

Use of National Forests For Recreation Showing Increases Every Season

The use of the National Forests for public recreation has grown so fast and has become such a big factor in their management, especially in fire control, that a question has arisen as to both the desirability and the authority of the Forest Service to permit and encourage such use. On this question Associate Forester E. A. Sherman, who is now in the northwest says:

thought of, the people of the surrounding country used these areas, so far as conditions permitted, for recreation; after the establishment of the Forests they simply continued this use and expanded it with the growth of population and the increased accessibility of the areas.

"The Forest Service did not create the idea of recreational use of the National Forests; rather the public came in of its own accord, each year in increasing numbers, and the Forest Service recognizing that recreation was a resource, like timber and water, used its best efforts to see that it was so handled as to make the greatest returns to the national welfare consistent with the chief purposes for which the Forests were established.

"The National Forests embrace parts of every mountain system and almost every forest region in the United States; they form the natural outlets of large populations, to which they are the logical, nearby, economically enjoyed fields for outdoor sports and recreation. To millions of people the National Forests are the natural and sometimes the only available playgrounds other than their city parks.

"It is most vital to them that these areas should remain open for recreational purposes; but in this day of motors and good roads, even the citizens of regions remote from the National Forests have a direct personal interest in recreation grounds where they can feel free to camp and enjoy themselves in their own way, so long as they obey the rules of good citizenship and good sportsmanship while in the woods.

"Recreational use is not inconsistent with forest management, but to the contrary is a common by-product of such management. In the public and private forests of other countries, with long established systems of forest management, public use for recreation is thoroughly recognized as an important form of land service.

"In this country, where the inclusion within forest units of small areas clearly most valuable for recreation is unavoidable, and where economic and industrial needs ultimately will require co-ordinated use of every available resource, the correlation of recreation with forest management is even more desirable and necessary than elsewhere.

"In view of this, the logical, the inevitable conclusion is that one of the proper functions of the National Forests is to afford the people of the United States opportunity for outdoor recreation; that one of the proper functions of the Forest Service is to administer the recreational use of the National Forests in proper co-ordination with other forms of use; that the expenditure of Department of Agriculture appropriations in the development of recreational facilities of the National Forests, to the fullest extent authorized by congress and compatible with other public needs, is a proper use of such appropriations."

New Timber Line Built at Spokane

SPOKANE.—Northern Pacific engineers have taken the field in the Clearwater white pine belt of central Idaho, and it is anticipated that the N. P. and Union Pacific, which will build the road jointly, will soon call for bids for the construction. The Clearwater Timber Co. has guaranteed the road a tonnage of at least 150,000,000 feet of logs annually for its great mill to be built at Lewiston. The line will be about 55 miles long and will cost something like \$3,000,000.

Logging operations have gone forward steadily, and as a result of the continuation of heavy building, all of the principal mills of the district are operating steadily at capacity for anywhere from one to three shifts daily.

Sprinkler System Work Is Begun at Wheeler-Olmstead

Work was begun this week on the preliminary work of installing a sprinkler system in the Wheeler-Olmstead mill. One of the first things to be done is the installation of concrete piers for the support of the large water tanks that are a part of the system.

Optimism Is Prevalent In Sound Section

Many More Men Go To Work In Woods

TACOMA.—Optimism prevails in the logging and lumbering industry in Tacoma and throughout Southwest Washington. One new mill has commenced operations in Tacoma, while a number of others are gradually adding to their payrolls. Several mills, which had been operating on part-time schedules, have increased their forces, while in a number of plants night shifts have been added. From all parts of the Southwest reports are being received here stating that conditions are getting better. Willapa harbor mills are also adding men. Resumption of normal operations has not been confined to lumber mills, logging camps also showing indications of returning to work. In the Grays Harbor district, the forest fire menace is not great at the present time and practically every camp is operating at partial capacity.

Fifteen hundred employees of the Shafer Brothers Logging Co., operating throughout the Grays Harbor district, will picnic at the Shafer state park on Sunday, August 16, it is reported here.

The new mill of the Reed Mill Co., at Shelton commenced operations on Friday with a crew of 80 men. The mill has a capacity of more than 150,000 feet, and has a large storage of logs already on hand.

The mill site, veneer plant and shingle mill of the National Lumber Co. at Hoquiam has been purchased by Sherman and George Neff of Aberdeen and David Merrill of Seattle, according to word received here. The reported price was \$75,000. A new mill to employ 100 men will be erected immediately, it was announced by the purchasers.

Wheeler-Olmstead Now Dredging Out Upper Lake Bay

A clam shell dredge, owned by Geary Brothers of this city and used by them in reclaiming land on the west side of Upper Klamath lake, is being utilized this week by Wheeler-Olmstead company at Homestead's landing to deepen the spot where logs are customarily unloaded by the company.

Summer heat has caused the water to recede to such a point that logs dumped off the landing stuck in the mud.

The Wheeler-Olmstead camp is now cutting from 40,000 to 50,000 feet daily. The mill, which cuts between 70,000 and 80,000 feet, is being supplied partly by logs purchased from the Modoc Pine company prior to purchase of the latter company by the Forest Lumber company. This contract is now about completed.

Grade Marking Is Further Endorsed

CHICAGO, Ill.—The National Hardwood Lumber Association, is engaged in an intensive survey of the hardwood grading situation. The members of their rules committee—eighty per cent of whom are hardwood manufacturers—are now engaged in setting aside piles of mill run hardwood of various kinds for experimental purposes. The lumber in these piles will be carefully graded according to the existing rules and will then be regarded according to the new suggestions which the committee is working out. Thus any final recommendations for changes in the rules will have been thoroughly tried out in actual practice before they are presented to the annual meeting of the Association for final action.

COLLETT RESTS

Art Collett, who has been gyping for the Topsy Lumber company, is now resting in Klamath Falls, having completed his contract.

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