

Four Tracts of Timber Sold By BLM at Auction

Four tracts of timber, containing 6,814,000 board feet were sold for \$183,132.60 at an oral auction timber sale held by the Medford district of the bureau of land management on Aug. 9.

A fifth tract received no bids at the sale and will be held open in accordance with the regulations for a period of 90 days. That tract contains 138,000 board feet of salvage timber located along upper Pleasant creek.

There was considerable competition for three of the four tracts sold, according to John Carnegie, forester in charge of the sale.

The first tract, 1,064,000 board feet located in West Fork Williams creek area of Josephine county, was purchased by Brown Brothers Lumber company of Grants Pass for \$27,178.40. Their high bid included an offer of \$25.50 per thousand board feet for the Douglas-fir, Lane Plywood company, Eugene, was the unsuccessful bidder.

The second Josephine county tract, 939,000 board feet located near the head of Thompson creek, was purchased by Cabax Mills of Kerby without competition.

Continental Timber company, Medford, out-bid Parker Industries Inc. and Oregon Sawmill company Inc. for 1,429,000 board feet located near Deadwood tunnel on the Dead Indian area of Jackson county. The high bid of \$30,095.25 included prices of \$30 per thousand board feet for Douglas-fir and \$15.75 for the white fir.

The other Jackson county tract was purchased by Parker Industries Inc. of Ashland for \$108,300.25. This sale consisted of 3,382,000 board feet located near Hyatt lake. The highest bid prices of the major species were \$31 per thousand board feet for the Douglas-fir and \$37.50 for the ponderosa pine. Greensprings Lumber company was the unsuccessful bidder.

Three of the four purchasers will be required to construct a total of 3.4 miles of new road and the fourth purchaser will improve about 1 mile of existing road, according to Carnegie. He indicated that the bureau values the new roads at approximately \$15,250 and the road improvements at about \$550 and they made allowances in those amounts in setting the appraised prices for the timber.

Carnegie also indicated that advertising is being processed at the present time for ten tracts containing 16,911,000 board feet which is appraised at \$341,807.50. Five of these tracts are located in Jackson county, three are in Josephine county, one is in Klamath county, and one is in Douglas and Curry counties.

Extensive Use Made of Forest

Klamath Falls - Extensive use of recreation facilities continues on the Winema National forest.

According to Earl Karlinger, Klamath district ranger, some fine catches of fish have been reported on the district. Portions of the Oregon Skyline trail are being reconstructed and improved. Most of the other trails on the district are free of snow and many have been maintained this year. Many forest travelers are visiting Fourmile lake and Lake of the Woods, it was reported.

The Oregon State Game commission reports it is still not possible to restock Miller lake on the Chemult district. The lake and its tributaries were treated several years ago to control lamprey eel. Testing is continually being done and, according to the game commission, the lake will be restocked when it becomes non-toxic. The game commission also constructed an eel-proof dam at Miller Creek Falls to prevent future reinvasion. With control of lamprey established, Miller lake and Miller creek should provide excellent fishing when they are restocked.

INFANTRY TRAINING

Army National Guardsman Pvt. John H. Gates and Pvt. Ronald W. Robertson, both of Grants Pass, recently completed eight weeks of advanced individual infantry training under the Reserve Forces act program at Ft. Ord, Calif. Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gates, 4071 South Pacific highway, and Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Robertson, 4140 South Pacific highway, both attended the Grants Pass High school.

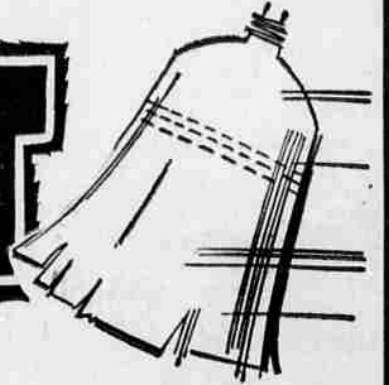


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