

Industrial Forests of Area Inspected by Group Thursday

Inspection of industrial forests in northern Jackson county took place Thursday by a group of interested businessmen and educators from Medford and Ashland.

The trip, organized by Calvin Smith, district forester for the Industrial Forestry association, and representatives of member companies, was designed to review a cross section of practices followed by the local timber industry in managing forests.

First stop was at the Medford Corporation reload where Al Smith, logging manager, discussed the reloading practices and briefly reviewed the company's plans for converting the railroad into a private logging road.

Next stop was a yarding and loading demonstration, in which tractors ground-skidded logs to the landing, and the loader operator, using a grapple, deftly selected the logs needed to load the trucks. Al Smith pointed out that loads of 10 to 12 thousand board feet are not uncommon for off-the-highway trucks, and would weigh in excess of 100 thousand pounds.

Another highlight was a demonstration of timber falling. The group went through several hundred feet of felled and bucked timber to view problems faced by fallers in laying mature timber on the forest floor.

On some of the freshly bucked logs, there was evidence of defect. Glen Duysen, timber manager for Kcgap Manufacturing company, pointed out some of the fruiting bodies which indicate that a tree is defective. He also mentioned that in recent years "white speck" logs are being converted into veneer, which is then used as core stock in manufacturing plywood. "This represents another step towards greater utilization of our timber resources," he said.

After lunch in Prospect, the group gathered at the Prospect ranger station for a lecture on the problems of blister rust in sugar and white pine.

Douglas Baker, in charge of the Prospect ranger district on the Rogue River National forest, pointed out that through research a chemical, Acti-Dione, now is being used as a control on infected trees. The chemical, mixed with white gas as a carrier, is

sprayed on the base of the tree where the Acti-Dione is absorbed and translocated to the infected area killing the blister rust.

Another approach to the same problem was discussed by William Roberts, assistant ranger, who said that they were looking for blister rust resistant trees from which growing tips could be grafted to younger trees and then checked for further resistance. When resistance is determined, seed from this source will be collected for propagation purposes.

Sam Taylor, timber manager for Elk Lumber company, led the group up the Ulrich rd. to view the results of horse logging. Reviewing the history of the tract, he pointed out that Elk acquired the lands last year from Trail Creek Lumber company which had done an excellent job of selective logging resulting in a heavy stand of reproduction. The company is currently using horse loggers to remove seed trees, high risk trees and windfalls from the area. Walking over the skid trails, it was apparent that little or no damage was done to the remaining thrifty stand of trees. The

"hay burner" is still important for logging purposes in areas where reproduction is heavy and extreme care is needed in removing overstory merchantable trees.

Passing over the divide between the Rogue river and the Elk Creek drainage, the group viewed extensive stands of timber near the head waters of Elk Creek.

Arriving at Dodes Creek, a tributary of Elk Creek, Taylor discussed the selective cutting practices. He pointed out that a light 30 per cent cut in the virgin forest did not result in the establishment of

any reproduction and they had removed an additional 30 per cent last year to let in more light, which would result in germination and survival after the next good seed year.

The forester pointed out that he felt cutting practices of this type provided greater assurance of a new stand of trees than did clear cutting, and the hot sun, burning on their lands.

Final stop of the day was Burnt Peak lookout where thousands of acres of timber could be viewed at a glance. The air was smoky, restricting

visibility and the foresters pointed out that this was the result of controlled slash burning on private and government lands to reduce the possibilities of wild fires.

Cal Smith, Industrial Forestry association, emphasized that the forested acreage viewed was but a small portion of the 1,490,000 timbered acres in Jackson county. He said that current up-to-date forest inventories show a volume of timber within the county in excess of 22 billion board feet. He also pointed out that the timber industry contributed 24 1/2 million pay-

roll dollars into the economy of the county last year.

Guests on the trip included Dr. Ken Baker, Omar Bacon, Dr. Merle Foland, Donald Perry, Glen McCullough, Donald Carlon, Curtis Hopkins, Mack Follmer, Del Landing and Russ Jamison all from Medford. Attending from Ashland were Vern Speirs, Archie

Fries and Dr. Frank Sturges. Hosts for the trip were Wes Graham, forester for Timber Products Corporation; John O'Connor, forester for Double

Dee Lumber company; Al Smith, Medford Corporation; Sam Taylor, Elk Lumber company; and Glen Duysen, Kcgap Manufacturing company.



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Hatfield Sends Ike Greetings; Blasts Truman

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield sent birthday greetings today to President Eisenhower and a letter to former president Harry Truman berating his "go to hell" statements in Texas.

To Truman, Hatfield said: "As a fellow Baptist, I had long felt that although you have in the past experienced difficulty in tempering your anger it never occurred to me you would go so far as to make two statements attributed to you in the past week or so."

"I refer to your charge that the Baptists of Texas could 'go to hell' if they did not support your candidate for president, and that Vice President Nixon 'never told the truth in his life.'"

Question Veracity "As a former college teacher," Hatfield continued, "I admired your promise at the end of your tenure in the White House that you would make your experiences available to campus groups in lectures on American history. I now must question both your spiritual undergirdings and your veracity."

Hatfield signed it, "with disappointment, sincerely, Mark O. Hatfield."

In his message to Eisenhower, Hatfield said he spoke for all Oregonians in wishing the president well.

He told the president that two members of the governor's staff are also observing their birthdays today. They are Warne Nunn, Hatfield's executive assistant, and Leolyn Barnett, serving her sixth Oregon governor as a secretary.

Lumber Market Decline Reported
Portland—UPI—A further decline in the two-week period ending Oct. 13 was reported today by Crow's Lumber Market News Service.
A slower buying pace on green fir boards and dimension and timbers contributed to the further decline.
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