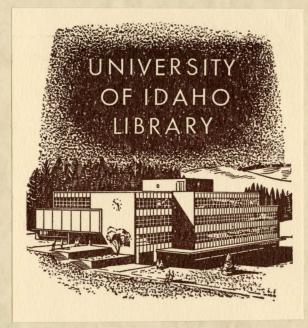
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Season 1918

To the Honorable State Board of Land Commissioners:

The Pend d' Oreille Timber Protective Association organized 1909 by the State of Idaho and private owners cooperating with the National Government, protects the valuable forests of the three most northerly counties of Idaho from fire, trespass and other injury.

A chief warden, two assistant wardens and some 25 deputies patrol over one-half million acres of association land during the fire season June 1st to October 1st, embraced in boundaries 75 miles north and south by 40 miles east and west. This organization has to be maintained every season with emergency equipment for several hundred fire fighters.

Since the extremely disastrous year of 1910 when much of Idaho's most valuable forests were devastated and many lives were lost, the timber owners and citizens of the Northern part of the State have been determined to never allow such another holocaust to visit this fair district.

The season of 1917 brought conditions of drouths and high winds duplicating those of 1910 but with efficient organization and a large expense of fire fighters we were able to report that with 161 fires; there was little loss to standing timber and a few thousand dollars covered damage to operating lumbermen. With the dry season lasting well into November, with the I. W. W. menace always present, with a serious scarcity of men and with labor and supplies a_t war prices, our Association weathered the period at an expense of \$43,605.98 or only 7 1-2c per acre.

The season of 1918 was ushered in some 3 weeks earlier than usual and a dry spring following an abnormally dry winter brought an early crisis in our fire fighting arrangements. Many of our most experienced men were in France and the scarcity of help was most acute. An emergency meeting was called of the Wardens and Secretaries of North Idaho to devise means of conserving man power and preventing disaster. It was the unanimous opinion that no expense be spared in suppressing fires in their infancy and that all means should be exerted to prevent them.

The State of Idaho was represented by State Land Appraiser A. F. Parker whose intimate knowledge of conditions, and great concern for the State's interests made his counsel invaluable. Mr. Parker brought written assurance from State Land Commissioner Smoot that while the State's appropriation was exhausted, that the Associations could depend upon the next Legislature to provide funds under Fallon Fire Law Sec. 8 of Act 1909 to reimburse the Association for any expense it incurred in protecting State timber.

Resolutions were passed authorizing the President to borrow the amount of the State's assessments from time to time, and to present the bills to the next Legislature.

It would seem that our fire menace was a concomitant of war, for our weather records in 30 years have never shown such a dry season as 1917 followed by another extreme like this of 1918. From April 1st to Oct. 1st our average normal rainfall is 10.33 in. while 1918 it was only 5.12 inches. Much wind prevailed and frequent lightning storms in the mountains gave us much trouble. In one afternoon 13 lightning fires were reported in the State of Idaho's forest adjoining Priest Lake.

The season's report shows 99 fires with no material damage to State timber and the only large loss to Humbird Lumber Company, and a total expense of \$29,508.59 or 5 1-2c per acre. When consideration is given of the total benefit to be derived by the State and its citizens from the protection of these natural resources the cost of fire insurance or protection aggregates very little. It is estimated that an average of \$12.00 on every thousand feet is distributed among the workers in the manufacture and sale of lumber. Supposing 500.000 acres, of our Asso inition area of the 521,291.72 acres, will cut 5 M feet per acre, this wealth should distribute 30 millions of dollars among the citizens of this commonwealth. On this basis our fire insurance costs us less than nine one-hundredths of one per cent for 1918 season.

Appended hereto is a statement of receipts and disbursements followed by Chief Fire Wardens report.

> T. L. GREER, Secretary-Treasurer.

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

Horse Sales Kaniksu Nat. Forest 1917) Sandpoint Lbr. & Pole Co.	\$ 65.00 1,089.94
(1917 Bal	115.64
Frank Yokam (1917 Bal.)	2.80
Albert Otrado (1917 Bal.)	3.20
A. C. White (1917 Bal.)	125.20
Ignatz Weil (1917 Bal.)	57.60
Bill Payable & Int. (1917)	1,612.42
Bonners Ferry Lumber Co. 3,742.31 acres	205.82
E. T. Chapin 160	8.80
3742.91 acros	205.82
E. T. Chapin 160	8.80
Dalkena Lumber Co 6,659	366.24
Dover Lumber Co 14,122	776.71
M. W. Evans 160	8.80
Hope Lumber Co 3,301.72	181.58
Humbird Lumber Co157,869	8,682.81
Frederick Kehl 320	11.20
State of Idaho	
Bills Payabe	12,312.25
McGoldrick Lumber Co 3,240	178.20
Menasha Wooden Ware Co. 6,040	332.20
J. C. Natvig 240	13.20
N. P. Ry. Co 65,025.43 75 pr. ct.	2,682.30
Albert Otrado 320 .02	3.20
Panhandle Lumber Co 27,502.05	1,512.61
Potlatch Lumber Co 2,560	140.80
Edw. Rutledge Tbr. Co 160	8.80
Sandpoint Lbr. & Pole Co. 5,406	297.33
Frank Yokam 140	8.40
Northern Cedar Co 140	7.70
Ignatz Weil 640	35.20
	\$30,846.22
First National Bank 1-1-18	233.31
	\$31,079.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Board Ldg. & H. Feed\$	319.48
Cl. Out Old Trails	270.45
	13,604.44
Misc. Exp	2.140.06
Patrol	7,463.85
Sal. Chief Warden & Assts	2.834.56
Office Expense	330.02
Trail Cut	8.00
Transportation	397.81
Camp Eqpt. & Tools	471.23
Horses, Harness & Saddles	384.25
Telephone	96.96
Deferred Expenses 1917	467.84
Pend d'Oreille Nat. For. 1917	472.98
Kaniksu Merc. Co	114.09
State of Idaho	141.57

Less Disbursements

\$29,508.59

Balance on Hand\$ 1,570.94

TRIAL BALANCE BEFORE CLOSING November 30, 1918

Board Ldg. & H. Feed	310.48	
	270.45	
Clearing Out Old Trails		
Fires	11,335.77	
Misc. Expense	2,140.06	
Patrol	7,463.85	
Sal. Chief Fire Warden & Assts	2,834.56	
Office Expense	330.02	
Trail Cutting	8.00	
Transportation	397.81	
Camp Eqpt. & Tools	1,100.75	
Horses, Harness & Saddles	1,432.82	
First Nat. Bank	1,570.94	
Assessment Account	A STATE AND A	\$27,773.71
Bills Payable		16,924.94
Maps	20.00	
Telephone Cons	961.15	
Office Fixtures	55.00	
Season's Account	00.00	5,114.28
Water Craft	292.39	0,111.20
Fidelity Lbr. Co.	1.60	
State of Idaha	17,014.52	
State of Idaho		
J. C. Natvig.	4.80	
Frank Yokam		.70
Pend d'Oreille Nat. Forest	609.05	
Kaniksu Nat. Forest	1,659.62	
Humbird Lumber Co		.01

\$49,813.64 \$49,813.64

TRIAL BALANCE AFTER CLOSING

Clearing Out Old Trails\$ 369.27	
Fires 15,323.29	
Patrol 10,087.70	
Trail Cutting 8.00	
Trail Eqpt. & Tools 1,038.75	
Horses & Saddles 1,294.50	
First National Bank 1,570.94	
Bills Payable	\$16,924.94
Maps 10.00	
Telephones 581.60	
Office Fixtures 30.00	
Season's Account	32,856.44
Water Craft 210.	
State of Idaho 16,984.55	
J. C. Natvig 4.80	
Frank Volum	.70
Frank Yokam	.10
Pend d'Oreille Nat. Forest 609.05	
Kaniksu National Forest 1,659.62	Marken and State
\$49,782.08	\$49,782.08

TELEPHONES

1 Large phone H. L. Co. Camp No. 9\$ 15.00	
1 Large phone Interstate Util. Co.	
Sandpoint 15.00	
1 Large phone Benton Ranger Station 15.00	
2 Large Phones Boat house, Priest	
Lake\$15.00 30.00	
1 Test set Inter. Utilities Co. Sandpoint 30.00	
7 Test sets Warehouse, Sandp't\$30.00 210.00	
2 pr. phone climbers, Sandpoint 6.00	
2 pr. phone climbers, Boat House	
Priest Lake 6.00	
Six miles telephone line up Grouse Mt. 400.00	
727.00	
Less 20 Per. Ct 145.40	581.60
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	
1 Roll top desk 5.00	5.00
4 Chairs	2.00
2 Cuspidors	1.50
1 Typewriter	20.00
1 Bed, springs, mattress and blankets	10.00
38.50	00.00
Less 22 Per. Ct 8.50	30.00
WATER CRAFT	
1 Boat house 150.00	
1 Launch	
1 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.	1000
400.00	
Less 47.5 Per. Ct 190.00	210.00

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Spokane, Washington, December 12th, 1918.

Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Association and State Board of Land Commissioners:

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the vouchers and audited the books and accounts of the Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Association and beg to report that we have found the same correct in every particular up to and including December 6th, 1918.

The Bank statement shows a balance of \$1,734.51, while the Ledger Bank Account of the Association, shows a balance of \$1,570.94.

This is accounted for by the fact that the following vouchers are outstanding:

1917	Voucher	No.	1339	for.	 			.\$.90
1917	Voucher	No.	1412	for .	 				3.50
1917	Voucher	No.	1597	for.	 				17.50
1918	Voucher	No.	42	for.	 	• •			24.50
1918	Voucher	No.	247	for.	 				38.40
1918	Voucher	No.	362	for.	 				15.00
1918	Voucher	No.	365	for.	 	• •			63.77

\$163.57

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. PARKER, Chairman.C. H. FANCHER,H. L. SOARE,

Fire Warden's Report

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

Gentlemen: The following is a report of fires and work done in the Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Association district for the season 1918.

The season started in rather early and the latter part of April we started burning slashings at Bayview for the Dover Lumber Company. During May we burned slashings for the Panhandle Lumber Company at the head of Spirit

Lake, also for the Humbird Lumber Company on Upper Pack River.

The Humbird Lumber Company burned stashings on Section 29-57-4 West in the Priest River country

In the early part of June we burned slashings around the town-site of Spirit Lake that did not belong to the Association. This burning gave us a good deal of trouble during the month of June, as we did not get any spring rains to put out these fires and it was necessary to put men on them to prevent them from spreading.

Fires began early in June. Our first large fire started on the NW quarter of the NW quarter Sec. 23-59-2W about 4 o'clock June 9th. This fire burned the cook house and barns and climbing the hill east of the camp, killed about 5 million feet of timber. We had 60 men on this fire by 9:00 o'clock Monday morning June 10th and by evening 90 men. We put in between 25 and 30 miles of fire line around this fire. This line was held by crews of men from June 9th until the latter part of July. If this fire had gone much farther north it would have destroyed large areas of good white pine.

From the 9th of June until the season closed we had scores of fires that we investigated and subdued as soon as possible. In spite of the very dry season we held them in good control.

The sky was more free from smoke and haze this year than any since the year 1910. In my estimation the month of June this year was the busiest month of any during my six years experience with this Association.

We purchased three horses this spring and traded in a few old ones for younger horses. We were short of horses but made those we had cover more territory than usual.

The telephone lines were repaired for the season's work. The Grouse Creek line was in very bad condition from the heavy snow in the mountains. Sections of the wire a mile in length were stolen by homesteaders or small jobbers.

We bought 4 new camp stoves for the wardens and 3 dozen hazel hoes, axes, and shovels. The hazel hoe is a very good tool, especially in a country that is not too densely covered with underbrush. We found that it was superior to the common grub hoe, as the men could do much more work with them.

This fail we brought most of the tools into the warehouse at Sandpoint. In past seasons we generally cached the tools, leaving them out all winter, but for greater safe keeping it was thought best to bring them into the warehouse as under the former plan, in many cases the tools were stolen or lost. However, some tools have been left out in these caches where we knew they would be in good order in the spring.

In regard to fire fighters this season, we employed a great many men from Spokane, after securing all the local men available. For the Priest River country we had to get men from Spokane—a very expensive arrangement since it cost us about \$10.00 per man to Priest Lake and Priest River. In the early part of the season we paid 40e per hour, board and transportation going and coming. Later the Forest Service and the Association made an agreement to allow 35c per hour for service with board and transportation. At many places \$1.40 per day was paid for board for fire fighters, this being cheaper than putting up camps and buying extra dishes, stoves, etc. In some cases fire fighters put in from 10 to 24 hours hard fighting at one stretch.

We were handicapped in a way by a shortage of bedding. The Forest Service gave each man they sent out to fight fires a bed roll while we had to select men with beds. I had to buy 24 pairs of blankets for men in the hills back of Priest River. They would come without bedding, expecting it to be furnished.

We had on an average of 25 wardens stationed around the district. This includes two assistants who were either fighting fire or taking the place of absent wardens.

I would suggest for next season that this Association purchase a small boat to be used on Priest Lake as the water in the dry season is too shallow for our big boat to make trips to Little Priest Lake. Our large boat will either need a new engine or a lot or repairing as I think it is nearly worn out.

The old trails were cleaned out by wardens in their district during their spare time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. PHALON, Chief Fire Warden.

Date	Description	Acres	Damage	Expense	Cause
5-29	SENE Sec. 26-57-5	1	none		unknown
5-29	SENE Sec. 25-57-5	35	none		ranchers
6-3	SWNE Sec. 20-56-4	3	none		unknown
6-4	SW/NW Sec. 21-55-4	1	none		old burning
6-5	NESW Sec. 8-53-4	25	12,000ft.	12.00	unknown
6-6	NENE Sec. 4-57-4	10	none	35.20	Unknown
6-6	Sec. 35-55-4	1	none	00.20	JIKHOWH
6- 6	Sec. 2-58-2 E	120	none	44.80	rancher
6-6	SWNE Sec. 24-591 E	1-0	none	11.00	unknown
6-7	SENE Sec. 18-55-5	1	none		unknown
6-10	Sec. 11-12-13-14-57-3	30	none		
	Sec. 18-13-25-19-25-30-36-57-5	4000	1000 Bldgs.	5160.00	incendiary
0 11	500. 10-10-20-10-20-00-01-0	4000		5160.00	ranchers
			1100 Eqpt. 600 Tbr.		
6-11	Sec. 29-57-4	250		100 05	
6-12	Sec. 17-54-5		100 poles	482.25	spring burning
-15	Sec. 18-19-54-5	60	\$200	44.40	unknown
6-14	Sec. 18-19-20-57-4	1400			
6-14	Sec. 35-57-4	1200	none	551.91	incendiary
		9.9	none		incendiary
	NENE Sec. 24-56-5	1/4	none	9.60	unknown
	SE ¹ / ₄ Sec. 6-61-1 E	120	none		unknown
	SE 1/4 Sec. 26-60-1 W	5	none		G.N. Ry.
6-17	Sec. 3-60-1	4	none		unknown
	SESE Sec. 15-54-4	3	none		locomotive
6-17	NENW Sec. 9-53-4	27	none	88.49	unknown

Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Association

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Date	Description	Acres	Damage	Expense	Cause
6-17	Sec. 13-14-59-1 W	800	none	1208.49	unknown ·
6-19 NWSE	Sec. 4-55 3	30			rancher
6-19 NE ¹ / ₄	Sec. 23-60-1 W	80	none	43.00	unknown
6-20	Sec. 18-56-3	1/2;	none		incendiary
6-20 SWSE	Sec. 20-54-4	3	none		unknown
6-22	Sec. 36-56-4	6	none	16.00	incendiary
6-22 SENE	Sec. 18-54-4	1	none		locomotive
6-26 NE 1/4	Sec. 31-61-1 E	¹ /2. 2	none		unknown
6-30 NENW	Sec. 2-59-4	2	none		rancher
7-2 NW	Sec. 13-54-5	3	none		rancher
7-2	Sec. 21-53-4	600	none	258.00	campers
7 5 NE1/4	Sec. 36 61-1 W	150	none	70.40	unknown
7-5	Sec. 14-23-59-2	25	30,000 ft. Tbr.	371.25	incendiary
			100 poles		incendiary
7- 6 NESW	Sec. 10-54-4	1/4.	Lone		locomotive
7-7 SESE	Sec. 28-56-4	5	none	11.30	unknown
7- 7 SWNE	Sec. 8-53-4	50	none	28.00	unknown
7-7 E1/2/SE1/4	Sec. 29-54-3	15	none		unknown
7-8	Sejc. 5-60-3 W	13	none	194.12	lightning
7-8 SW 1/4	'Sec. 17-60-3 W	1/4	none		lightning
7- 8 SWSW	Sec. 17 60-3 W	1/4	none		lightning
7- 8 SWSE	Sec. 19-57-2	3	none .	23.20	incendiary
7.9	Sec. 11-12-13 1-59-2	1400 A	s Follows	1954.44	unknown
	W. P. Y. P.	Tai	m R. F.	Cedar	Ples Total
Sec. 12	172 M 747 M	610		5 M	150 1841 M
Sec. 11	25 M 349 M		M 97 M	24 M	150 555 M
Sec. 13	12 M 285 M	95		80 M	577 M
Sec. 1	164 M 213 M	1098	1189 M	60 M	2724 M
	373 M 1584 M	1863		169 M	300 5697 M
		COOK H	ouse and Barn abo	ouf \$1900.00	

Date	Description	Acres	Damage	Expense	Cause
7-10 SENE	Sec. 1-60-4	1	none	41.10	lightning
7-10 NESW	Sec. 19-56-4	8	none		rancher
7-11	Sec. 16-58-4	10	25,000 ft.W.P.		
			25,000 C & T	46.50	
		1	none		rancher
7-11	Sec. 20-56-3 W	1/4			locomotive
7 11 SESE	Sec. 25-64-5	200	none	35.00	lightning
7-13 SENE	Sec. 16-58-4	1	none	36.75	lightning
7-14 SESE	Sec. 8-55-3	1 1/2	none	00.10	rancher
7-14	Sec. 24-53-6	10	none	18.60	unknown
7-14 SESE	Sec. 8-55-3	1 1/2	none	10.00	unknown
7-14 SESW	Sec. 4-5'/-2	1/2	none		lightning
7-15	Sec. 32 59-1 E	60	none	458.25	lightning
7-15 SWINW	Sec. 32-58-1 E	60	none .	600.00	lightning
7-15 SWSE	Sec. 25-54-4	7	none	000.00	unknown
7-16 SWSW	Sec. 26-55-4	1/4	none		campers
7-16 SW14	Sec. 24-60-1 W		none		G.N. Ry.
7-18 NENE	Sec. 28-56-4	½ 1	none		rancher
7-18 SENE	Sec. 2-62-4	15	20 000 WP	121.79	lightning
7-18 NW 1/4	Sec. 7-61-1 E	40	none	45.55	unknown
7-18 NE ¹ /4	Sec. 12-60-1 W		none	40.00	lightning
7-18 NWNW	Sec. 12-00-1 W	2 1			
7-18 NENE	Sec. 28-55-3 W	1/	none		lightning unknown
7-19 SESE	Sec. 23-55-5 W	1/2 2	10.000 3770		
7-19 SESE 7-19 SESE	Sec. 3-62-4	150	10,000 WP	00.00	lightning
7-19 NWSW	Sec. 35-63-4		none	96.66	lightning
7-19 NWSW 7-19 SWNW	Sec. 36-63-4	1/21	none		lightning
		2	5000 WP	197.00	lightning
	Sec. 13-18-63-4	25	none	137.09	lightning
7-19 NENE	Sec. 22-62-4	1/2.	none	10110	lightning
7-19	Sec.10-62-4	10	none	194.40	lightning

Date		Description	Acres	Damage	Expense	Cause
7-19	SENE	Sec. 29-61-4	1/2	none		lightning
7-19	NWSE	Sec. 4-55-3	30	none		unknown
7-19	NWNE	Sec. 23-58-3	1	none		lightning
7-19	NWNE	Sec 28-58-3	4	none		lightning
7-19	SENW	Sec. 34-58-3	4 4	none	119.68	lightning
7-19	SE	Sec. 11-53-4	15	none	19.40	unknown
7-19		Sec. 27-57-4	10	none	13.00	lightning
7-19		Sec. 23-57-4	6	none	10.65	lightning
7-19		Sec. 26-57-4	80	none	28.70	lightning
7-19		Sec. 6-60-2	$\frac{2}{2}$	none	10.50	lightning
7 1 9		Sec. 12 60-2		none	10.50	lightning
	NW1/4	Sec. 9-58-4W	60	\$150 Tbr.	72.00	unknown
7 20		Sec. 22-27-60-3 W	15	15,000 ft. Tbr.	259.81	lightning
	SESE	Sec. 13-59-4	1/4	none		rancher
7-21		Sec. 35-36-57-5	240	none	301.75	ranchers
7-28		Sec. 13-56-5	1/2	none		rancher
7-30		Sec. 4-56-2	2	none		incendiary
8-5		Sec. 17-55 3	1	none		unknown
8-5	SESE	Sec. 17 55-3	1			unknown
8 2 2		Sec. 30-59-1 E	12	none		incendiary
9-15	NENW	Sec. 1-56-5				
9-15	SWNW	Sec. 1-56-5				
9-15		Sec. 1-56-5				
9-15		Sec. 1-56-5	25	none	185.10	hunters
9 1 8	NWNE	Sec. 6-58-1 W	25		174.23	locomotive
					13,643.86	

The following fires were within the Kaniksu Natl. Forest Cooperative Dist: 318.42 Rice Sec. 34-58-5W 601.70 River Chance 8-58-4W 2,048.09 White Slash 36-57-5W 37.20 29-58-4W 56.00 20-58-4W 4,758.24 Quartz Mt. 29-58-4W 54.65 Pelki 16-59-5W 89.53 Wh. Tail Butte 9-58-4W 270.55 Cost paid by U. S. Forest Service....\$ 8,234.38 Paid by P. T. P. A. 5,319.04 Total cost in Kaniksu Co-op Dist....\$13,553.42 U. S. Forest Service share ... 73 Per Ct. 9,894.00 P. T. P. A. share 27 Per Ct. 3,659.42 13,553.42

Due from Kaniksu National Forest Service....\$1,659.62

The following fires were within the Pend d' Oreille Natl. Forest Cooperative District:

FIRES HANDLED BY THIS ASSOCIATION

Grouse Cd. Dist. Sec. 13-14-59-1w\$ Less Association 41 Per Ct		
Due from U S. Forest Service \$ Pack Riv. Dist. SE SE 6-60-2w \$ 9.50 12-60-2w 9.50	713.00	
Less Association 62 Per. Ct 19.00 11.78		
Due from U. S. Forest Service	7.22	\$720.23

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FIRES HANDLED BY U. S. FOREST SERVICE

Grouse Mt. Fire\$25.45 Less U Forest Service Propor-		
tion 59 Per Ct 15.02		
Due from Association	10.43	
Pack River Fire 6.90 Falls Cr. Fire155.59 162.49		
Less U. S. Forest Service propor- tion 38 Per Ct 61.75		
Due from Association	100.74	111.17
Total due Pend d'Oreille Timber Pro. Assn. from U. S. Forest Service		.\$609.05

The following is a list of fires and their causes: Lightning, 31; unknown, 32; ranchers, 12; incendiary, 8; locomotive, 7; hunters, 5; campers, 2; old burnings, 2. Total, 99.

Ninety-nine fires killed 5,839 M feet of timber and burned \$4,550.00 worth of property.