

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes.

Senator MORSE. What kind of construction programs—roads?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No. Buildings and recreation improvements.

Senator MORSE. Buildings, including recreational facilities in recreational areas with BLM funds?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes.

Senator MORSE. No cuts on BLM funds for access roads?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No.

Senator MORSE. Reforestation?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. Fire control?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. Insect and disease control?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. Personnel?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. Just construction?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. I was trying to equate the dollars with whether there might be some personnel connected with this. Right now I couldn't tell you, but it was construction funds.

Senator MORSE. My offhand impression is you are getting off much more lightly than the Forest Service.

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes, sir.

Senator MORSE. I believe Mr. Cliff testified that they were pretty well through the fiscal year and that the cuts they got were very difficult.

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Well, we are pretty well through the fiscal year. If there were any cuts now, it would mean that there would be a reduced timber production program.

Senator MORSE. The fact that you are pretty well through the fiscal year doesn't change the fact that you need money.

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. If everybody lays down that line of division, then you shouldn't get the money in the first place. You get the money in the first place because you make a case for needing the money for the entire fiscal year. But as far as cutting BLM services to the lumber industry itself, as far as making timber available, as far as allowing for the same number of sales, this cut will in no way affect the interest of the timber companies in regard to the programs this chairman has mentioned?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. This is correct.

Senator MORSE. Mr. Rasmussen, there is a final point I want to raise with you. I want to get your position in regard to what you think is the primary purpose and objective of this whole body of Federal law that has been passed over the years. For want of a better label we have called in these hearings the whole body of Federal legislation in respect to natural forest policies a trusteeship plan. I am about to close this hearing and this can be part of the summary—the chairman has said over and over again in these hearings that he thinks it is undeniable that the purpose of setting up the BLM and the Forest Service within the Departments of Interior and Agriculture was to carry out a trusteeship over the forests. The Congress recognizes that the Government owes to the American people, with