

The reason given in the January 6, 1928, memorandum to Secretary Jardine for restricting the export of logs from Alaska was to protect the development of the Territory's pioneer economy. Your memorandum states that the prohibition is being maintained because Alaska is still in a stage of pioneer development where it needs a large-scale expansion of forest products industries to develop the local economy and to provide the type of facilities which are essential for acceptable utilization of National Forest timber.

While authority to restrict the export of National Forest timber from Alaska is provided by the act of April 12, 1926, supra, authority in this respect is not entirely dependent on a finding that the supply of timber for local use will be endangered. As we have said, there is authority for the Secretary under the act of June 4, 1897, supra, and the Multiple Use Act of 1960, supra, to condition the sale of National Forest timber as to area of processing, or degree of processing therein, where it is administratively determined that such restriction is advisable for the proper utilization of National Forest timber and for the protection and administration of the National Forests. The authority for requiring the processing of National Forest timber in a stated area would be much the same elsewhere as in Alaska providing similar administrative determinations could be made.

Sincerely yours,

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insects or fire, (4) bring into use a minor species of little importance to local industries development, (5) provide material required to meet national emergencies or to meet urgent and unusual needs of the Nation."