

This 140 million board foot thinning and mortality salvage program will be maintained until new data is developed.

Allowable Cut

In February 1966 the Bureau commenced a comprehensive study on the objectives and procedures necessary to realize the best allowable cut from BLM forest lands. The report was completed January 1, 1967. Then, with the cooperation of Governor Charles A. Sprague, chairman of the O&C Advisory Board, an allowable cut committee was appointed to review this subject. The committee held ten research and executive sessions attended by 43 authorities who represented cross-sectional viewpoints in technical fields and public and private sectors. Their findings were produced in a report entitled "Recommended Allowable Cut Policies for Managing BLM Forest Land in Western Oregon" and unanimously accepted by the O&C Advisory Board on August 16, 1967. The members of this committee are: Dawn Peseau, A. F. Hartung, Eric Allen, Jr., Sid Leiken, Ray E. Doerner, and David T. Mason.

The Medford District reinventory covering the Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Master Units comprising about one-third of the BLM western Oregon forest land was completed in October 1967. Work is underway on the Santiam and Alsea-Rickreall Master Units in the Salem District. The present goal is to have new inventory for all master units by the end of fiscal year 1970.