

Skinny Snowpack Forecasts Low Summer Streamflow

General Outlook

Extremely low streamflow in the spring and summer months in the Klamath Basin is forecast due to a record-low snowpack in the mountains. Reservoir water supplies are well above last year's amount and will "save the day" for those irrigators served from these sources. Other irrigators will have little or no late season water.

Snow Cover

Water content of the mountain snowpack is only 23 per cent of the March 1 average and is at an all-time low for this date.

Soil Moisture

Moisture in the upper water-

shed soil mantle is 81 per cent of the total capacity compared with 63 per cent one year ago.

Reservoir Storage

Gerber and Clear Lake reservoirs have in storage 42,100 acre feet and 132,300 a.f. respectively which far exceeds the water held one year ago. This will be adequate for this season's operations.

Klamath Lake has 496,600 acre feet in storage compared with 367,700 a.f. one year ago. This is adequate for irrigation.

Stock ponds and other small reservoirs are reported to be well filled.

Klamath Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)
Annie Spring	8018	2/25	31	15.8	55.8
Beatty (PPAL)	4700	2/28	0	0.0	0.0
Billie Creek Divide	5300	2/25	2	1.6	13.6
Big Mountain	5200	2/24	0	0.0	8.6
Big 101 Ranch (PPAL)	4800	2	0	0.0	8.3
Chumit	4740	2/25	0	0.0	8.3
Chillicothe (PPAL)	4187	2/25	0	0.0	8.3
Gold Springs Camp	8100	2/25	22	9.2	29.4
Grassman Flat	6100	2/25	0	0.0	10.8
Grassman Flat (Calif.)	5200	2/25	0	0.0	2.7
Crystal (PPAL)	4250	2/25	0	0.0	2.7
Diamond-Crater Summit	5800	2/25	28	15.8	30.5
Diamond Lake Junction (PP)	4800	2/25	0	0.0	0.6
Dog Hollow	4900	2/25	0	0.0	0.6
Finley Corral	4000	2/25	2	0.8	16.2
Fort Klamath (PPAL)	4150	2/25	0	0.0	3.8
Gerber	4850	2/25	0	0.0	3.8
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4300	2/25	0	0.0	7.8
Kirk (PPAL)	4533	2/28	0	0.0	5.5
Lake of the Woods	4900	2/25	0	0.0	11.9
Park Headquarters	5450	2/25	59	23.2	51.7
Pelican Guard Station	4150	2/25	0	0.0	4.4
Quartz Mountain	5320	2/24	0	0.0	9.2
Quartz Mountain (PPAL)	5304	2/24	0	0.0	9.6
Seven Lakes #1	4800	2/25	45	18.4	45.0
Seven Lakes #2	6200	2/25	12	6.7	37.0
State Line (Calif.)	5750	2/25	0	0.0	12.3
Strawberry	5800	2/25	0	0.0	9.8
Summer Rim	7200	2/24	12	4.5	16.0
Sun Mountain	5350	2/20	13	4.3	25.4
Sycan Flat	3500	2/23	0	0.0	8.1
Taylor Butte	5100	2/20	0	0.0	7.5
Towhawk Ski Bowl (PPAL)	4100	2/28	0	0.0	0.5
Yacoby (PPAL)	4850	2	0	0.0	4.4

Farm Bureau Forests Attract 112 Million Visits

Furrow

By SCOTT LAMB

Information Director

Oregon legislators were forewarned that they would be facing a tough financial problem, but probably many of them didn't realize just how tough.

The problem is easy enough to define. The situation that has developed is this: estimates of revenue for the current biennium were too high. This is a new switch in that in the past, revenue estimates have been grossly underestimated. But not so this biennium—in fact, to meet the expenditure level authorized for this biennium will require deficiency appropriations of some \$6 million.

So when the legislator looks ahead to June 30, 1963, the end of the current biennium, the balance in the general fund is zero. This means that expenditures for the next biennium (July 1, 1963, to June 30, 1965) must come from revenue collected in the same period.

The governor has proposed a general fund budget of \$405 million. It is predicted that current sources of revenue would produce around \$358 million. When the proposed out-go is subtracted from the anticipated income, we come up with a minus \$47 million. This is the amount of money needed to finance the proposed budget. If these revenue demands are met, it means new or increased taxes.

The governor has proposed that the revenue needs be met through a 4-cent cigarette tax and a so-called net receipts tax. It is estimated that a 4-cent cigarette tax would produce around \$18 million. There seems to be good bi-partisan support for a cigarette tax, but the method by which the other \$29 million should be raised may stir a little more controversy.

Undoubtedly all of the various state agencies' requests will receive a good going over by the Ways and Means Committee. But few believe that the general fund budget will be reduced much below the \$400 million mark.

Whatever the legislature decides in the way of new or increased taxes must still stand the test of approval by the voters. If the tax measures should be turned down, then the legislature would have no other alternative than to do as Senator Ben Musa has said: "to cut the pattern to fit the cloth," which might not be a bad idea.

By GAYLORD P. GODWIN

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The

national forests attracted a total of more than 112 million recreation visits in 1962, according to Forest Service field office reports to the Agriculture Department.

This is an 11 per cent increase over the 102 million visits made in 1961, and more than three times the number of visits made to national forests a decade ago.

The number of visits totaled in 1962 do not include those who were just "passing through" a national forest. The average visit was for a little longer than one day. The number of visitor-days in the national forests in 1962 was 119,367,800.

The department said the greatest

number of visits to the national

forests last year was for sight-

seeing. Next in order of popularity came picnicking, fishing, hunting, camping, winter sports, swimming, and hiking.

Hunting and fishing accounted for more than a quarter of the visits. Winter sports continue to show a steady rise in popularity, and wilderness travel and scientific study also are on the increase.

The national forests most heavily used in 1962, on the basis of visitor-days, were the Back Hills National Forest in South Dakota and Wyoming; Wasatch National Forest in Utah and Wyoming; Lower Michigan National Forest in Michigan; and the Angeles and

the San Bernardino National For-

ests in California.

The Agriculture Department has published a "Fact Book of U.S. Agriculture." It was designed as a reference for anyone who writes or talks with agriculture — the nation's largest single industry.

The department has many statistical and specialized publications, but the fact book is the first major attempt to summarize the agricultural complex within one cover.

The fact book says farming is a way of life, a business, a career, a job, a heritage, and a future to 14.8 million persons living on 3.7 million farms. Of the 3.7 million farms, 1.5 million produce 87 per cent of the total farm output, the

other 2.2 million produce only 13

per cent.

Here is a portrait of a "statistical" farmer in 1961:

As a buyer, he spent \$7,000 for his business needs. As a seller, he received \$10,000 for his farm products. As a taxpayer, he contributed \$1,000 to government. As a customer, he spent \$3,000 on family living. He earned more than \$1,000 off the farm. His house and personal goods were valued at about \$6,500.

As a manufacturer, his "factory" was valued at more than \$47,600. As a producer, he farmed 325 acres, earned about 5 per cent on his capital, had about \$3,600 in liquid assets, and owed \$7,300 to creditors.

Convention Opens Soon

The 35th Annual Oregon Future

Farmers of America Convention, culminating a year of activities for over 4,000 FFA members, will be held March 20-22 in The Dalles, according to Leonard Kunz-

man, supervisor of agriculture education in the State Department of Education and state adviser of FFA.

Fifteen Future Farmers will receive scholarships for the continuation of their education at schools of higher education in the western states, and the "Star Farmer of Oregon" award will be presented to the outstanding boy in the areas of supervised farming programs and leadership among the current State Farmer recipients.

Over 800 Future Farmers, instructors, parents, and guests are expected to hear Dr. Leon P. Minear, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, bring greetings to the delegation Thursday afternoon.

Mr. O. L. Paulson, assistant superintendent in the State Department of Education, will address members and guests, and the keynote speaker will be Clyde Beard, principal of The Dalles Senior High School.

Contestants for the various state contests will be competing for honors on the evening programs. Cash awards and trips to national competition await the winners of the various contests.

State contests include Parliamentary Procedure with competing teams from Albany, Athena, Gervais, Tillamook, and Enterprise; Public Speaking with contestants Alan Bray from Crater, James Taylor from Lakeview, George DeGeer from Newberg, Jerry Shively from Tillamook, Kerry Seales from Enterprise.

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Lake County Sheep Meeting Slated

LAKEVIEW — The Lake County Farm Bureau Marketing Association invites all county sheepmen to attend an educational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Memorial Hall, according to John Kiesow, county extension agent.

Kiesow points to the 40-minute discussion of Dr. C. W. Fox, OSU associate professor of animal husbandry, on a "Sheep Selection and Breeding Program to Increase Production" as the highlight of the meeting.

Others on the program include Bruce E. Arnold, assistant manager of Pacific Wool Growers; George B. Rugg, president of the Oregon Wool Growers; and Darrell

Gretz, assistant district agent of the Fish and Wildlife Service. George Manning, chairman of the Farm Bureau Marketing Association, will conduct the meeting. Board members Bob Pardue and Merle Leemann will explain the rules and procedure of the lamb and wool pool, and Eva Manning will recap last year's pool. Rules will be set up to operate this year's lamb pool.

Kiesow says the meeting will be held to about one and a half hours, with refreshments and time for additional discussion to follow.

Local sheepmen who plan to ship wool through the pool this year are reminded that all sheep must be tagged prior to April 1 and a sign-up card must be sent in by March 26.

Applications are now being accepted for a \$500 scholarship awarded annually to a qualified 4-H Club farm girl by the American Angus Auxiliary.

The award is made on the basis of both merit and need. Mrs. James H. Blades, scholarship chairman from Holiday, Missouri, reports, and the recipient is not limited to any particular course of study. Applications must be in the hands of the committee by June 25.

Taken into consideration is the applicant's work with Angus cattle, her 4-H record, school grades, and extracurricular activities. The girl must also be a graduate of high school senior and be recommended by either her county extension agent or club adviser and her high school principal or superintendent.

The contest is handled on a local level, with each state or regional Angus auxiliary entitled to one applicant. The names of local scholarship chairmen can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Blades, Blades Angus Farm, Holiday, Missouri.

Entries should be made on standard 4-H Club report forms. These should be copies of original records to avoid losing valuable papers. Winners will be announced in August.

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