

Expenses, Brush Disposal

Purchasers of national-forest timber may be required by the Secretary of Agriculture to deposit the estimated cost to the United States of disposing of brush and other debris resulting from their cutting operations--such deposits to be covered into the Treasury in a special fund, which is appropriated and available until expended (16 U.S.C. 490).

The unobligated fund balance as of June 30, 1965, was \$10 million. The fiscal year 1966 appropriation was \$10.2 million and obligations were \$9 million. The unobligated balance as of June 30, 1966, was \$11.2 million.

Payments to Counties, National Grasslands

Of the revenues received from the use of national grasslands, 25 percent is paid to the counties in which such land is situated for school and road purposes (7 U.S.C. 1012).

Fiscal year 1966 payments were \$429,000.

Payment to Minnesota

At the close of each fiscal year, the State of Minnesota is paid 0.75 percent of the appraised value of certain Superior National Forest lands (16 U.S.C. 577g).

The fiscal year 1966 payments were \$141,000.

Restoration of Forest Lands and Improvements

Funds received from settlement of claims involving damage to lands or improvements and from forfeiture of deposits and bonds by permittees and timber purchasers are used for the restoration made necessary by the action which led to the settlement or forfeiture (16 U.S.C. 579c).

The fiscal year 1966 program obligations were \$24,000.

Forest Fire Prevention

Fees for the use of the character "Smokey Bear" by private enterprises are collected and are available for furthering the nationwide forest fire prevention campaign (18 U.S.C. 711).

The fiscal year 1966 program obligations were \$24,000.