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Forests Cannot be Santa Claus Official Advises

America's forests can no longer play Santa Claus to the nation without some help, F. A. Silcox said recently in submitting his 1938 annual report of the forest service to Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture.

Silcox said that if care is used there should be no excuse for a timber shortage of national proportions, but that there are many regions where the timber resource is already so depleted that the needed forest products must be shipped in by long and costly hauls. Forest industries and jobs are also being curtailed more and more in many regions, he pointed out, yet the wage earners for hundreds of thousands of families suffering from lack of work could find employment in place of a public dole by restoring the forests on millions of acres of exploited and idle forest lands.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELP BUILD

BOISE, Feb. 1 (AP)—The construction of roads to clear the boundaries of forest land for logging, farming and other uses within "the exterior national forests" may open the outer world, is proposed, introduced recently in the Senate by Senator Wheeler of Montana.

Primarily designed to clear isolated mining claim areas, the proposed bill would be of advantage to the timber inside the forest area, ample, as some of the timber along the Salmon river.

The bill carries a appropriation of \$1,500,000 for its purpose.

News From

ROSEBUD

Dr. Ward was called to attend Frank's illness with "flu". At last his condition is improving slightly.

Norman Loomis came to town Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Clarence Loomis. He will leave Boise Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Hazel Spickard was an honor guest at a shower for her sister, Mrs. Mary, Thursday afternoon. She received many useful gifts.

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LADIES AID TO HAVE WORLD WIDE FELLOWSHIP TEA

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday,
February 9, in the Community church
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ers must recognize and redeem their responsibilities and obligations, but in return for benefits received, so must the public. The public can do its share through more cooperation in such things as fire protection, reestablishing and maintaining farm woodlands, and by research.

Private owners already have invoked public regulation to prevent and suppress forest fires, and thus have helped save lives and property, Silcox said, but he declared that these controls are so elementary that they cannot solve basic problems growing out of abuses of forest lands that make up one-third of the land area of the continental United States. In his report, Silcox said that in the interest of the public welfare "public regulation must bring forest drain into relation with the power of the land to produce continuous forest crops, thus creating more and steadier jobs and new wealth for the nation."

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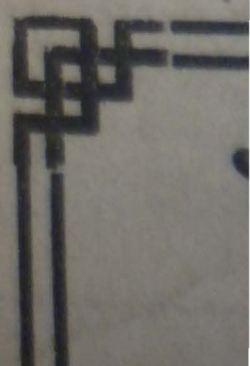
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"The National Forest system is large," Silcox said, "but the best three-fourths of all our commercial forest land is in private ownership. These privately owned lands include many huge watersheds, and millions of acres of devastated, tax-delinquent, and abandoned forest lands that need rebuilding so they may again support families and communities. There are also many areas within which existing forest industries and dependent communities are threatened by quick li-

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forest industries and dependent communities are threatened by quick liquidation of the basic forest resource. These conditions indicate the need for a long-time program extending the present national forest system by about 107 million nearby acres of forest land that are vital to problems interstate in character and scope.'

The forest service chief reported that the fire control system on federally owned national forests kept the area burned in 1937 to an average of only 500 acres for each one million acres under protection. Since 1926, some 178 million acres of private and state owned lands have been brought under organized fire protection, he pointed out, but 69 percent of the 175,741 fires occurring in 1937, and 94 percent of the 22 million acres burned in that year, were on 120 million acres that are still unprotected.

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"Managed as crops, and harvested and renewed in a never-ending cycle, forests can," he said, "provide continuously the thousands of things used in every day life, prevent minor floods and reduce the heights of major ones, furnish shelter and food for wildlife, protect the navigability of streams, and afford opportunities for recreation. They can assist industries, a productive agriculture, a way of life, and help maintain services and products vital to the national defense."