

Senate Committee Lists Nine Recommendations from Survey

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Washington - (Special) - Complaints from Oregon and Washington state lumbermen about not getting sufficient federal timber for their mills last summer has resulted in a comprehensive survey and a 9-point list of conclusions and recommendations by the Senate Interior committee staff.



In its report, the staff states that "the major factor holding up planned timber sales in the period studied was a lack of rights-of-way."

Review Programs

Wolf reviewed the timber sale programs in detail with national forest supervisors, their timber-management staffs and district rangers. In Oregon, he did this in the Mt. Hood, Willamette, Umpqua and Siskiyou National Forests; in Washington, the Gifford Pinchot, Snoqualmie, Wenatchee and Okanogan forests; and in California, the Klamath, Shasta-Trinity and Eldorado forests.

The 9-point list offered by the staff report is as follows:

1. A national plan should be formulated setting forth forest-management goals for the future covering timber harvesting goals; reforestation and silvicultural work needed to attain optimum forest production; recreation, watershed protection, grazing goals and land use adjustments needed to harmonize multiple uses; estimates of the role national forests will play in nation's economy; roads required; cost estimates to attain stated goals within the first 5-year period.

2. The Department of Agriculture should set forth a right-of-way policy and an active adequately financed program.

Timber Not Sold
The report stated that over 1 billion board feet of timber was not sold or was delayed from original planned sales due to right-of-way problems in Oregon and Washington. The report said:

"Policies have not been set forth and backed up with funds so as to enable the Forest Service to utilize the full range of possibilities in negotiations. Thus, the United States is at a disadvantage in negotiating both with parties who proceed in good faith, as well as with those who do not."

3. Forest Service records on timber sales are insufficient to reveal significant and important facts on a timely basis for its \$100 million annual business.

Instead of just emphasizing the timber cut each year, the Forest Service should offer a sale program which shows volume of timber in various stages of sale preparation; sales planned for coming year with information on sizes of sales, cost of access roads, and rate at which sales will actually be "loggable;" volume of

timber under contract and rate at which it will be logged in forthcoming year.

Correlated Standards
4. Correlated standards do not measure current costs and sales plans are not coordinated with funds.

"Timber sale fund requests have not been sufficient to advance sales to the maximum level of operation. . . . The budget officers should review the timber-sale program taking into account its economic implications and its revenue-producing potential. . . . Arbitrarily setting the level of timber-sale funds will have increasingly serious implications for the growing segments of the forest industry dependent upon national-forest timber and for the com-

Sheriff's Office Receives 1,728 Complaints in '58

Jackson county sheriff's deputies received 1,728 complaints during 1958, including 505 felonies, 272 misdemeanors and 951 miscellaneous complaints, according to the annual report from the criminal division.

The total was 308 more complaints than the office received in 1957. It was 692 more than in 1952.

The nine deputies employed by the department closed 1,026 complaints which resulted in no arrests and cleared 263 complaints which resulted in arrests. Forty-three complaints were unfounded and 208 were suspended. A total of 188 complaints were pending at the end of the year.

Felony complaints investigated included 215 larcenies; 121 burglaries; 59 fictitious checks; 32 checks with insufficient funds; 13 auto thefts; 9 each, forgeries, absent without leave crimes and escapes.

Other Complaints
Other complaints were for robbery, 6; non-support, 5; rape, fraud and arson, 4 each; homicide and aggravated assault, 3 each; embezzlement, adultery and parole violation, 2 each; and fugitive, bribery and sex crimes, 1 each.

Misdemeanors were topped with 58 complaints of malicious mischief, followed by 30 violations of traffic and road laws; 33 disorderly conduct; 32 regarding weapons; 28 simple assault; 26 prowler; 13 traffic accidents; 12 trespass; 9 drunk; 5 sex offenses; 3 each, intimidation, drunk driving and hit and run; and 1 each, prostitution, gambling, neglect of children and torturing animals.

Of the 738 persons lodged in the county jail during 1958, 252 were by the sheriff's office, 248 by state police, 132 by Medford police and 106 by others.

New Officers to Appear at Roundtable

New officers and board members of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce are scheduled to speak at the chamber's weekly roundtable luncheon tomorrow noon at the Jackson hotel.

Otto Frohnmayer, outgoing president, is also expected to attend.

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Adelaide R. - I am 20 years old and about to marry. I have a very serious problem in that I don't know whether or not to invite my own mother to the wedding.

My mother deserted my father and me and my baby brother when I was six years old. She ran off with another man and is now living in another state married to a third man. She has written to me and tried to keep in touch with me over the years, but I have never answered her. Once when I was a little girl she said to me "You'll understand when you are older," but now that I'm older I can understand less than ever how a woman can leave her own children.

My stepmother, who has cared for me for the past 13 years, says it is only right that I should invite my mother. My father doesn't say anything, but I'm sure he'd rather not see her. I certainly don't want to see her.

Mrs. F. R. - I don't make any excuses for Adelaide's mother, but I do think she is entitled to see her own daughter get married. I wouldn't want anyone to think that she had been left out on my account.

It is true that my husband would rather not see his wife, but he is willing to let her come. I persuaded him that it is the only right thing to do. Adelaide's fiancé and his family are not very keen on the idea, but will go along with anything Adelaide wants.

I have been told that it is the custom for the real parent to take over at wedding ceremonies when there has been a divorce and remarriage. I don't want to violate the rules. Besides, I can't help feeling sorry for Adelaide's mother. She was a very unhappy young woman and must have felt a million regrets for

what she has done. She has no other children.

The Council: Mrs. F. R. appears to be a fine, sympathetic person, but perhaps her happiness over Adelaide's marriage is causing her to go overboard. She wants to share this happiness with the girl's real mother. But she would not do this woman any kindness by insisting upon her presence when nobody really wants it.

Adelaide is deeply attached to her stepmother and wants her at her side when she marries. This is natural under the circumstances. The real mother would look and feel irrelevant. Adelaide would have to deal with a terrible tangle of emotions. The bride should feel happy and no custom set of rules or public opinion is more important than this.

Weddings offer wonderful opportunities for reconciliations, but it is not necessary to make the ceremony itself such an occasion. Since Mrs. F. R. feels as she does about Adelaide's mother, she would be wise to discuss the matter with the girl. She should urge her to try to understand that nobody is immune to error and that none of us has the right to judge others harshly. Children are in a particularly poor position to pronounce sentence on parents.

We think that Adelaide should make an effort to know her mother and to introduce her husband to her. Probably their relationship will be far from ideal, but it would be good for Adelaide to arrive at enough understanding of her mother to eliminate some of the bitterness she now feels.

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