

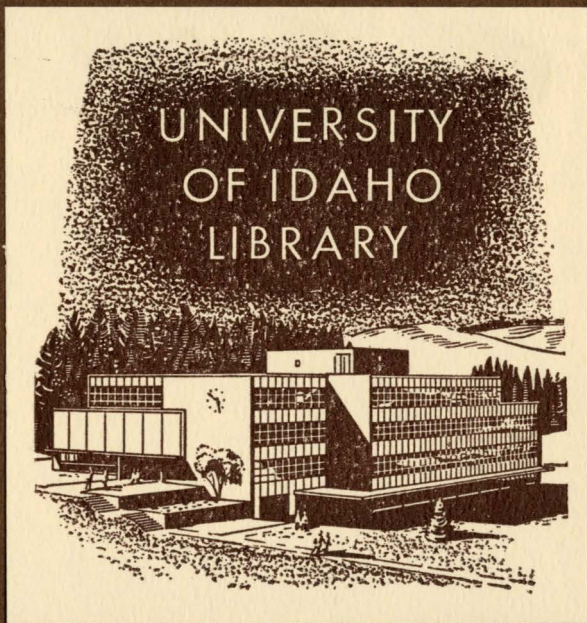
Pend d'Orielle
Timber Protective
Association



ANNUAL REPORT

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PEND D'OREILLE TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Season 1913

Sandpoint, Idaho, December 6, 1913.

Gentlemen:

At the end of the sixth year of the life of the Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Association your Fire Committee begs to report it as one of the most successful in the history of our work.

Mr. W. G. Phalon of Spirit Lake was engaged as Chief Warden, and commenced lining up his work April 15th. Experienced District Wardens were employed, and the controlling and killing of 52 fires during the season was done at a very low cost. Arrangements were made for the patrolling of 190,000 acres of additional State land in the upper Priest Lake country. This necessitated the purchase of a motor boat and the building of a boat house for the purpose of getting supplies and men into the upper country. Several additional wardens were also employed.

We now have 27 members with a total acreage of 584,302.09 acres, on which we levied during the season assessments amounting to 1½ cents per acre. The total

number of acres within our district is something like 1,000,000.

We are pleased to report that the damage sustained during the past season has been practically nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN E. BUSH,

B. H. HORNBY,

J. A. HUMBIRD,

Fire Committee.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1913

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

From 1913 Subscription list as follows:

	Acres	Amount
Bonnors Ferry Lbr. Co.	3,840	\$ 57.60
E. T. Chapin Co.	480	7.20
Dalkena Lumber Co.	5,439.85	81.60
Dover Lumber Co.	12,062.81	180.94
M. W. Evans	160	2.40
Fidelity Lumber Co.	5,230	78.45
Hope Lumber Co.	3,063	45.94
Humbird Lbr. Co.	173,820.45	2,607.30
Lindsley Bros. Co.	2,401.46	36.01
McGoldrick Lbr. Co.	3,920	58.80
Menasha Woodenware Co. ..	11,480	172.20
J. C. Natvig	480	7.20
Chas. L. Heitman	1,219.19	18.29
Northern Pacific Ry.	81,572.68	917.70
Albert Otrado	160	2.40
Panhandle Lbr. Co.	24,273.15	364.10
Potlatch Lbr. Co.	2,559.21	38.39
Rogers Lumber Co.	2,480	37.20
Rutledge Timber Co.	160	2.40
Sandpoint Lbr. & Pole Co. ..	6,125	91.88
Wm. Wallace	160	1.60
Ignatz Weil	640	9.60
W. F. Whitaker	193	2.90
A. C. White	5,360.09	80.40
Frank Wood	155	1.55
C. M. Young	160	1.60
State of Idaho	236,707.20	2,900.46
		\$7,806.11
	584,302.09	\$7,806.11

From other accounts:

Patrol	\$	13.00
Burning slashings		10.65
Bills Payable		500.00

Total Receipts\$8,329.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deferred Expenses, Season 1912	\$	51.25
Clearing out old trails	\$	212.50
Fire Fighting		288.93
Miscellaneous Expense		1,448.41
Patrol		4,430.84
Salary of Chief Fire Warden and Assist.		1,095.85
Office Expense		176.07
Tools		41.25
Horses and saddles		179.65
Burning Slashings		37.50
Maps		32.08
Motor Boat, Boat House for Priest Lake		639.36

\$8,582.44

Total Disbursements\$8,633.69

Bank balance, December 10th, 1912 ..	\$	603.62
Receipts during the season		8,329.76

\$8,933.38

Less disbursements

8,633.69

Bank Balance, December 1st, 1913 \$299.69

Trial balance December 6th, before closing books:

Clearing old trails	\$	212.50	
Fire Fighting		288.93	
Miscellaneous expense		1,448.41	
Patrol		4,417.84	
Salary of Chief Warden and Assistant.		1,095.85	
Office expense		176.07	
Camp equipment and tools		806.70	
Horses and saddles		779.30	
First National bank		299.69	
Assessments			7,866.87
Bills Payable			500.00
Burning slashings		26.85	
Maps		52.26	
Office fixtures		85.95	
Season of 1912			1,965.22
Water craft		639.36	
Wm. Wallace		80	
Frank Wood		78	
C. M. Young		80	

\$10,332.09 \$10,332.09

Trial balance December 6th, 1913, after closing books:

Tools	\$806.70	
Horses and saddles	279.30	
First National bank	299.69	
Bills Payable		500.00
Maps	52.26	
Office fixtures	85.95	
Season of 1913		2,165.64
Water craft	639.36	
Wm. Wallace	80	
Frank Wood	78	
C. M. Young	80	
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	\$2,665.64	\$2,665.64

The telephone companies, as usual, allowed our Wardens free use of their toll lines throughout the district. Cost of extinguishing 52 fires during the season was only \$288.93. Cost of patrolling, \$4,417.84, while the net cost for the season was only \$7,666.45. Of this amount \$2,953 was expended for labor, \$1,569.79 for board, lodging and horse feed, and \$287.69 for provisions and supplies. \$1,000, received from the Federal Government under the Weeks Law, should be added, which would make the net cost \$8,666.45, which is very low, considering the 1,060,332 acres patrolled.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. A. HUMBIRD,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

Dec. 6, 1913.

Board of Directors,
 Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Assn.
 Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, have examined the books of the Association for the year ending December 1st, 1913, and find them to be correct. Vouchers for all payments made are on file, all items properly charged, and all entries correctly made.

Respectfully submitted,
 A. C. WHITE,
 H. C. CULVER,
 By B. HITCHCOCK,
 Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CHIEF WARDEN

Pend d'Oreille Fire District

Nov. 17, 1139.

To the Idaho State Land Board and the Pend d'Oreille
Timber Protective Association:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of work done during the
season of 1913:

Came to Sandpoint and started work on the 15th of
April; on May 1st we started burning slashings in Sec-
12-58-1 West; slashings were a little damp, so concluded
to wait for dryer weather, commencing operations again
May 6th, burning over about 160 acres. Also burned
some slashings in Section 33 and 34 in Twp. 59-1, West,
lying north of Pack River. This burning was done for
Humbird Lumber Company. The above company also
gave me Sections 27 and 35 in Twp. 58-1, West, to burn,
but on looking over the land found some cedar left, so
did not burn this; up to date this cedar has not been
removed, so the slashings on these two sections will have
to be burned next spring.

Burned the following slashings for A. C. White in
May: the S $\frac{1}{2}$, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1-56-4 West;
the SWSW of Section 6; the NWNW of Section 7, in 56-3,
West. In all, about 310 acres.

On May the 10th had a heavy rain, which continued in-
termittently until the end of the open season, so did not
get any more slashings burned.

During the summer we looked after the burning of 1000 acres of slashings for H. F. Samuels of Iola; it was piled up in good shape; Mr. Samuels furnished the men and myself and deputies looked after it, as most of the burning was done near timber belonging to Association members.

On gathering up the horses this spring I found that we need a couple more, and purchased two at good bargains, paying \$55 for a two-year-old mare with saddle, and paying \$45 for another. We needed three saddles, so made a trip to Spokane and purchased three good ones for \$50. Two or three of the old horses are not in very good shape, and I would advise selling them in the spring.

On the first of June put on five Deputy Wardens under the Weeks Law Provision; these men were paid by the Federal Service under the Weeks Law Provision until Aug. 19th; thereafter were paid by the Association, as the \$1000 had been expended. About the middle of June commenced putting on the balance of the patrolmen, and by the 7th of July had all the men placed in their different districts. On July 22nd considered it advisable to put another man in the Blanchard district, which I did. Wardens on patrol cleared out the trails in each district. Put on four additional patrolmen in the Priest Lake country to patrol the State selections in that district. During the season had 23 wardens employed.

Issued 210 fire permits during the season in the district, and 157 in the Forest Reserves, through the Forest Supervisors. Permits ranged, from one to fifty acres, which goes to show that there was considerable burning done during the dry season; there was no damage done, and we had no trouble with any of this burning.

Stationed only one man at the head of Spirit Lake, where in former years there had been two, and did not consider it necessary to put a man at Fish Lake this season, instructing the Spirit Lake Warden to look after that territory. During the season took one man from the Lightning Creek district and sent him over to patrol the Grouse Creek territory to fill a vacancy there; saving the cost of three men during the summer.

Humbird Lumber Company loaned the Association the use of two telephones, one of which I placed on Section

11-58-4 West, and the other at the mouth of Indian Creek, connecting them with the Government line. Gave Wardens instructions to keep the line in good order during the season.

During the season we controlled and killed 52 fires; below is listed the causes:

6	careless workmen
8	smokers
11	unknown origin
6	old burning
7	ranchers burning without permits
3	campers
9	sparks from locomotives
1	mischievous boy
1	lightning

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Following is a report of such fires as caused extra expense to the Association in controlling:

DISRICT NO. 1.

Aug. 27.—Fire started on Section 1752-4 West, caused by careless workmen in the employ of Wilson Leuthold Lumber Co. Panhandle Lumber Co. sent 9 men from Spirit Lake, and the Wilson Leuthold Company furnished two men. The last named company claimed their men did not set the fire, and the Association was compelled to stand most of the cost. The Wilson Leuthold Company had 7 or 8 men on the job a few hours, and rendered the bill for the two men above mentioned, and for the meals. The fire burned over about 80 acres in Sections 7 and 17. Cost of controlling, \$56.43.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

June 25th.—On above date was returning to Sandpoint from Clagstone via the S. I. and noticed a fire somewhere back of Laclede. On arriving at Sandpoint immediately called up A. C. White's office and was told they did not know about the fire, but would look it up. Took Warden Young of Sandpoint with me and drove down; met Alex McMillan on the way and put him on patrol in that district temporarily. When we arrived at the fire, which

was on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW of Section 11-56-4 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW of 14, found A. C. White had 19 men at work on the fire. It was in a heavy slashing and there were quite a few poles, and the ground was pretty well covered with chutes. About 6:00 in the evening it started to rain, so left Warden McMillan to put out the fire. This fire burned over about 120 acres, burning about 750 cedar poles belonging to A. C. White. Extra cost to Association, \$27, as per bill from A. C. White.

Aug. 27th.—Fire started on the SESE of Section 1-56-4 West, burning over about 120 acres in Sections 1, 6 and 12. Caused by the carelessness of A. C. White's man in charge of burning around the camp. A. C. White took care of this fire the first 24 hours, and after that had 24 of his men for one day to kill it. No damage. Extra cost to the Association, \$60.

Aug. 30th.—Fire started on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12-56-4 West, burning over about 200 acres in Sections 2, 11 and 12. Cause of fire unknown. A. C. White kept men at work on the fire for the first 24 hours; after that it took 22 men one day to kill the fire; Warden Johnston could not patrol his district and look after this fire at the same time, so sent Assistant Chief Ballinger to help him. A small strip of timber on the edge of Section 1 was scorched, but is now being cut by Mr. White, so the damage was practically nothing. Total cost to Association, \$55.00.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

July 24th.—Fire started on Section 16-58-1 West, burning over about 400 acres. Cause unknown. Humbird Lumber Company had all their men at Camp No. 3 at work on the fire the first 24 hours; Assistant Chief Warden Ballinger took 15 men from town and went to the assistance of Warden Seymour; it took 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days to control the fire, after which it was looked after by Warden Seymour and 2 men for a couple of days. No damage. The fire burned on for over a month, but was kept under control by Warden Seymour. Extra cost to Association, \$134.00.

Aug. 4th.—Fire started on Section 20-58-1 West, burning over 40 acres in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$. Cause unknown. It took

2 men 3 days to kill the fire. No damage. Extra cost to Association, \$17.00.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

July 26th.—Fire started on the NESW of Section 12-58-1 West, burning over a very small area. Caused by a careless smoker. Warden Martin employed six men to help kill this fire. Told him to keep his expense down on similar fires, and he turned in his resignation. No damage. Extra cost, \$10.00.

Sept. 1st started laying off the patrolmen, and had them all off by Sept. 5th. The weather became very dry after that date, and on Sept. 16th put a man to patrol the Grouse Creek District, as there were several very bad slashings in that neighborhood. Kept him on until the 22nd, when we had a good rain.

About the 1st of September wrote to the different members for a list of slashings to be burned. Burned 160 acres for Dalkena Lumber Company in Section 34-58-4 West. Humbird Lumber Company furnished a list for burning, but the weather was too wet for good burning, so thought best to leave it until spring.

Gathered up the horses, and have let them out for the winter to good responsible parties, securing signed agreements to feed and take good care of them until spring. Report of the disposition of each horse is filed in the office of the Secretary.

Tools are in good condition and are stored as per detailed report filed with the Secretary. Launch at Priest Lake is raised out of the water and stored in boat house for the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. PHALON,

Chief Fire Warden.

