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TO : Forest Supervisor, Bth. ^{7, 8}
 FROM : J. H. Parcell, Moose Cr.
 SUBJECT: E. Improvement -
 Shearer Airport

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 Asst. Supervisor _____
 Forester TM _____ DATE: Dec. 6 - 1949
 Forest Engineer _____
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Since the construction of the Shearer airport, the timber at the north end nd of the mouth of Elk Creek has increased in height some 6 or 8 feet. This increase in growth added to the already hazardous topography at that end of the port creates an additional hazard that is becoming serious.

Last fall one "two engine" eskima waited on the airport for nearly a week until the most ideal conditions for a take off" became available. He then took off with an empty ship and had his load moved to Moose Creek by another ship better adapted to this field. Sooner or later, some ship is not going to clear this obstacle.

By making a 4 or 5 acre clearing, this hazard can be reduced and provide some 10 or 12 feet "perhaps more" clearance for planes taking off from this field.

The necessary clearing consists of a fairly heavy stand of pole size fir, ranging in size from 4 to 10 inches. Some larger timber near the

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Shower buildings may also have to be removed.

The overall job of slashing and disposal may run as high as one thousand dollars or more. However I feel that from a safety standpoint we should do everything possible ^{to prevent} an accident that most surely would result in the death of some one.

If you agree that we should eliminate this hazard, it may be possible to get some financial assistance from fire control or Engineering. The job is too big to be handled by district finances or contributed time.