

National Forest's Timber Sale Program May Exceed Previously Announced Goals

Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown has announced that the Rogue River National Forest's timber sale program for the current fiscal year will meet or slightly exceed previously announced goals.

The June sale program includes eight sales totaling 21 million feet of dead timber only. This volume is not chargeable against the limitations on the annual cut of green timber.

Most of the volume in the harvest sales is in "development" projects that will result in roads being built into currently inaccessible areas.

Combined, the several projects call for construction of 67 miles of mainline forest access roads, 4 miles of permanent low-standard spur roads, and rock surfacing on additional 12 miles of existing forest roads. The total value of the required road work in these sales exceeds \$1 million.

Offerings by District: The 27 offerings are spread by districts as follows: Applegate ranger district, 3 tracts totaling 24.8 million; Ashland ranger district, 6 tracts for 18.8 million; Butte Falls Ranger district, 2 tracts for 14.5 million; Prospect ranger district, 7 tracts for 40.6 million; Union Creek ranger district, 4 tracts for 34.2 million; and Klamath ranger district, 5 tracts for 27.6 million.

Brown said this group of sales will bring the total sales for the current fiscal year to more than the allowable annual cut. This is necessary to rebuild the backlog of timber under contract. In each of the past two years volume cut has exceeded volume sold. After a normal backlog of timber under contract is restored, future sales programs will conform quite closely to allowable cut limitations.

Fir-Ply, Inc., of White City, was high bidder May 31 for an estimated 5.6 million board feet of Rogue River National Forest timber in the Anderson Mountain unit, Prospect district, according to H. G. Hopkins, timber staff officer for the forest.

Seven other firms submitted bids on the tract, with McGraw Brothers of Medford as runner-up. Fir-Ply's winning bid was \$28.65 per thousand board feet for an estimated 4.54 million feet of Douglas fir, \$10.90 per thousand for Shasta red fir, and \$5 per thousand for white fir and other species. Total bid value was \$138,439. Forest service advertised minimum price was \$90,088.

Wilson High Bidder: Steve Wilson of White City was high bidder for another national forest sale on the same day with a bid totaling \$101,630 for an estimated 3.9 million board feet in the Willow Prairie No. 8 unit of the Butte Falls district. Timber Products Corporation of Medford was runner-up for this sale.

Wilson concentrated his bidding on a minor species group, white fir and other species, and set a new high record for stumpage prices with a bid of \$223.55 per thousand board feet for the group. The forest service estimate included only 100 thousand board feet in this category.

Wilson's winning bid averaged \$26.06 per thousand for all species. The forest service appraised and advertised the tract at a minimum acceptable bid of \$80,105 which averaged \$20.77 per thousand board feet.

In a sealed bid sale on the same day for 180 thousand board feet of Shasta red fir timber at Huckleberry campground on the Union Creek district one bid only was received. This was from Wayne Ash of Shady Cove.

Klamath District Sale: Chiloquin Timber company of Klamath Falls was high bidder May 25 for 3.1 million board feet in the South Scott Creek unit of the Klamath district of the Rogue River National Forest.

Modoc Lumber company of Klamath Falls was runner-up in this sale. Chiloquin's high bid was \$36.30 per thousand board feet for ponderosa pine, \$47.20 for sugar pine, and \$8.70 for white fir and other species, for a total of \$90,310. Forest service advertised minimum rates for the tract totaled \$83,770.

The fire season was delayed a little bit this year from previous years, according to Robert Torheim, fire control officer for the Rogue River National Forest. When it did arrive, it came suddenly after a relatively wet spring.

Fire danger is now moderately high, especially in the lower elevations, so the forest is manning Squaw Peak, the first lookout station on the forest to be manned this year.

If danger continues to be high, the other lookouts on the forest will be manned, he said. The public is encouraged to recognize that fire season has arrived and to exercise caution when in the woods. Only one fire has occurred on the Rogue River National Forest this year to date—six acres in size.

Several new persons have been added to the office staff of the forest within the past few weeks. They include Jack Fitch, Mae Baxter, Florence Emery, Kathryn Wellman and Charleen Kannasto. Also new employees on the forest are two engineers, Robert Venters and Donald Johnson, and two foresters, Ellis Humphrey and Joseph Genre.

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Scott has been a biology teacher at the high school for 11 years. Mrs. Scott, first grade teacher at Roosevelt school, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, St. Louis, Mo., while her husband is in Minnesota.

HONOR HELEN KELLER

Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — Preparations for this city's celebration of Helen Keller's birthday will begin Sunday at the Birmingham Museum of Art. Miss Keller, a native of Alabama, will be honored in nationwide birthday celebrations on June 27, when she will be 80. A giant birthday car to the blind-deaf-dumb Miss Keller will be unveiled here Sunday.

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