

Paper Plants Long Way Off

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A government dream of a vast paper and timber industry in Alaska apparently is doomed to remain a dream a while longer. A year ago the U. S. forest service

took steps to make it come true. It was influenced by a shortage of paper and timber products in this country—and by a desire to help develop Alaska.

It said Alaska's forests could provide 25 per cent of this country's annual newsprint needs. And it offered

to sell 3,000,000,000 feet of Alaska national forest timber for forestry products.

Buyers were required to put up modern pulp and paper mills which would have cost upwards of \$60,000,000. The prospective mill runners also were required to establish mod-

ern town sites for workers' families. But no acceptable offers were received when the time for placing bids on one timber lot expired late in the year. So the time was extended on this lot until last week. Again the timber went begging.

Auction of a second lot is set for

next Monday, but forestry officials have little hope of a suitable offer. Among other reasons, native Indian claims to the timber have discouraged buyers.

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