

Tribes Get \$8 Million From Lands

Timber sales from lands belonging to Indian tribes or individual Indians in the Pacific Northwest in fiscal year 1949 returned \$8,283,827 or 67 per cent of the total revenue from timber on Indian lands in the nation, the Department of the Interior reported today.

The national total from such sales last year was \$12,388,000, a record high income to the Indian owners. This was 23 per cent more than the sales in the preceding year, the Department of the Interior report shows. The volume of timber cut under contract also was at a record level of 597 million board feet, an increase of 63 million board feet compared with the 1939 total.

Neither the national total nor the total from the Pacific Northwest, listed above, included the timber from the Klamath Reservation, now in the process of termination. Sales from that reservation in fiscal year 1949 amounted to 13,862,000 board feet with a revenue of \$392,020, Don Foster, director of the Portland area of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, reported.

Northwest reservations, exclusive of the Klamath, produced 370,098,000 board feet, which is 62 per cent of the national total.

Sawmills owned by four Indian tribes — the Menominee of Wisconsin, the Red Lake Chippewa of Minnesota, the Navajo of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and the White River Apache of Arizona — converted to lumber about 50 million board feet of the total cut.

Over the country as a whole, there are nearly six million acres of commercially valuable Indian timberland, exclusive of the Klamath Reservation. Eighty two per cent is owned by tribal groups and the balance by individual Indians.

The record of commercial logging operations on Indian lands extends back over a hundred years. The concepts of sustained yield and multiple-use became controlling factors in the management of these forests at the turn of the century.

The forests are factors in the economy of many Indian tribes and individual Indians. They provide cash income to the Indians from sales of standing timber, and employment in the timber harvest. The timber sales, under sustained-yield management, also are a stabilizing influence on the dependent wood-using industries and the communities that serve them.

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