

232 Million Board Feet of Timber Sold by BLM During Year

Eight Flu Cases Reported in Area

Eight cases of influenza were reported to the Jackson County Health Department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

All influenza cases were in Medford. Other communicable diseases reported were measles, 5 in Medford, and 2 in Ashland; infectious mononucleosis, 2 in Medford; and whooping cough, 1 in Medford.

Two cases of pneumonia in Medford were reported. Five German measles cases were reported, 4 in Medford and 1 in Ashland. Two cases of gonorrhea, one each in Medford and Jacksonville, were reported.

One case of mumps was reported in Jacksonville.



ACCESS ROAD—The bureau of land management's Keno Access road, shown here, was accepted as completed during the past three months. The 27-mile road will tap

A flurry of bidding during the three-month period ending June 30 has boosted the bureau of land management final fiscal year timber sales figures over 232 million board feet valued at more than \$4.6 million.

Ross Youngblood, BLM district manager, noted that "this was not up to the record figures for last year—241 million board feet and \$5.6 million—but was good considering the fluctuation in the market and the extreme winter weather that occurred this year."

BLM's timber program is its biggest money producer, but an overall resource management program is conducted on the entire 905,000 acres within the district.

Largest Activity
Timber sales is the largest activity performed on BLM lands. During the last quarter (April-June) of fiscal year 1962, 93.6 million board feet of timber valued at almost \$2 million was sold, Youngblood noted. This brought the year-to-date total to 232,244,000 board feet having a value of \$4,695,495.78. Timber this year sold from 81 advertised tracts located in five counties—Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath, and Coos.

Collections from timber sales amounted to 95 per cent of BLM's receipts. More than \$6.5 million was collected during the 12-month period, he said.

Other sources of income totaled nearly \$211,000, including funds from sale of rock; trespass (occupancy, fire, timber, and right-of-way); grazing; special land-use permits; right-of-way basic fees; road use fees; road maintenance fees; and miscellaneous fees.

Trends in Bid Prices
"It is interesting to note certain trends in bid prices," Youngblood observed. High bids for Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine timber during the last quarter of this year were \$35.50 and \$32.10, respectively. Last year, during the comparable period the highs were Douglas fir \$39.50 and Ponderosa pine \$41.56.

Roads on BLM lands are planned, constructed, and maintained to form a permanent, integrated road network, thus allowing the public access for recreational use

and also allowing economical access for future forest production.

During the last three months BLM has accepted completion of 37 miles of timber access road.

The Keno access road, 27 miles long, will tap 840 million board feet of tributary timber. It also will provide a direct route for recreationalists from Klamath Falls to Howard Prairie.

Deer Creek Road
The Deer Creek access road has been completed. It is nine miles long and will allow access from Selma to the Williams area. This road will make available more than 100 million board feet for planned harvest.

A one-mile access road up Rook Creek in the Trail unit was accepted in May. It will make another 200 million board feet attainable for harvest, Youngblood noted.

New projects begun during the last three months were East Fork Evans creek—7.3 miles—which will make available 100 million board feet, and the Pleasant creek bridge project, 125 million board feet of tributary timber.

This year contractors constructed more than 84 miles of road under timber sale contracts. Twenty-two miles of this was completed during the last three-month period, Youngblood said.

In Final Stages
The district manager also reported the Alameda road construction project to be in the final stages; bridge completion is scheduled in October. 1962. The Powell creek project will be finished in July, 1962. The Cantrill bridge was dedicated. The bridge affords access over the Applegate river and will tap another 64 million board feet of timber.

BLM's access acquisition programs acquired seven easements last quarter to open up 32 million board feet. Two right-of-way permits also were completed. This brought the year's acquisition total to 49 easements with a tributary volume over 542 million board feet, and 26 right-of-way permits issued.

Reforestation is BLM's key to permanent forest production. This year's program was the most intensive ever carried out in the Medford district.

All-time records were established in acres planted, acres seeded, and number of snags felled, Youngblood said.

Seedlings Planted

A total of 2.5 million seedlings were planted on 4,100 acres, and over a ton of seed was dispersed on nearly 3,000 acres of BLM lands. Rehabilitation was accomplished at a record pace. More than 2,414 snags were felled on 509 acres. Brush was removed from 545 acres by mechanical scarification, and from 683 acres by the use of chemicals.

Contracts were awarded for an additional 3,300 snags to be felled and for 814 more acres to be scarified.

Bilster rust operations were continued on BLM lands. Ribes control measures were taken on over two thousand acres by the use of direct eradication and by the use of chemical sprays.

Research Continues

Research is still trying to find the answer for a solution to the bilster rust disease problem. Antibiotic tests were completed on the 100-acre Mt. Ruben test area. Hundreds of pollination bags have been placed on rust resistant sugar pine trees.

Cross pollination from these naturally resistant trees may produce rust resistant seed-

lings, perhaps creating an entirely resistant variety of sugar pine. This would eliminate the more expensive ribes eradication work to protect the present variety of sugar pine.

Recreation on BLM lands is becoming increasingly important and an expanding program is being planned to meet the public demands, Youngblood said.

Presently, seven recreation areas have been constructed on BLM lands. Many others have been opened on BLM lands in co-operation with local counties.

Plans have been initiated to build four more recreation areas next fiscal year. As more funds are made available, many other selected sites will be developed, he said.

Range in District

Range on the Medford district comprises the management of more than 400,000 acres of land leased for grazing. Resource managers during the last quarter issued 23 grazing leases which will allow 2,749 animal unit months of grazing on 81 thousand acres.

Youngblood noted that on "Aug. 28, PLM will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the O and C Sustained Yield Act—the law by which it manages 90 per cent of its lands."

This was the first law to require any federal forests to be managed for permanent forest production. Medford district's fiscal year 1962 program was another successful year toward progress under the 1937 act, he added.

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California Educator Discusses Needs of School at Workshop

Salem—Dr. John I. Goodlad, professor of education at the University of California at Los Angeles, talked with Oregon Program Workshop participants last week about two basic school needs.

Those needs are recognizing and supporting individual differences in children, and recognizing and remedying educational ills of children.

Educators should be taught in teacher training institutions to recognize and deal with individual differences, the California educator emphasized.

Goodlad elaborated by saying that teachers need to meet individual differences, which he defined as the way youngsters behave in any given trait, by working at many grade levels in any one class, even when youngsters are separated according to ability.

He supported nongraded schools by advocating that individual differences could be dealt with in part by eliminating grade standards, grade barriers, and grades.

Goodlad said he did not endorse nongraded schools because they would solve discipline problems, make teaching easier, maintain status quo, or because achievement would automatically go up.

However, he said, schools must recognize and reward a wide range of human talent and within any single talent recognize the widest possible behavior, which can be best accomplished in nongraded schools.

Can Be Justified
Nongraded schools can be justified, Goodlad continued, because graded schools are completely illogical in relation to individual differences.

Goodlad observed that thousands of learners pass through school with their learning ills never being diagnosed. Many children possessing these learning ills are both con-

demned and humiliated for behavior the schools have not sought to correct.

In advocating nongraded schools, Goodlad said "the present organization of schools, in which we have allowed self-contained classrooms which get chopped into a number of pieces is fallacious to our education today."

"Graded expectancies," Goodlad maintained, "have erroneous meanings and that is why we must destroy them." Grade levels are all right if used only as a classification device, he explained, but there is now a build-in set of expectations for certain grades. These expectations make continuous progress, which is the most important element in learning, difficult.

Goodlad said he would be in favor of graded classes if they did not handicap the continuous learning progress.

Planning Curricula
Goodlad commented that in planning curricula, educators must move to more fundamental methods of inquiry, more fundamental knowledge, and more fundamental concepts underlie knowledge.

Emphasis must no longer be on "is the child ready for school?" but, rather, to take the immature child and ask what can be provided for him. Teachers must stop talking about the limitations of home environment and social inadequacies.

Goodlad also pointed out that if educators are going to improve curricula of schools today, they must keep their eyes alert to all their "sacred cows" and "kill" them.

What is wrong with education today is not progressive, forward-looking procedures, willingness to change, or criticisms of public patrons, Goodlad said.

"But rather," he said, "it is lethargy, unwillingness to change, and unjustified fear of criticism."



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