

B-Cascade Sees Timber Shortage

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Statesman Staff Writer

"Americans seem to be able to read the writing on the wall best when they are up with their backs against that wall."

That may be the situation concerned Americans will face in several years if new sources of timber aren't established, two executives of Boise Cascade Corp. told a special forum of the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Vern Gurnsey, vice president, and Peter O'Neill, senior vice president of the firm's Timber and Building Material group, spoke to the forum about the company's proposal for lumber operations in the Idaho and Salmon River Breaks Primitive Areas.

In speaking to the group, Gurnsey outlined the company's proposal for lumbering in the area, if it is opened to multiple use operations.

Much of the opposition to Boise Cascade's utilization plan, he said, comes from either misunderstanding, or people simply aren't reading the proposal.

He said the company's multiple use plan would encourage stream and vital watershed protection. Pro-

tection would be afforded other sensitive areas such as ridges and burned out spots while opening up acres of timber that can be used to supply burgeoning needs, he added.

Timber surveys across the nation, Gurnsey said, say the country is heading towards a big lumber and building material shortage. One way to avert this is to open up areas

that previously have been closed for single use, wilderness recreation.

The fundamental issue behind Boise Cascade's involvement in this area reclassification, O'Neill said, was the company could no longer remain silent "and watch thousands of acres of land set aside for single use purposes."

In response to questions from the floor, Gurnsey discounted charges that opening the entire area would ultimately lead to dam construction on the sensitive Middle Fork of the Snake River. Boise Cascade's plan calls for complete protection of land bordering the river, Gurnsey said. "If you don't have roads there you can't very well have dams," he said.

Federal Employees Awarded Plaques for Contributions

The Federal Executive Council awarded plaques to 13 U.S. government employees for outstanding work in the combined federal contribution campaign.

Federal workers pledged and donated \$42,587, more than \$2,000 above the goal. Of the contributions by civilian and military personnel, 69 per cent goes to support Ada County United Fund.

Plaques were awarded to Forest J. Severe, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; C. E. Gough, Farmers Home Administration; Arthur H. Hosick, National Weather Serv-

ice; Capt Gary M. Kay, Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station; and James Sorrenson, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Others honored were J. R. Smith, Bureau of Reclama-

tion; Jane Logue, Bureau of Land Management; James H. Thompson, BLM; Karin Wakefield, Small Business Administration; Frank York, Federal Highway Administration; Robert Burkett, Internal Revenue Service; Charles F. Hansen, Veterans Administration Hospital; and James Setzler, VA regional office.

Special awards were presented to Michele Hudson, BLM, who supervised clerical services for the campaign, and Glenn Lungren, First Security Bank who provided collection and accounting services.

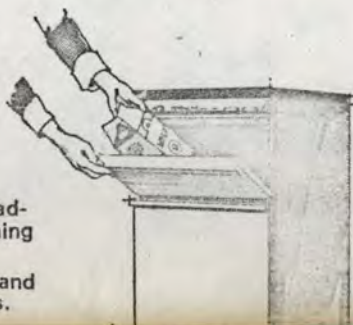
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Silent Majority of One Wants Logging Wilds

Editor, The Statesman:

Time for the silent majority to speak up. I have been following with interest the recent letters since Boise Cascade announced their proposal concerning Idaho's wilderness area. Since so many bitter buz phrases hit your paper like "gull, robbery, vanishing wilderness, etc." perhaps it is time to ask the conservationists why are they taking the position they are. What is the real reason behind their stand - what are they really saying? I think they are really saying, "I have the time and the money to spend in the back country and I don't want any competition from the average guy."

We are all aware of the complex needs of this country and if it is going to survive, compromises are going to have to be made on many major issues. Each of us needs to study the issues and let our feelings be made known to those making the decisions.

What is wrong with fully utilizing this state's natural resources? A snarled, unmanaged stand of trees has little value to wildlife or man. A young growing stand of trees after a harvest and proper management provides excellent habitat for wildlife and is a pleasant sight. Can we be so short sighted to say no more timber cutting because the area isn't aesthetically attractive for 2 to 5 years after the harvest.

Silent majority, be realistic! If the forest service does not hear your side of the argument - the decision will not be a balanced one. - FRANK BARKER, Meridian

Reader Claims Fery 'Has to Be Kidding'

Editor, The Statesman:

They want to gut the Primitive Area and we are the radicals. With a track record like Boise Cascade has, Mr. Fery has to be kidding. - ERNEST DAY, Boise.

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Letters to the Editor

Boise-Cascade Forest Plan Called 'Phony'

Editor, The Statesman:

John Fery and Boise Cascade, your credibility gap is showing. By a big full page ad you profess a desire to preserve the wild character of Idaho's primitive areas and even enhance the wildlife habitat. Then you unfold your phony plan for chewing up this very area which if left alone needs no improvement by bulldozers and open pit mines. Your so-called "compromise" proposal is about as desirable as a choice between instant death and slow starvation for this greatest of all national wilderness treasures.

Your grand plan is transparently phony to any thinking person in many respects. The many deceptive statements in your full page spread are probably best exemplified by reference to "declassification" as a "return" to a combination of uses such as mining, timber harvest, etc. Fortunately the area never was ruthlessly exploited with roads, timber harvest, etc., and the streams still run clear and relatively free from silt that is so damaging to the fisheries.

You talk of enhancing the game habitat. It is most difficult for those of us who know these Idaho backwoods to believe that buzzing powersaws, growling logging trucks, and clanking screeching bulldozers and roads are going to enhance the elk calving grounds of Chamberlain Basin, or that siltation of the tributaries of the Middle Fork will improve the spawning beds for salmon and steelhead. This is nonsense.

Your so-called "new philosophy" of forest management using special, marginal, and standard categories of multiple use has merit. This is the kind of concern that we greedy, wasteful Americans should be showing for all watersheds, road corridors, streams, game habitats, scenic meadows, etc., for all multiple-use areas. But it cer-

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tainly is no recipe for a wilderness - it would be the death knell.

We know that many a Boise-Cascade employ is just as fond of the true wilderness as any of us. We just hope that in the face of your high pressure, well-financed campaign they won't be intimidated into parroting the company line, or daring not to testify, or even write, at all. Please John, no more "Fery" tales. - ROGER L. GUERNSEY

Reader Says Government Hurts Geothermal Study

Editor, The Statesman:

Recently Sen. Church and Rep. Hansen and others have been advocating government financing of geothermal research and development. Church claims his reason to be that private enterprise doesn't have the ability to do the job.

It could be that Church is right, especially since the government (at least at state level) has assumed complete ownership of all potential geothermal sources. I recall that Andrus' administration has actually turned down applications for geothermal development by private developers. The reasoning given at the time was something to the effect that the issue needed to be studied further and it had to be decided who should regulate and what kind of rules should be made.

Now that private enterprise has been placed in the position of beggar, we might get some results in a few years of pleading and bribery payments to Big Brother.

With the government's sad history of non-accomplishment, it might consider a new approach to prosperity and freedom in this country, like getting the hell out of the way! - NADA S. JONES, Boise.

Little Real Help Found For Boise Older People

Editor, The Statesman:

In the last two weeks I have been to almost, every store in the Boise area have been trying to get the materials to make a little happier Christmas for the patients where I work. Since there are so many patients I have to start by the 29th of Nov. I feel very sorry for those who flatly refused to help me. I told them I could pay for part of the materials, and I was wondering if they could possibly help by "donating" part of them. People keep saying they would like to help the "Senior Citizens," but it is all talk!

So I am telling these people that in spite of you I will accomplish my tasks. I really hope you sleep good nights, and I certainly hope you have a very Merry Christmas. - MRS. ANN MEFFORD, Boise

Statesman Castigated For Wilderness Views

Editor, The Statesman:

I cannot understand why the people and publications are criticizing Boise Cascade and the president of the company for the middle ground proposal.

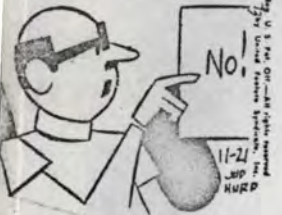
If the people who are doing this had read the proposal and were completely familiar with it, they could not make the statements they are making with clear conscience.

I feel that the editorial staff lacks objectivity in this issue. There are two sides to the issue, but The Statesman chooses not to accept Boise Cascade proposal as a reasonable approach to classification of the Primitive Area.

Idaho does have some very beautiful areas well suited to roadless recreation area, but people should bear in mind that Idaho also has many natural resources that should be used wisely to insure the economic future of all Idaho residents. - DON MENTER, Council

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B-Cascade Wants Change In Hells Canyon Proposal

NORDMAN (AP) - A representative of the Boise Cascade Co. Tuesday suggested modifications of proposed classification of land around the Hell's Canyon area along the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Glen Youngblood said a proposed federal bill had been written to take a 730,000-acre area out of timber production, even though about 26 million board feet of timber could be harvested annually from Oregon's share of the region and 13 million board feet on the Idaho side.

The public relations official said that although much of the land theoretically could be harvested, the proposed bill is written so much of the potential timber production is far down on the priority list and little harvest actually would be allowed.

He made the comments

during the North Idaho Forestry Association's annual meeting in Nordman.

Boise Cascade has proposed making only the immediate Hells Canyon area a roadless recreation site. The rest of the land, about 400,000 acres, would be classified for multiple use.

Mishap Kills Salmon Logger

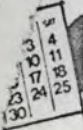
SALMON (AP) - Ronald R. Dorshimer, 32, of Salmon died Tuesday in a logging accident near the West Fork of Spring Creek.

Coroner Del Jones said Dorshimer was on his truck assisting in loading when a chain slipped and a log fell on him.

Youngblood said if the firm's suggested revision were incorporated in the bill it would allow timber harvesting while also insuring against environmental damage to a substantial degree.

The official also outlined Boise Cascade's proposal for the Idaho and Salmon River Breaks Primitive areas. With the plan, a substantial part of the 1.5 million acres would be under multiple use management.

Calendar of Events



7 p.m., Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa.

Stamp and Coin hobbyists, 4 p.m., Boise Public Library.

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