

Forest Board To Ask For Fire Protection

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Board of Forestry will ask the 1963 legislature for about \$750,000 for fire protection on privately owned lands in Oregon, State Forester Dwight Phipps told the Oregon and California Grant Lands Advisory Board here Tuesday.

Phipps said the bill authorizing the money will be introduced later this month. It would provide state protection in recognition of the benefits the state and the public derive from private forests.

In the past, the landowners have paid the bill for forest fire protection.

Phipps said timber knocked down by the Columbus Day windstorm could contribute to catastrophic fires this summer unless all forests in the state are protected. He said the State Department of Forestry has mapped the critical areas where protection is most needed.

Rod Fety, forest operations manager for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, told the O&C panel that the BLM will sell 1,300,000,000 board feet of storm-fallen timber in the first 18 months after the storm.

New Five Cent Stamp Selling 'Like Hotcakes' Says Post Office

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The new five cent first class and eight cent air mail stamps are selling like hotcakes, the Post Office Department said today.

Nicholson said "a fantastic \$6.9 million worth of stamps were sold Monday—the day the penny postage increase on letters and postcards went into effect." This was \$2.9 million more than the average daily volume.

"Most of the public took the rate increase in stride," Nicholson said. "A Dallas, Tex., woman told one postal employe that 'for the price of a candy bar, I can still send a long letter to my mother in Bangor, Maine—and that's 2,500 miles away, which is a pretty good bargain.'"

From San Francisco, however, came a report that "two patrons flatly refused to buy five-cent

stamps. The were highly indignant over the rate increase, so they bought four cent and one cent stamps instead."

A spot check of the 15 regional offices, which supply the 35,000 post offices across the nation, showed that the one cent stamp was the best seller, followed by the five cent issue.

"Surprisingly, the air mail stamp sales in some cities weren't keeping pace with the five and ones," a department spokesman said. "Apparently many people decided to use two four's to make up the new eight cent air mail rate, until they run out of the outdated issue."

The heavy demand for one cent stamps was caused by persons using them to make up the penny shortage on stocks of postcards, stamped envelopes and four cent stamps. But demand exceeded expectations.

San Francisco reported selling two million "ones" on Monday compared to the usual 25,000 per day; Philadelphia sold 2.5 million.

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