

National Forest Proposed For Klamath

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester for the U. S. Forest Service, informed a capacity laden lecture room at the Klamath County Library on Tuesday, Jan. 31, that his department will suggest that a new national forest be established mainly from the lands of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

He said that such a decision would have to be made by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture before April 1, which is the date that management of the reservation land reverts to the Department of Agriculture.

He indicated that several suggestions for names were being considered for the forest, and that an Indian name would undoubtedly be chosen. Prominent among such names would be the name Winema.

He indicated it could not be called the Klamath National Forest because such a national forest already

exists in Northern California.

Stone stated that headquarters for such a forest would be in Klamath Falls, and would consist of the entire existing acres of the Klamath District of the Rogue River; part of the Silver Lake district of the Fremont, the Crescent district of the Deschutes, and all of the Indian Reservation with the possible exception of a part of the Bly district which would be added to the Fremont.

Stone explained that the new forest would consist of 900,633 acres, would have an allowable cut of 90 million feet.

He indicated that such a forest would necessitate adjustment of adjacent areas. At present the Rogue River covers 886,493 acres but would be cut to 620,592; the

Fremont is now 1,254,608 and would become 1,217,292 under the new proposal while the Deschutes would drop from its present size of 1,659,370 acres to 1,587,698 acres.

The estimated timber harvest was listed by Stone as 90 million for the new proposed forest, 123 million for the Rogue River, 127 million for the Fremont and 135 million for the Deschutes, giving a total allowable cut of 488 million in the combined areas.

Stone also stated that the timber harvest from the reservation lands to be included in the new national forest would bring an estimated \$346,000 in additional 25 per cent funds for the counties.

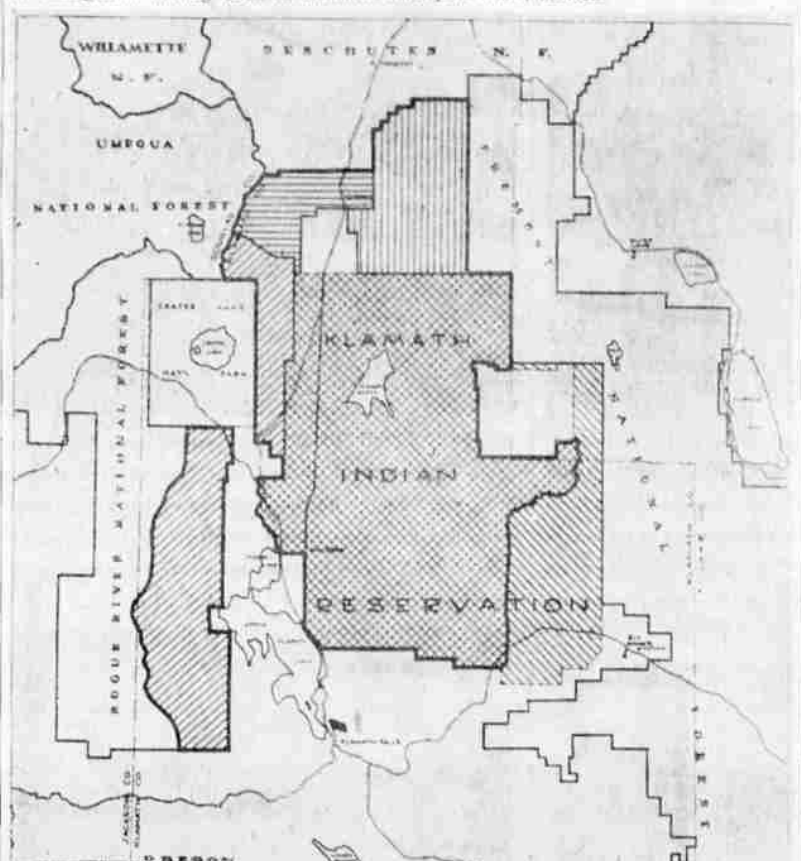
He listed the annual income by counties of the 25 per cent fund distribution as \$742,637 for Klamath County at present with an increase to \$851,475 estimated for the future.

Other annual income to county estimates included Jackson from \$466,545 to \$500,078; Lake County from \$405,007 at present to \$519,300, and the Deschutes from \$407,457 to \$408,000. Other counties would be boosted from \$154,733 to \$237,257.

The total distributed to counties from these timber cuts would be increased from the present \$2,176,979 to \$2,516,110.

Stone told the group that lands incorporating these lands will be coming to the Forest Service from formed which will result in the the reservation contained 3.5 billion combined annual allowable board feet of merchantable cut for all national forest saw timber and 970,000 cords of lands affected.

He also explained that it is not necessary that the working circle boundaries correspond with the proclaimed national forest boundaries or the boundaries of administered units. Therefore, administrative units under which these lands are organized will in no way affect the total timber harvest.



PROPOSED NEW FOREST
— EXTERIOR FOREST BOUNDARY

PROPOSED ADDITION TO FREMONT FOREST

AREA FROM KLAMATH RES. AREA FROM DESCHUTES
AREA FROM FREMONT AREA FROM ROGUE RIVER

The forester said it would cost the increase in the administrative about \$137,000 annually to run the overall costs would be considerably less than this amount.

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DETAILS OF A NEW NATIONAL FOREST were outlined Jan. 31 to members of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce in the lecture room of the Klamath County Library. Here, J. Herbert Stone, regional forester for the U. S. Forest Service, points out some features of the proposed forest on a map of the area to be included in such forest.

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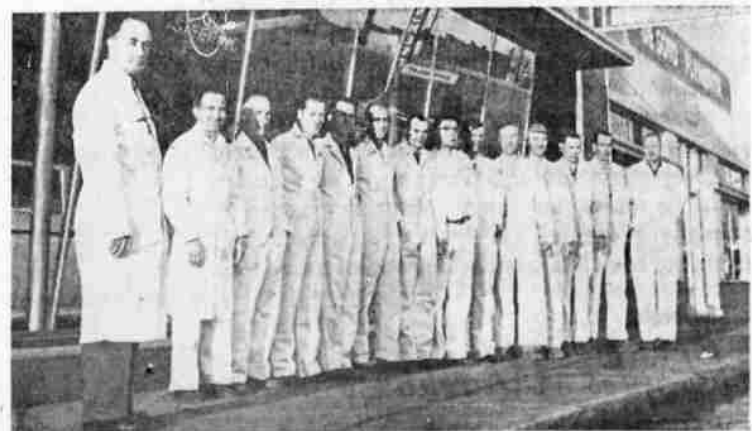
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