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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
COEUR D'ALENE TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Members of Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association :

GENTLEMEN: The report of our Fire Warden and the financial report herewith are evidence that the season of 1916 has been a successful one. This is due largely to the increased efficiency of our patrol system and the interest and kindly cooperation of operators and settlers, and in fact the general public, throughout our district.

I feel that the educational work done by the Western Forestry and Conservation Association in putting before the public in an impressive and attractive manner the benefits derived from our campaign against forest fires, is of great assistance, and we owe that Association our hearty support.

In the eleven years since our organization we have never approached a dry season with more favorable climatic conditions, but past experience has taught us that money spent in prevention is well invested ; with that in view our district was in better shape than ever before to protect the forest through the dangerous weather.

For the Association I want to thank the members, the officers of the State and of the Forest Service, and all those who have given us their loyal support during this and past seasons.

C. M. CREGO, President.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SEASON OF 1916

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand December 31, 1916		\$ 22.02
From 1915 delinquent assessments:		
Edward Rutledge Timber Company	\$1,573.00	
Cameron Lumber Company	685.00	
Stack-Gibbs Lumber Company	318.40	
Bunker Hill & Sullivan M. & C. Co.	16.00	
Geo. A. Branson	6.40	2,599.60
Money borrowed on notes		1,500.00
Collected for use of horses		301.00
Collected for use of telephone		5.35
Collected from assessment levied		3,674.25
Contributed by Northern Pacific Railway Company		964.30
		\$9,066.52

EXPENDITURES

Vouchers issued from January 1, 1916, to November 30, 1916, numbered 1948 to 1993, and from 1 to 108 inclusive:

Contribution to Western Forestry and Con. Ass'n		\$1,159.65
Repairs made on warehouse		14.17
Burning brush		35.00
Cleaning out trails		692.86
Labor and material repairing telephone lines		811.24
Patrolling		3,107.09
Fighting fires		76.75
Salary of Fire Warden		1,233.10
Camp equipment and tools		2.20
Repairing saddles for season's work		56.75
Expenses of Fire Warden		646.33
Pasture for horses during winter		165.00
Taxes, insurance and street assessments		163.64
Printing, postage and stationery		136.62
General expense		587.66
Cash in bank November 30, 1916		194.21
		\$9,082.27
Outstanding labor certificates		15.75
		\$9,066.52
Assessments levied for season, 1 cent.		
Expenditures from Association funds	\$	8,888.06
Expenditures from Weeks' Law Fund		849.20
Accounts charged off		82.23
Depreciation charged		2,604.01
		\$12,423.50

Actual cost of season's operation on our revenue acreage being slightly above two cents per acre.

TRIAL BALANCE

Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association

November 30, 1916

Assessments		\$ 5,310.18
Cash in Bank (American Trust Co.)	\$ 194.21	
Warehouse	1,214.17	
Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Ass'n		14,704.02
Telephone	4,805.89	
Fires	76.75	
Salary of Fire Warden	1,233.10	
General expense	1,398.25	
Patrolling	3,107.09	
Bills payable		1,500.00
Burning brush	35.00	
Trails	692.86	
Camp equipment and tools	402.20	
Motor Car	515.00	
Furniture and fixtures	20.00	
Horses, harness and saddles	1,156.75	
Pay Roll (Outstanding Labor Checks)		15.75
Geo. F. Steele—1915 account	35.20	
Lane Lumber Company	1,641.20	
Stack-Gibbs Lumber Company	47.03	
State of Idaho	3,796.10	
Reeves-Farrell Lumber Company (Overpaid)		.50
Western Forestry & Con. Ass'n	1,159.65	
	<u>\$21,530.45</u>	<u>\$21,530.45</u>

After Closing

Cash in Bank	194.21	
Warehouse	1,000.00	
Telephone lines	3,000.00	
Horses, harness and saddles	1,050.00	
Camp equipment and tools	200.00	
Motor car	250.00	
Furniture and fixtures	10.00	
Lane Lumber Company	1,641.20	
State of Idaho	3,796.10	
Reeves-Farrell Lumber Company		.50
Bills Payable		1,500.00
Pay roll—Outstanding labor checks		15.75
Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Ass'n		9,625.26
	<u>\$11,141.51</u>	<u>\$11,141.51</u>

F. J. DAVIES,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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CERTIFICATE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Spokane, Washington
December 9, 1916.

*Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association and State Board
of Land Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN :

We, your Auditing Committee, have this day examined the vouchers and audited the books and accounts of the Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association, and beg to report that we have found the same correct in every particular up to and including November 30, 1916.

The bank book of the Association shows a balance of \$214.81 while the Ledger Cash Account shows a balance of \$194.21. This is accounted for by the fact that the following vouchers are outstanding :

No. 95 for	\$16.35
No. 97 for	2.75
No. 107 for	1.50
Total,	<u>\$20.60</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. HART,
C. H. FANCHER,
CHAS. A. FISHER.

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

COEUR D'ALENE DISTRICT

To the State Land Board and the Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association :

GENTLEMEN :

We had but twenty-four fires reported by patrolmen for this season. These fires were caused as follows :

Burning brush and slashing	3
Logging Engines	7
Lightning	3
Careless Campers	2
Cigarettes	1
Old Fires not extinguished	2
Unknown	6

The dates and details of these fires are given below :

June 9th. A logger doing some slash burning on Sections 4 and 9, Tp. 43 N., R. 1 W., by taking off his men before extinguishing the fire, allowed it to get beyond control. It burned a part of the chutes, 1911 cedar poles and through some logs, but did not get into the green timber.

This fire caused considerable expense to the Association and was really needless, for had the operator spent a little more money in properly extinguishing the fire he had started, no damage would have resulted.

June 14th. Sparks from a logging engine caused a fire on Sections 1 and 12, Tp. 44 N., R. 1 West. The operators in the district promptly put on a crew and had it put out. Some cedar poles were destroyed but there was no other damage.

June 16th. From an unknown cause a fire started on Sec. 13, Tp. 44 N., R. 1 West. The Association sent two men to put it out and there was no damage done.

July 8th. Lightning caused a fire on Sec. 29-44N-3E. One fir tree was destroyed, containing approximately 2,000 feet. With the assistance of one extra man this was extinguished by the patrolman.

July 8th. Lightning started a fire on Sec. 28-44N-3E., burning four dead pine trees. On this fire we employed an extra man for a couple of days before it was extinguished.

July 16th. A fire was discovered on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6-43N-1E. It was only a small fire and was extinguished by our patrolman without assistance before any damage was done. Cause unknown.

July 16th. Someone throwing away a burning cigarette caused a fire along the road passing through Sec. 15-43N-2E. This was extinguished by our patrolman and no damage resulted.

July 20th. A fire that scattered over about two acres occurred on Sec. 29-44N-3E., destroying probably about 80,000 feet of white pine. We had to have some extra help to extinguish this fire. I have put it down as one of those from an unknown cause, although in some ways it looks as if it had been incendiary.

July 27th. Lightning started a fire on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26-43N-1W. Discovered and extinguished by patrolman, No damage.

August 2nd. Sparks from a logging engine caused a fire on Sec. 22-49-1W., burning over two acres in old slashing but causing no damage to timber.

August 3d. Sparks from a logging engine caused a fire on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 4-43N-1W. The Blackwell Lumber Company furnished a crew of ten men who extinguished the fire in a couple of hours, there being no damage to timber.

August 5th. Sparks from a steamboat engine caused a fire to start on the bank of the St. Joe River, but before it made any headway it was discovered by our patrolman and put out.

August 6th. Sparks from a logging engine were the cause of a fire in slashing in Sec. 4-43N-1W., burning over

five acres but doing no damage to timber. The Blackwell Lumber Company furnished a crew who extinguished this fire.

August 6th. Fire in an old burning started again on Sec. 5-43N-1W. This was extinguished by a crew furnished by a logger in that vicinity after it had burned over about three-quarters of an acre, but doing no damage to timber.

August 6th. From an unknown cause a fire burned over about four acres in Sec. 23-49-1W., killing a few small trees, but not doing any damage to merchantable timber.

August 7th. Sparks from a logging engine started a fire on Sec. 9-49N-1W., which was extinguished by our patrolman without assistance and before any damage had been done.

August 7th. From an unknown cause a fire started on Sec. 28-49N-1W., destroying an old cabin and a few trees, but no merchantable timber.

August 8th. A camp fire, presumably left by a tramp, caused a fire reported on Sec. 33-49N-1E. This was discovered by our patrolman and put out without causing damage.

August 8th. A fire was reported from Sec. 9-44N-1W. A fire for burning brush had not been entirely extinguished and before it was put out it had burned over about half an acre. Men were furnished from the Blackwell Lumber Company's camp, and this was handled without extra expense to the Association.

August 8th. A rancher doing some burning caused a fire to start on Sec. 5-48N-1E., but this was put out without any damage or extra expense.

August 9th. A fire started on Sec. 5-43N-1W. and burned over about half an acre in old burning. A logger in the vicinity furnished a couple of men who put the fire out in a day and before any damage resulted.

August 9th. Our patrolman discovered a fire on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9-46N-2E. Three days before that some fishermen had camped on the site and had not properly extinguished their camp fire. No damage was done.

August 12th. Sparks from a log loader caused a fire on Sec. 26-45-3W. This burned over about three acres in old slashing but did no damage.

August 27th. From an unknown cause a fire started on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6-43N-1E., burning over about a quarter of an acre before it was discovered and extinguished by our patrolman. No damage resulted.

The snowfall of last winter being particularly heavy and the spring cold and rainy, made our dry season very short. In fact, we had but about a month of dangerous weather. The first part of August was dry, but on August 18th we had rain over almost the entire district; in the high altitudes there was from two to four inches of snow. The weather turned hot again but from that to the time when our regular fall rains commenced, there was never any really dangerously dry period, although the first week in September was as dry and hot as at any time during the summer.

Toward the latter part of May I put on a crew repairing our telephone lines and another crew to clean out all trails.

Under the direction of an experienced telephone man we rebuilt thirty-three miles of telephone line, and repaired and put in first-class shape the balance, or about sixty-five miles of line.

All our trails were thoroughly cleaned and all are passable for horses. In my judgment we have all the trails necessary to serve our district and this year and from now on, the expense will be in keeping them open.

Our camp equipment and fire fighting tools are in fairly good shape, and with a few additions will be ample for next season.

The Association owns a well equipped pack train of twenty-one animals. This season I had all necessary repairs made to the equipment.

I have found the motor car furnished me two years ago to be of great assistance in my work; the up-keep is light, and while I hesitated in asking for it I now feel that it has been a good investment for the Association.

A gradual change is coming over our loggers, settlers, campers and others in their attitude toward our work. This has been particularly noticeable in the season just past. Last spring and this fall there has been more burning of slash and clearings, and it has been more carefully done than ever before. I have felt that our district was particularly lax in this matter and I am pleased indeed to be able to report a change for the better.

However, there is one thing to which I wish to call your particular attention, and that is that when operators do their burning in the spring months, they should be very, very careful to see that every vestige of fire is extinguished. And I think in future cases where this is not done, it will be my duty to prosecute the offenders. This is the principal reason for burning slash in the fall, when the seasonable rains greatly minimize the danger.

I want to recommend that there be a date set when our patrolmen may depend on employment for the season's work. In this way we can keep our best and most experienced patrolmen from season to season. While this system may cost us a little more money I feel sure that it will be off-set by efficient work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Ross, Fire Warden.

Members of Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Association

November 30, 1916

Blackwell Lumber Company	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Bonnors Ferry Lumber Company . . .	Bonnors Ferry, Idaho
Branson, Geo. A.	St. Maries, Idaho
Boyce, Eleanore Day	Harrison, Idaho
Cameron Lumber Company	Spokane, Washington
Clearwater Timber Company	Spokane, Washington
Coeur d'Alene Lumber Company . . .	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Empire Mill Company	Harrison, Idaho
Idaho Timber Company	Minneapolis, Minn.
F. W. Kehl	Spokane, Washington
Milwaukee Land Company	Spokane, Washington
Milwaukee Lumber Company	St. Maries, Idaho
McGoldrick Lumber Company	Spokane, Washington
McCord, W. E.	Portland, Oregon
Mica Creek Timber Company	Spokane, Washington
Potlatch Lumber Company	Potlatch, Idaho
Edward Rutledge Timber Co.	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Reeves-Farrell Lumber Company . . .	Spokane, Washington
Rose Lake Lumber Company	Rose Lake, Idaho
Springston Lumber Company	Spokane, Washington
Shoshone Lumber Company	Minneapolis, Minn.
State of Idaho, Dean Perkins, Land Commissioner	Boise, Idaho
Weber Logging & Timber Company .	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
CONTRIBUTOR :	
Northern Pacific Railway Company . .	Saint Paul, Minnesota

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