

intensified application which should result from the prevention contact training schools recently conducted in the Region by Messrs. Shoemaker and Carlson, it is felt that man-caused fires will, during ensuing periods, show a downward trend.

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Another Stroll: Forty-one miles to most people, including well-conditioned woodsmen, is a little more than a long hike, particularly when it entails crossing the Bitterroot Divide at an elevation of around 8,000 feet. To Bob Marshall, Chief of the Division of Recreation and Lands, however, such trips are apparently all in a day's work.

Leaving Paradise Ranger Station at 8:20 a.m., Mr. Marshall started up Canyon Creek for West Fork Ranger Station on the east side of the Bitterroots. On arriving at the mouth of White Cap Creek, the traveler noticed

what appeared to be some particularly fine scenery up the canyon end, for fear of missing something, turned off and took a short jaunt of four or five miles up that way. Returning to, and continuing up Canyon Creek, the hardy hiker crossed the divide just south of Trepper's Peak and dropped down Boulder Creek to arrive at West Fork Station at 9:30 p.m. When informed that this trip had never been made in one day by any known hiker, Bob pooh-poohed the statement and said that it was "nothing more than a stroll."



Along the trail Mr. Marshall saw two elk, a coyote, a rattlesnake, and one snake with red spots which he couldn't classify. The scenery, he said, was magnificent and well worth anybody's time. Although Assistant Regional Forester Meyer H. Wolff was asked to go along with Bob, he declined the invitation and went by road to meet Marshall in Hamilton.

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Forest Service Helps Boy Scouts: Twenty-seven thousand Boy Scouts of America from all parts of the United States will hold a convention this summer in Washington, D.C. Twenty-nine representatives from the vicinity of Missoula who were hard-pressed for material to make an exhibit descriptive of the State called on the I&S Division of the Regional Office and obtained a set of locked deer antlers, a weasel skull, a mountain lion skull and many scenic pictures.

Guess I might as well step on into town for dinner!

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