

# BLM Notes Heavy Use Demand On Land Activities in Area

A review of the records of the Medford district of the bureau of land management for the first quarter of 1960 showed a heavy use demand on all land activities in the BLM forests of this district, according to District Manager Rose A. Youngblood.

Not unexpected, but particularly pleasing, was the intense interest shown in the bidding on BLM timber. As a comparison, he noted, collections for the first quarter in 1958 totalled \$339,761.44; for the same three-month period a year later, collections totalled \$607,986.51; and for the first quarter of 1960 collections totalled \$844,028.19.

Actual collections totalled \$823,930.66. Monies from the O and C account are distributed by the O and C formula on the following basis: the Congress is permitted to appropriate 25 per cent for administrative purposes; in no case to date has the Congress appropriated the full 25 per cent of the gross receipts in the O and C account collected in any one fiscal year.

**Gross Receipts**

Twenty-five per cent of the gross receipts collected in any one fiscal year, by arrangement with the O and C counties, is appropriated by the Congress and allocated for road construction and reforestation, Youngblood noted. The remainder, or 50 per cent goes to the 18 western Oregon O and C counties in lieu of tax payments.

In this particular period in the Medford district, collections for the public domain lands totalled \$16,771.53. Ninety-five per cent of the monies from this account goes into the reclamation fund, and five per cent goes back to the state to be distributed in the general state fund.

Access timber roads have to be maintained, Youngblood

pointed out, either by the timber purchaser or user, or by BLM maintenance crews. In this past three-month period, \$3,177.90 was collected as maintenance fees and deposited in the O and C maintenance fee account. This money is used to maintain BLM timber access roads, as needed, he said.

**Miscellaneous Matters**

Only a small amount of collections was noted for miscellaneous matters, which totalled \$188.05. Principally this collection was for service fees, sale of maps, court costs, and similar items, Youngblood said.

In ferreting out the actual timber activity that was carried on in the Medford district of the BLM during the past three months, it was found that the lack of getting clear title to and timely procurement of easements, augmented by a heavy snow pack in some areas, delayed the offering of the total volume of timber the district planned to offer in the period, the district manager noted.

These items delayed the district from offering a total of 15,000,000 board feet — or, as a matter of comparison, 53,407,000 board feet were sold compared to a planned volume of 68,400,000 board feet.

The planned volume which was anticipated to be offered on the market when the district's plans were promulgated a year ago will be offered before July 1.

**Located on 52 Tracts**

The 53,407,000 board feet which was offered for sale during this quarter was located in 52 tracts: 27 tracts were in Jackson county, which contained the most volume; 9 tracts were in Douglas county, which contained the next most volume; 15 tracts were in Josephine county, which contained the third most volume; and one tract was in Klamath county, which was the smallest volume offered in any county.

The average volume of the tracts sold in this period totalled 1,027,000 board feet; and the average price received per-thousand-board-feet was \$35.85. The highest bid received was \$55.05 per thousand for Douglas fir.

Because of the industry's demand, aided by the BLM pattern of ownership, small sales were offered; such is indicated by the 1,027,000 board

feet average for each sale. Small sales seem to reflect, likewise, better stewardship to the BLM lands, Youngblood said. The sale price received for the timber offered in this three-month period tallied out at \$1,914,750.85, or about \$700,000 above the BLM appraisal.

**Timber Trespass**

Timber trespass continued to be a use of manpower in the Medford BLM district. While only five cases were closed during the period, a considerable number of additional cases were worked on. Of the five cases closed, the total value tallied out at \$1,525.51. However, total collections amounted to \$8,027.72 for the period, which includes some backlog cases and new cases in process of closure.

Six new cases were discovered during the period with a presently undetermined amount of volume and value. One case is a 40-acre tract where the volume is estimated to be in excess of 1,250,000 board feet.

There is much speculation among foresters as to why trespasses occur, Youngblood said. Principally among these is the high price and demand for stumpage, another is the lack of good corner markings and line differentiation between government land and adjacent private property. For the past several years, in an attempt to reduce trespasses and to establish positive section corners and section boundary lines, a cadastral survey crew has been assigned to field activity in the Medford district during the summer season. Similarly, a cadastral survey crew will be assigned to do section line running and corner establishment during this coming summer season, he added.

**Road Maintenance**

The matter of road maintenance is becoming increasingly important because more roads are being developed into presently-inaccessible BLM timber. Where the BLM has right-of-way agreements with the adjoining private property owners, oftentimes the maintenance is performed under the contract agreement by his operator and/or operator buyers of BLM timber.

In case of timber access roads, however, the bureau of public roads, performs the access maintenance work under a contract agreement with the BLM, the district manager noted. In this past three-month period, actual access road maintenance has been almost at a standstill because of adverse weather and non-use of the timber access roads.

The bureau of public roads' maintenance crew was kept busy doing betterment work on the Mt. Rueben access road in northwest Josephine county. This Rueben road betterment is needed because the BLM anticipates offering timber on the market this coming logging season which will be loggable to this road, Youngblood noted.

**Largest Fee Collection**

The largest fee collected during this period was for maintenance work on the West Fork of Evans Creek access road, as this road is now coming to be used by the adjoining private property owner and as the result of recent BLM timber sales. Now that good weather is here, it is expected that collections for maintenance will increase steadily.

The Medford district's program on access road construction progressed at a moderate pace during this period, Youngblood said. The Thompson Creek bridge, located in south Josephine county was almost completed; however, no sale of timber is anticipated in the Thompson Creek drainage, which will use this bridge in 1960, because of a pending condemnation case to clear the road for logging use.

The Cantrall bridge, located in south Jackson county near Ruch was delayed by high water, but it is expected to be completed by June 30. The construction of this bridge, including approach roads, is an important development as it will open up a presently-inaccessible tract of BLM timber. Likewise, a large timber sale is planned to be offered

in June that will use this bridge.

**Now Under Contract**

The West Fork of Evans Creek timber access road in central Jackson county is presently under contract for surfacing, and the contractor has been opening up rock pits and completing the erection of a crusher. It is expected that the contractor will be ready to start surfacing soon.

The Galice access road will be extended seven miles this summer, weather permitting, Youngblood said. It is expected that the job will be advertised for bids within the next 15 days. The extension of the Galice access road will open up another large solid block of BLM timber. Eventually the road will extend to the east boundary of the Siskiyou National Forest, which is on the divide between Stair Creek and Big Windy Creek in eastern Curry county.

The Keno timber access road, which is in the southeast part of Jackson county and extends into the northwest part of Klamath county, opened for bidding April 18. The construction of this road will open up a large body of bureau timber that extends from the Dead Indian county road southeast to Highway 66. It is expected that, if weather permits, the contractor will be under way with the road construction by June 1.

**Ready For Bidding**

Youngblood said it also is expected that the Deer Creek access road in south Josephine county will be ready for bidding sometime in early May. The Salt Creek access road in the east-central part of Jackson county is on the schedule for construction this year, but progress has bogged down because of easement difficulties.

The west branch of Elk Creek and the East Fork of Evans Creek are on the current schedule for start of construction this summer. Lack of securing the necessary easements has resulted in a delay in getting these projects ready for bid advertising. District officials are still hopeful that the necessary easements may be secured to release this job.

Bureau of public roads location survey crews, under the guidance of the local Medford district BLM office, continued with survey activities during this reporting period, Youngblood said.

The Whiskey Creek access road survey was completed in February; should an access road be developed into the Whiskey Creek drainage, it is expected that more than 150,000,000 feet of timber now inaccessible will be opened up for bidding by BLM purchasers. Whiskey Creek is located in northwest Josephine county; the road will unlock a solid area of BLM timber.

**Road Reconnaissance**

The district engineering staff made a number of access road reconnaissance into various areas in the district during this period. One of the reconnaissance completed by the local staff was the extension of the Cantrall bridge road into the Negro Ben area.

While the construction of timber sale roads during this period was not heavy, such construction contributed actively to the development of BLM timber in the Medford district. The timber sale roads completed totaled approximately 20 miles at an estimated cost of construction of \$12,000. The roads completed were only summer-use roads, and have no rocking for winter usage, Youngblood noted.

One of the busiest activities carried on in the Medford district is the matter of securing rights-of-way, development of right-of-way agreements and the purchasing of easements for the construction of timber access roads by timber sale contracts and by appropriated access road funds. During the period the district acquired 10 easements, seven of which were located in Josephine county, two in Jackson county, and one in Douglas county. The district completed two right-of-way agreements with Timber Products company.

**Reforestation Activity**

At this time of year reforestation activity is one of the major functions of the local



**URGED TO RUN** — Adlai Stevenson, twice a Democratic Presidential candidate, is shown in his office at Chicago after returning from a two-month tour of Central and South American countries. His desk is piled high with letters from people all over the country who urge him to run again. (UPI Telephoto)

## Hatfield States Position on Park

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield met with the Western Lane Taxpayers Association Friday and reiterated the position of his Natural Resources Committee concerning the proposed National Seashore Park in the Oregon Dunes area.

The association has been the principal opponent to the park.

Hatfield said the "minimum standards acceptable to the state administration are set forth in the statement by the Natural Resources Committee."

"Any modifications of that position would have to be brought before the committee for study and recommendation."

The Dunes Park proposal originally introduced by the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), is now before Congress.

**POPULATION SUM**

Current population of France is about 44 million.

## Cattle Rustlers Still at Work

Dallas, Tex. — Cattle rustling is more widespread today than in the Wild West of the 1870's, according to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

With "hot" cattle bringing as much as \$300 a head as against only about \$5 in the old west, it is estimated that

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### Heart Attacks And Fats and Oils

For the last few years many of us doctors have been warning all of our patients who have had a heart attack or who have been facing the possibility of getting one, to avoid animal fats, and to take, instead, oils of vegetable origin. As I have kept saying in this column, I have never been so convinced of the efficacy of these measures that I have felt justified in ordering my patients to do this or that.

Now, I am a bit amused to read that the Food and Drug Administration people are actually threatening the sellers of "unsaturated" fats and oils, and telling them that they are claiming too much for their products. The FDA people say that the role of cholesterol in heart and artery diseases has not been established; and the advisability of making expensive changes in our fat-intake has not been proved. As I remember, it was two or three years ago when, on a luncheon in one of America's big clubs, I saw that many of the older men had, beside their plate, a cup of safflower oil or corn oil. They were drinking this with the idea of lowering their blood cholesterol, and reducing their tendency to hardening of the arteries. Today, only a few experts believe that the adding of a vegetable oil to a diet will reduce the person's blood cholesterol, and some who believe this are not sure that it will lower the cholesterol enough to do any good. Many are not sure that chole-

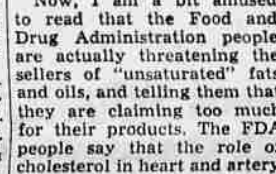
sterol has much to do with the coming of a heart attack!

**Keeping Up to Date**

As an American humorist once said, "It is better not to know so much than to know so many things that ain't so."

Some people may now ask, "Well, then, why did you keep telling us about all this oil and fat and cholesterol business?" I did it just to keep you, my readers, up-to-date on what the experts were doing in their efforts to throw light on the problem. It must be that many a time a group of scientists will follow a gleam for two or three years, only to find that it has petered out. Then they have to begin work all over again, following a new gleam.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on heart trouble may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.



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### Series of Films Planned in City

A series of unusual films, of the kind usually seen only in "art" theaters, will be shown in Medford on coming week ends, according to Robert Corbin, manager of the theaters here.

The films, many of them controversial, will be open to adults only. Corbin stated. They will be shown Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, one show per night, at the Holly theater. Doors will open beginning at 8. The series begins next week end.

"The Magician," the Swedish picture by Ingemar Bergman, will be one of the first of the series. "The Lovers," showing of which was halted by police censorship in Portland recently, also is scheduled. Others will include "Nude in a White Car," "A Question of Infidelity," and "The Miracle," which was shown in New York only after censorship was outlawed by the state supreme court, Corbin said.

He said he also will bring some unusual short subjects, including old "classic" comedies featuring W. C. Fields, Charles Chaplin, and others. A feature-length film on the life of Picasso, several symphony reels and ballet films, including one of the Moseyev Dancers, are also scheduled.

The "adults only" policy will be strictly enforced, Corbin stated, with no one under 18 admitted. The policy has a two-fold purpose, he said, first because of the controversial nature of some of the films, and second because many theater-goers prefer an all-adult audience.

office of the BLM. Two contracts covering 483 acres, with 292,000 seedlings, were let during the period, Youngblood said.

Planting contracts are handled under two procedures — under procurement, that is, the tracts are open for competitive bidding with the low bidder getting the planting contract (normally the BLM furnishes the seedlings); and under the terms of timber sale contracts.

The record shows that during the period, 1,792 acres were planted and 314 acres were seeded, principally to ponderosa pine, under the procurement method of reforestation. Under the terms of timber sale contracts the district presently has 888 acres either to be planted or seeded; progress is under way by BLM timber sale purchasers in the planting or seeding of this acreage.

During the period, the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 planted 800 trees under the supervision of District Engineer Dick Schlichter on an O and C timber tract in the Butte Falls area.

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