

Planning Work for Timber Sale Plan Announced by BLM

The Medford office of the bureau of land management has announced that planning work for the coming timber sale plan will be starting in the near future.

This year, however, planning will be based on an 18-month period rather than the customary 12-month period. This step is taken to effect the conversion of sales planning from a calendar year basis to a fiscal year basis. As in the past, priority will be given to salvage of fire-killed, wind-thrown and beetle-infested timber.

In making the announcement, the district manager has invited interested companies or individuals to submit suggestions of timber to be included in the plan, since one of the considerations in selecting tracts is the interest to prospective purchasers. He has also solicited information about salvage tracts that might logically be considered for sale.

10th Annual Sale Plan
This will be the 10th annual timber sale plan prepared by the bureau in which the location, estimated volume and proposed time of sale will be shown for each tract that is proposed for sale during the coming calendar year. The release of such a plan notifies the prospective purchasers well in advance, so that all

Sale of Timber Request Rejected

Yreka—Charles A. Yates, supervisor of Klamath National forest, this week rejected a request from the Siskiyou County Lumber Manufacturers association that he recommend to the secretary of agriculture stopping the sale of Klamath forest timber to Oregon operators.

The lumbermen had asked that interstate sale be prohibited under the federal law providing for forest timber sales.

Yates said Oregon operators do not take any sizeable amount of timber from the Klamath national forest. He said 92.3 per cent of the sales over the past year have been to California operators.

He said that in some cases, lower wages in Oregon might explain low Oregon bids. In many cases, he added, bids are run up by competition among California operators as well as bidders from Oregon.

Yates said he didn't think the state boundary "should make any difference. It is a natural forest product belonging to the people."

He suggested more vigorous competition by local operators.

who wish to do so may participate in the bidding for the timber.

The plan is prepared initially by the district manager and his staff on the basis of the available cut under sustained yield management, the personnel available in the district to cruise the timber and administer the sales contracts, sound forest management practices, and interest indicated by prospective purchasers.

It is then submitted to the district advisory board for consideration and suggestions. The advisory board is comprised of representatives of the lumber industry, labor, agriculture, livestock, mining, recreation, wildlife and the general public.

No timber will be advertised for sale unless the bureau can assure equal access for all prospective purchasers. The regulations permit the authorized officer to accept bids for any tract not sold at the specified sale date for a 90-day period, provided there has been no substantial change in the appraised value of the timber.

Operators who desire to suggest tracts which they wish to have considered in the next timber sale plan should contact the district manager's office in the city hall, Medford, as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting such suggestions has been set as Aug. 15.

The approximate volumes which have been budgeted to each forest management area within the district for sale in 1959 and the first half of 1960 calendar years are north Jackson, 74.7 million board feet; south Jackson, 28.6 million board feet; north Josephine, 130 million board feet; south Josephine, 35.2 million board feet, and Klamath, 18.2 million board feet. The total volume is 286.7 million board feet.

Atomic Material Sent To Stepinac

San Francisco—(UPI)—A rare radioisotope from the University of California Radiation Laboratory was en route by air today to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, for use in treating Cardinal Stepinac, who was reported suffering from a blood disease.

The atomic material was shipped by urgent air express Wednesday night at the request of the Cardinal's physician, who said Stepinac was not recovering satisfactorily from a leg operation.

The Roman Catholic primate of Yugoslavia is a staunch opponent of Marshal Tito and has been living in semi-imprisonment for more than 10 years.

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LANDING IN LEBANON, U. S. Marines are guarding American lives and property following appeal for help from President Camille Chamoun in wake of overthrow of Iraq government. Units of U. S. Sixth Fleet are anchored in Beirut harbor in file photo.

Water Described as One of Most Pressing Problems Facing U.S.

By ELMER C. WALZER

New York—(UPI)—What is the most important problem to be faced by the United States in the next 20 years?

Not long ago, the Committee for Economic Development used that question as the basis for a competition.

One of the prizes went to Mrs. Leona Train Rienow who wrote on "Water-Key to America's Future."

She traced our steady inroads into this valuable commodity—how we cut down the forests which prevented erosion, and kept back water, how we drained water from the wells put there by centuries of rainfall, how we used up one source after another of water that made our country so great in the past.

She told of shortages developing—and more to come.

And she made a reference that fits into the picture in the Middle East.

Could Affect Civilization
"It is possible," she said, "that we have learned nothing from the vanished civilization of Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq, the center of today's Middle East problem). Crete (island of the Mediterranean, once site of the ancient Minoan civilization), Carthage, (once the city of the Phoenicians in North Africa), and Timagad (called the Pompeii of North Africa).

The water situation in the United States hasn't reached the stages it has in the Middle East. But Mrs. Rienow says it's serious.

She intimates that lack of water could end our civilization just as it did in many an ancient nation.

We are using more and more water and plan to use a great deal more.

Industry, the No. 1 water user now sucks up 11 times what it did in 1900, Mrs. Rienow says. It uses 110 billion gallons a day.

It takes 65,000 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel, or one ton of paper, says Mrs. Rienow.

"Textiles, chemicals, breweries, power companies, automobile manufacturers, oil refineries, every industry you can name puts terrific pressure on our water supplies.

Millions More Users
"Now the population explosion—three million new water users added each year, and every one of them crying for 26 million gallons of water in his lifetime—stagger the computers."

"So it is that industries are not drawing up gigantic blueprints for future expansion. Paper, for instance, expects to double its water use by 1975. And there are new industries based on the use of the atom that will be pushing their buckets at the national trough."

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campaign against waste of water as we can at the sources, before it completes its cycle back to the sea. We must again make use of a renewed plant robe; we must seek to recreate the natural swamps, ponds, marshes. We must build humus and practice the best we know in agriculture to rehabilitate a ravished land."

When all is said and done our best bet is to use nature's own way of keeping the water that comes down in the form of rain.

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USIA Broadcasting News To Middle East

Washington—(UPI)—The United States Information Agency has started broadcasting news in English to the Middle East and Europe around the clock.

Director George V. Allen said the Voice of America, starting every hour on the hour, will broadcast 15 minutes of news reports and 15 minutes of news analysis, recordings of statements by U. S. and U. N. officials and editorial comment.

DeMILLE RECUPERATING

Hollywood—(UPI)—Producer Cecil B. DeMille, 77-year-old film pioneer, rested at home today following a three-week bout with a virus infection. He was released from Cedars of Lebanon hospital Wednesday with the prospect of returning to work in "two or three weeks."

Salem—(UPI)—Mrs. Jess C. pointed state chairman of a neighbor fund raising campaign, Portland, has been appointed a Republican "neighbor-to-neighbor" campaign.

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