National Forests Said Far Below Fish, Wildlife-Carrying Capacity

Forest Visits By Sportsmen Nearly Tripled

Washington–(UPI)–Behind the Forest service's recent proposal for a 10-15 year, $25.6 million plan to improve hunting and fishing in national forests is the fact that these woodlands today are far below their fish and wildlife-carrying capacity.

The Forest service, a unit of the Agriculture department, manages national forests and national grasslands in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Hunting and fishing on these lands has been booming in recent years. Forest visits by sportsmen have nearly tripled since 1950, the Forest service reported after counting 20.1 million sportsman-visits in 1960.

Not Kept Pace

But improvement of the forests and their lakes and streams as a home for fish and wildlife has not kept pace with the growth of interest in hunting and fishing, according to Forest service officials.

"Much of the essential big game winter range in the national forest system needs improvement," service experts said in a summary of their proposed wildlife improvement program.

"On some ranges, forage plants are diminished to the point where both the game herds and the land they used are adversely affected. In other places, deer and elk are damaging young trees needed for future timber crops."

Co-ordinated Policies

The situation in fishing areas is not much better.

"Many miles of national forest streams are not at their potential fish production capacity. Intensive land use in some areas has resulted in heavy stream siltation, unstable channels, and exposed and eroding banks. Improved fishing conditions will come about only through fully co-ordinated land management practices," a report added.

The forest service proposal is based on improving wildlife habitat. The long-range plan, subject to congressional approval and financing as part of the overall forest improvement plan called "Operation Outdoors" would call for:

—Planting of shrubs and grasses to give food and cover on 1.5 million acres of game range.

—Development of wildlife openings, food patches and game ways in dense vegetation by clearing or controlled burning on 400,000 acres.

—Stabilizing banks, planting streamside cover crops, and improved channels on 7,000 miles of fishing streams and 56,000 acres of lakes.

Would Finance Dams

In addition, states would be asked to cooperate by financing construction of small dams, where necessary, and the forest service would propose a $3 million-a-year cooperative program of wildlife inventories.

The service said one-third of all big game animals in the United States live all or part-time in the national forests. This includes four-fifths of the moose, elk and grizzly bears, and nearly two-thirds of the mule deer, black bear, and bighorn sheep.

Durno, Norblad Hit for Vote on Minimum Wage

Beaverton – (UPI) – Oregon Democratic Chairman Robert W. Straub said Monday Oregon's two Republican congressmen killed President Kennedy's proposal to raise the minimum wage from $1 to $1.25 an hour.

He strongly criticized Reps. Walter Norblad and Edwin Durno, who voted against the plan.

"As a direct result of these two Oregon Republican votes, the proposal lost by a vote of 186-185," Straub said.

Durno and Norblad voted for a new minimum wage of $1.15 per hour.

Modest Base Pay

Addressing Washington county Democrats, Straub said the Kennedy bill woud have guaranteed nearly four million workers a "modest weekly base pay of $50, but this wage is apparently too excessive for Oregon's two Republican congressmen."

"This is another consistent example in the unfolding pattern of Durno's record – a record which the people of the Fourth District will want to watch carefully–and of the continuing disregard Norblad gives to the plight of the low income wage earner," Straub said.

Resolution Passed for Pollution Laboratory

Salem– (UPI) –The Oregon House Monday passed a Senate approved memorial urging Congress to establish a Pacific Northwest pollution control laboratory.

Aim is to have such a laboratory established in connection with Oregon State College at Corvallis, making use of some of the college's existing facilities.

Compensation Bill Hearing Set April 4

Salem–(UPI)–A House Labor Committee hearing on three-way workmen's compensation has been set for Tuesday afternoon, April 4, two days earlier than previously announced.

Chairman W. O. Kelsay said the hearing would continue that evening if the number of witnesses made such an extension necessary.

Wall Street Chatter

New York –(UPI)– The Wiesenberger Investment Report says the inherent strength of the stock market seems sufficient to carry the Dow-Jones industrial average above its all-time intra-day high of 688.21 and possibly to the 725-30 area before a reaction of consequence occurs.

The report concludes that with the major trend of stock prices upward, and likely to continue so for a further period, "we suggest continuing investment of reserves as favorable opportunities make their appearance."

Joseph E. Granville of E. F. Hutton & Co. says a further retreat leading to a test of the recent reaction lows appears to be the next step for the stock market. The analyst warns that the market is now only about three weeks from the time that capital gains frofits will begin to be taken and some anticipation of this by the market already seems to be in evidence.

Martin Gilber of Van Alstyne Noel & Co. says there is no change in the technical picture of the market and the chart pattern suggests a resumption of an optimistic price atmosphere soon. He says the smaller volume of transactions last Friday suggests that selling was negligible compared to the aggressive buying of stocks previously.

Thomas L. Owens of Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis recommends Celanese Corp. of America for investors seeking both income and capital appreciation over the long-term, noting that the common stock is currently selling at a low price in relation to anticipated earnings.

PETITION APPROVED

Salem–(UPI) – Unanimous approval was given in the Senate Monday to a petition asking President Kennedy, the Interior Department and the Oregon delegation to push construction of three flood control dams in Union county.

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