

REDISTRRICT OREGON FORESTS

Washington, July 8.—The second step in the comprehensive plan of redistricting the national forests in the Western states has just been made by the President in signing executive orders which will change the names and boundaries of the forests in Oregon. The only other state in which these plans have been completed is Idaho, but it is expected that the work of redistricting in all the national forest states will be finished and the changes announced in the next few days.

No addition to forest area is involved in the plans for redistricting in any of the states of the northwest. The object of the work is to equalize the areas of administrative units and to arrange their boundaries in such a manner as to promote the most efficient and practical administration of the forests. It will enable officers of the forest service to give prompt attention to all forest business and further the interests and add to the convenience of stockmen, lumbermen, miners and all other users or settlers in the national forests. The Oregon national forests which will be effected by this rearrangement are as follows:

A new forest to be known as the Umatilla will contain 550,176 acres and will consist of all of the Heppner and of the northwestern portion of the Blue Mountains forest. It is located in Morrow, Umatilla, Grant and Wheeler counties. This forest will continue to be administered by Supervisor Thomas E. Childsey with headquarters at Heppner, Oregon.

The forest to be known as the Whitman will have an area of 1,264,739 acres and will consist of the northeast portion of the Blue Mountains forest which is in general the area formerly known as the "Blue Mountains (W) national forest." It is located in Umatilla, Union, Baker and Grant counties and will be under the administration of Supervisor Henry Ireland with headquarters at Sumpter, Oregon.

The new Malheur national forest is what has been formerly known as the "Malheur Division of the Blue Mountains" and will embrace 1,183,458 acres. It consists of the southeastern portion of the "Blue Mountain (W) forest" and is located in Umatilla, Union, Baker and Grant counties. This forest will continue under the administration of Supervisor Cy J. Bingham with headquarters at John Day, Oregon.

The forest to be known as the Deschutes will consist of that portion of the Blue Mountain forest formerly known as "Blue Mountain (W)," the northern portion of the Fremont, and certain townships of the Cascade containing 1,475,480 acres. It is located in Crook, Lake, Wheeler, Klamath, Grant and Harney counties. The forest will be administered by Supervisor A. S. Ireland with headquarters at Prineville, Oregon.

The Fremont national forest will consist of the southern portion of the old "Fremont" and all of the "Goose Lake" forests and is located in Lake, and Klamath counties. This forest is very irregular in outline and is composed of many segregated areas, the total area of which will be 1,236,560 acres. It will continue to be under the administration of Supervisor Guy M. Ingram with headquarters at Lakeview, Oregon.

The land formerly included in the "Bull Run" and the "Cascade (N)" forest, except that portion south of the Willamette Valley Cascade Mountain Wagon Road, covering 1,788,320 acres, will be called the Oregon national forest. This forest is located in Multnomah, Clackamas, Wasco, Marion, Linn and Crook counties and will continue under the administration of Supervisor Thos. H. Sherrard with headquarters at Portland, Oregon.

Cascade will continue to be the name of that portion of the old Cascade forest (not included in the Fremont) lying between the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road, and the middle fork of the

Willamette river and West Deschutes river. This forest has an area of 1,845,120 acres and is located in Lane, Linn, Crook and Klamath counties. It will be administered by Supervisor C. R. Seltz with headquarters at Eugene, Oregon.

The forest now to be known as the Umpqua will embrace 1,693,560 acres and will consist of that part of the "Cascade (S)," national forest (which has not been included in the Fremont) between the middle fork of the Willamette river and West Deschutes river and the Rogue river and South Umpqua Divide, also the southern portion of the old "Umpqua" forest. It is located in Lane, Klamath, Jackson, Coos, and Douglas counties. This forest will continue to be administered by Supervisor S. C. Bartum with headquarters at Roseburg, Oregon.

The Crater national forest will contain 1,106,802 acres and will consist of the southern portion of the old "Cascade (S)," the "Ashland" and a portion of the "Klamath" and "Siskiyou" forests. It is located in Jackson, Klamath, and Curry counties, Oregon, and Shasta county, California. Acting Supervisor C. A. Buck will administer this forest with headquarters at Medford, Oregon.

The Siskiyou will now consist of the greater part of the old "Siskiyou," all of the "Coquille" and part of the "Klamath," and will contain 1,305,657 acres. It is located in Jackson, Curry and Coos counties. This forest will be administered by Supervisor M. J. Anderson with headquarters at Grants Pass, Oregon.

All of the old "Tillamook" and "Umpqua" forests, except the southern portion of the old "Umpqua," embracing 973,918 acres, will be known as the Siuslaw national forest. This forest is located in Tillamook, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Lincoln, Polk and Yamhill counties. Supervisor A. E. Cohoon will administer this forest with headquarters at Eugene, Oregon.

The Wallowa is the forest formerly known as the "Imnaha." It contains 1,750,240 acres and is located in Wallowa county. This forest will continue to be under the administration of Supervisor Howard K. O'Brien, with headquarters at Wallowa, Oregon.

The forest service desires to reduce the area of the average forest units to approximately 1,000,000 acres. This was not possible in all cases as is shown by the fact that under the plan of redistricting there will be 144 Supervisors in the United States who will administer more than 167,000,000 acres of national forests.

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BY STATE GRANGE

Below is given a general summary of the report of the committee on Good Roads at the recent session of the State Grange.

We have examined the report submitted by your special committee on good roads and concur with that committee in its conclusions regarding good road construction with the exception of the division of the costs under the plan proposed, which we believe would be more equitable if made 25 per cent by state, 60 per cent by county and 15 per cent by district. We also believe that it would not be well to restrict state levy to 1/2 of one mill nor county to five mills for construction of roads, but believe that it would be better to leave the amount of levy to the state and county boards, simply making the 1/2 of one mill state tax, and five mill county tax, the minimum amount to be levied for these purposes; with these exceptions we would ask that the report of said special committee be made a part of this report.

We also endorse the work of the National Grange in its efforts to secure national aid and supervision in the work of construction of improved roads.

In connection with nation aid for good roads, we would recommend that our representatives in congress be urged to use (in event of the forfeiture of the railroad land grant) their best efforts to secure a large per cent of revenue secured from same to aid in the construction of good roads in Oregon.

We would further recommend in the matter of the laying out and opening of county roads, that we insist that those having charge of said work, have said roads laid out and opened only on the grades and routes the best and most direct between communities.

We would further recommend that legislation be enacted permitting our county courts to prescribe and regulate the use or rather the abuse of our county roads in the rainy seasons, by special interests, requiring them to keep said roads in a passable condition, or contribute to the funds of the county by special license or tax a sufficient sum to make the repairs necessitated by such abuse.

Changing the present system of appointment of road supervisors back to the elective system, we think would be a backward step, and as we believe it would be well to do away entirely with our present system of district road supervision, we would recommend that no further action be taken upon such resolution at this time.

We would further recommend that we do not lose sight of the laying of iron or steel rails upon our county roads in the manner and for the purpose outlined by our Worthy Lecturer in her report last year.

In conclusion we would recommend that the state and subordinate granges unite with the Good Roads association of Oregon in its efforts for the making of good roads in Oregon.

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