

Rogue River Forest Goes Through Year With Little Fire Damage; Travel Heavy

In a summary of work for 1947 in the Rogue River national forest, Klamath district, Charles Sullaway, clerk, identifies the territory served by this office.

Klamath district is made up of a long narrow strip of national forest and private land that extends from Clover Creek station about six miles north of Klamath river bridge on the Greensburg highway, Sullaway said. On to the Diamond Lake highway and from the summit of the Cascades to approximately the range line west of Klamath lake to park boundary, including all land east of the park boundary to the Indian reservation line north of Sun Mountain.

The 1947 fire problems in this section were unusually light, Sullaway reports. There was no damage to any of the resources of the district. The total number of fires was six and the combined area burned less than one-fourth acre. Five of these fires, reported before they were large enough to be seen by lookouts, were started by inexperienced or careless persons that use the forest resources.

We are depleting our forests fast enough by cutting timber from the land without letting fire destroy jobs, homes and our way of life, says Sullaway. These are the things we are protecting by keeping fire at a minimum.

There were 13,172,820 board feet of timber cut on the Klamath district during 1947, with a total revenue to the government of \$91,436.92. In addition to this there were 5632 lineal feet of Shasta red fir cut on contract for Christmas trees amounting to \$1281.38. Of this total of \$92,718.30, \$23,167.08 goes to the county for schools, roads and other county expenses.

In addition to the purchased stumpage, a contractor or buyer is required to put up an amount for the betterment and protection of the cut-over area. A 10 to 15-man crew was maintained this past year and a contractor with a large cat was employed to pile slash along roads. After the fall rains began, according to Sullaway.

Part of the money deposited for crop betterment will be used next year for planting more trees and pruning the lower limbs from the

Woods to Crater Lake national park. Several other organized horseback trips were taken along the scenic knife-edge of the top of Oregon during the summer season, 1947.

Pewee elk were reported seen in the Seven Mile area than in the previous year, 1946, and it seems that deer are no more than holding their own from forestry reports for the year. Fishing should be better in the near future in all of our lakes as the game commission has planted thousands of fish in the past two years in the Skyline and primitive lakes areas.

Klamath district supported 190 head of cattle and 2400 head of sheep grazing this past year.

Fire protection personnel was more stable during 1947 than for the past several years and no replacements were made during the summer, although the season was ended on a skeleton crew and a prayer, as the men left to return to school, Sullaway stated.

Grazing and timber management policies in 1947 have changed somewhat over the war years. Then secondary purposes of the forestry service were of necessity put ahead of primary purposes, with maximum current production being above

Staggs To Head Wool Growers

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Oregon Wool Growers association will be headed again this year by Ira D. Staggs of Baker.

Staggs was elected president and William Steiner, Fossil, vice president at the close of the two-day convention here Saturday. Walter A. Holt, Portland, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Woolmen voted a voluntary 4-mill levy per pound on Oregon-produced maximum future production which is the general policy.

Reverting to original practices and aims of the forestry department, a major change is being inaugurated, lowering the percentage of timber cut, to hold water and soil in place, water in the streams and soil on the steep hillsides.

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