

"Local Users and Industries

The Forest Service will give priority to local users of timber and to local industries dependent upon the national forests for their supplies. These include settlers, farming communities, near-by towns, local mines, power or irrigation developments, railroads whose nearest supply of ties is on the forests, and other industries which use or manufacture timber for local consumption. The local use of timber is a higher use, economically, than transportation to a distant point at additional cost, especially if sufficient timber can be grown near that distant point. On working circles where the local demands which can be definitely determined or foreseen will require all of the timber which should be cut, the entire circle will be managed to meet this demand and closed to outside users. Elsewhere a sufficient part of the allowable cut, defined by area or class of timber, will be set aside for local requirements.

It is very desirable in most cases to bring national forest timber into more general use for local requirements and to make it of greater benefit to local wood users. District and forest officers should combine in obtaining up-to-date information regarding the quantities and kinds of forest products consumed in their immediate region and in following up opportunities to extend the local use of national forest timber. The establishment of industries which will supply local markets with forest products in the form wanted should be encouraged and they should be located in areas, so far as possible, where a permanent supply of standing timber will be available to them. An adequate provision for such enterprises and for other forms of local use should be the starting point in the preparation either of policy statements or of complete management plans. The disposal of timber for other uses must be secondary to this protection of adequate local supplies." (Emphasis supplied.)