years, has been promoted and transferred to the bureau office located at Juneau, Alaska.

The new assignment will include stepped-up fire control measures, using aerial methods according to E. K. Peterson, Medford district forester. The bureau has jurisdiction of 40,000,000 acres of undeveloped commerical forest lands in interior Alaska.

Larkin is a 1955 graduate of the school of forestry at Montana Sate university. While in Medford he was engaged in grazing and timber sale work in the south unit under the supervision of Herbert Haglund.

'Phantom Sniper' Due Sanity Hearing

Pontiac, Mich. —(U.P.)— Oakland County Prosecutor Frederick C. Ziem, said he planned to petition Circuit Court today for a sanity hearing for Gary A. Taylor, 20, the "Phantom Sniper" of the suburbs.

Ziem said his petition was based on the findings of Dr. Ivan A. LaCore who reported "Taylor is dangerously and mentally ill and should be hospitalized."

Taylor has admitted driving through several suburbs during a two-month period and firing a .22 caliber rifle at about 16 women because "I like to hurt women." Three of the women suffered minor wounds.

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