



Brush Cutter Demonstrated In Lodgepole Area Here

A ground-clearing demonstration of potential interest to the timber industry, farmers and conservationists in this area was recently put on at the request of the U.S. Forest Service.

The exhibition, which took place at the Johns-Manville sale area, that adjoins the southeast section of Crater Lake National Park, showed the use of the Marden brush cutter in clearing "slash" areas of their debris and trimmings.

This was the first time in this area that such a machine had been used in this way. Two of the 12,500 - pound cutter units were pulled in tandem by a D-8 caterpillar.

Vern Smith, general district assistant forester with the Forest Service, said that the test was considered a success. The service is now considering contracting for regular handling of slash in the Johns-Manville area by this method, he said.

The Marden machine buries much of the slash in troughs which the blades of the machine dig. The troughs are valuable in erosion control; the slash that remains on the ground eventually rots, enriching the soil for future crops.

The demonstration was put on by Lloyd Ternahan, of Mitchell,

Lewis and Stayer, Portland, assisted by E. F. Mitchell, Yuma, Arizona, and W. B. Poindexter, El Centro, California, both associated with the Yuma Equipment Company of Yuma.

Observing the demonstration were representatives from the Regional Forest Service, Portland; the Rogue River, Fremont and Deschutes national forests; the Klamath Branch Experiment Station; Weyerhaeuser Timber Company; the Soil Conservation Service; the Bureau of Land Management; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the State Department of Forestry. Another guest was Muhammad Atiqullah, visiting government forester from Pakistan.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES at the Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers picnic at Fort Klamath recently were, left to right, Mrs. Ann Rogers, Mrs. Lester Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Charles Lenz, Mrs. Mildred Lenz Garrett and Mrs. Jennie Hurn.



AN EXPERIMENT in putting up forage was carried out this season in the Fort Rock area by Burton Brown, shown here, to determine the best methods. The work was done by the Pitcher Ranch to find out which worked best, dry chopped, green silage or baled. Brown built the forage wagons pictured here which are equipped with unloading rolls. With 240 acres under irrigation, Pitcher and Brown are the first in the community to field chopped hay. — Photo by Parks

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