

NORTH IDAHO BLISTER RUST CONTROL TO USE 1,700 IDAHO MEN

Couer d'Alene, April 22—(UP)—Work on control of blister rust in northern Idaho forests will draw approximately 1700 men from state WPA rolls, it was announced today by J. H. O'Rourke, district administrator.

O'Rourke conferred in Spokane, Washington, with H. E. Swanson, senior plant pathologist of the bureau of entomology, relative to WPA labor needs for the 1937 rust campaign.

O'Rourke said Idaho's WPA rolls would be exhausted before men are sent in from Washington to work on blister rust in the northern part of Idaho.

Last year, O'Rourke said, Idaho furnished only 1700 men for its 6800 blister rust quota, and of these, only 400 came from relief rolls in the northern counties.

Peak of WPA employment this winter was 2135 in March, compared to a peak of 3800 in March a year ago, he said.

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