

TO CAPTURE EXTRA ALLOWABLE CUT FROM CURRENTLY NONLOGGABLE LANDS BY AERIAL LOGGING SYSTEMS

Region	Area that cannot be logged (acres)	Annual volume to be harvested (board feet)	
		National forest	Other public and private
Douglas-fir subregion.....	6,500,000	210,000,000	290,000,000
Alaska.....	2,600,000	440,000,000	-----
Balance of Western United States.....	17,300,000	200,000,000	-----
Total.....	25,400,000	850,000,000	290,000,000

Senator MORSE. Any questions, gentlemen?

Representative DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, may I ask one question?

Mr. GASKINS, when you designate those acreages as areas that cannot be logged, are we really talking about acreage that cannot be logged with normal procedures?

Mr. GASKINS. Yes.

Representative DELLENBACK. Or that would be logged with the wastage of roads, with the construction of small growth? Can they be logged or are they just for all practical purposes nonloggable areas?

Mr. GASKINS. These acreage estimates were developed by the experiment station, in the Forest Service's Regional Office, and in the Bureau of Land Management. These are lands not part of our allowable cut base lands that have been withdrawn because they are too steep or they have recreational aspects that they do not want to disturb, or the lands have unstable soils that if logged under conventional methods might ruin or reduce the value of the site.

Representative DELLENBACK. When you throw in there the factor of recreation use, you are not talking about areas that they would still want to set aside and not interfere with? We are not talking about wilderness land and the like. We are talking about lands other than slope, soils, and stability. There is no reason why the lands shouldn't be logged.

Mr. GASKINS. That is my understanding; yes, sir.

Representative DELLENBACK. But that are not now included in the basis for allowable cuts?

Mr. GASKINS. Yes, sir.

Representative DELLENBACK. Thank you.

Representative CLAUSEN. Actually, following that line of questioning, this, if I understand you correctly, would be in addition to the access road program directed toward building up the allowable cut in these Forest Service or BLM lands. This would be a net credit to what we are now trying to accomplish. This isn't going to take the place of access road programs.

Mr. GASKINS. No, sir.

Representative CLAUSEN. Building?

Mr. GASKINS. No, sir. This would be a plus to the present land base and the present allowable cuts as computed on the forests of your part of the country and ours as well.

Representative CLAUSEN. I would have to express a certain amount of concern. While I am inclined to be oriented toward this, I am very much concerned, as you know, about retaining the multiple use and