

Reforestation Accomplishments Indicate Continued Progress

A review of reforestation accomplishments by the bureau of land management in the Medford district indicates that continued progress has been made during the past fiscal year, according to District Manager Ross A. Youngblood.

Activities under reforestation are ever increasing as BLM lands are brought under more intensive management, he noted.

During the past year, 4,138 acres were planted with two-year old ponderosa pine or Douglas-fir seedlings. An additional 2,876 acres were seeded to Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine or sugar pine.

Three methods of seeding were employed: aerial seeding of Douglas-fir using a helicopter, hand broadcast seeding of Douglas-fir using a cyclone seeder, and seed spotting of ponderosa pine and sugar pine using a seed spotting hand tool which dispenses from 3 to 5 seeds in a spot on the ground.

Herbicides Applied

Herbicides were applied aerially on 683 acres to kill brush and release the existing tree reproduction from competition with dense brush stands, Youngblood noted. An additional 521 acres of timber land were cleared of a dense brush cover using a large tractor equipped with a special brush clearing blade.

Approximately 5,240 snags have been felled on 439 acres to reduce the fire hazard in regenerating stands, he said.

A new activity was initiated this year. Paper mulch was placed around 56,000 newly planted seedlings to increase survival of the seedlings by conserving moisture around the seedling roots.

More Experimental Work

Further experimental work is being carried on in cooperation with the Oregon State University Forest Research Laboratory in Corvallis, Youngblood reported.

Two experimental plots are located in the Butte Falls area and two are located in the Greensprings area.

Purpose of the experiments is to determine the best methods of reforesting difficult planting sites.

To assure a successful reforestation program, BLM must be assured of a constant tree seed supply of high quality seed from desirable parent trees. To accomplish this, work has been progressing on a seed production area, Youngblood said.

Selection of the most desirable trees for seed production has been made in an area northeast of Butte Falls along Twincheria creek. Trees too close to the selected trees were removed to allow growing space, and undesirable trees were removed from the area. The seed trees were fertilized with a commercial fertilizer to increase seed production.

This intensified effort in reforestation is an upward step toward more assurance that future generations will have an abundant supply of timber for use in the Medford area, Youngblood said.

Medford Firemen Install Officers

Mitchell Milich was installed president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Medford Local 1431, at a meeting Friday night in the Medford fire station.

Other officers installed were Vernon Ritchie, general chairman; Ed Evans, vice president; Floyd Courtwright, secretary; and Robert Coash, treasurer.

S. P. Stevens of Portland, vice president of the IAFF ninth district, installed the officers. Also attending were Pat Flynn, president of the Fire Fighters association of Eugene, and Earl Noble, of Salem, secretary, Oregon State Fire Fighters Association. Five firemen from Klamath Falls also participated.

Milich said the local chapter is new to Medford. Although earlier attempts to organize fire fighters had been made, full participation was not received. All 38 members of the fire department have joined the local, he added.

Two Local Men Are Named Directors

Two Medford businessmen were elected district directors of Associated Oregon Industries at the annual meeting of the statewide employers association in Portland recently.

Elected directors for the fourth district were David B. Lowry of Associated Fruit company, and Jerry McGrew of McGrew Brothers Sawmill, Inc., both of Medford.

AOI districts correspond to Oregon's Congressional districts. The association has approximately 850 members with headquarters in Portland.



SPREADS FERTILIZER—Charles Gansel of the bureau of land management is shown here applying fertilizer in a ponderosa pine seed production area east of Butte Falls.



PLANTING TECHNIQUE—This experimental plot was designed by the bureau of land management to help determine the best planting technique on difficult planting sites. This site is located on Twincheria creek east of Butte Falls.



PINE SEEDLING—These Ponderosa pine seedlings have resulted from seed spotting. Note the seedling in the background, which has been severely browsed by deer.

TRUE OR FALSE

St. Louis - (UPI) - A local dentist has this sign in his office: "Be True to Your Teeth or They'll Be False to You."

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Boy Scouts from County Attending Philmot Ranch

Representatives of the Crater Lake council, Boy Scouts of America, will attend Philmot Scout Ranch in New Mexico this week.

Chosen from Crater Lake council were Arthur Harbison, son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Harbison, Eagle Point, to represent Troop 48, and Mikel Kenyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kenyon, 1980 Buena Vista dr., Medford, to represent Troop 13.

Both boys will attend the Ranch on scholarships for the Junior Leaders instruction training program. They left Medford Thursday afternoon.

Scholarships Provided

One scholarship was provided by the Sears Roebuck Foundation and the other by the Men's Fellowship of the First Presbyterian church.

The two scouts are 15 years old. Both are Life Scouts, and are senior patrol leaders of their units. Kenyon has been in scouting for seven years, and Harbison for five years.

At the ranch, the boys will learn the skills of Scoutcraft leadership, and pass this training on to their units and assist in the operation of district and council training events.

Scouts will be under the leadership of Scoutmaster Gene Doll, Inland Empire district executive, Spokane, and assistant scoutmaster Lloyd E. McElvain.

Moulding Company To Receive Award

Grants Pass—The American Legion award for hiring older workers will be presented Monday to the Grants Pass Moulding company.

The presentation will be made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce at noon in the Redwoods hotel.

Charles Draper of Albany, Oregon department commander of the Legion is expected to make the award.

Businesses Occupy Remodeled Building

Four Medford firms moved this week to a building recently purchased and remodelled by Northwest-Pacific Development Corporation at 1 King st., Medford.

The building, purchased from Mrs. Frank Morgan and Harold Snodgrass, is now occupied by Northwest-Pacific, Herried Real Estate, Armin Richter and Associates, and William Dawkins and Associates.

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