

able to this Interior Committee. I would not be surprised at all but what the Forest Service would be glad to show any particular statement to anyone who may be back here, and who would have a particular interest.

Mr. BONNEY. That is excellent. I am glad to know that.

Senator HANSEN. I knew you would be.

You do raise a good question, a question that I have heard expressed many times. I think it probably strikes more at the heart of this controversy than any other one thing.

That is, What does the Forest Service plan insofar as the utilization of the timber is concerned? I note that still here this afternoon, is Mr. Worf.

I don't mean to put you on the spot, Bill, but would you feel that you might respond to the question that was posed by Mr. Bonney, as to what the Forest Service has in mind in its immediate or in its early plans, say, within the next year or two, insofar as the utilization of the timber in the east and west DuNoir area is concerned? Would you feel able to respond to that?

May I identify for the record Mr. William A. Worf, of the Washington office of the U.S. Forest Service.

I might say parenthetically that Mr. Worf has been supervisor out there, and I know he is familiar with this area.

I appreciate your willingness, sir, to respond to that question. Please feel free to talk about the plans of the Forest Service with regard to the utilization of the timber in area J, and also, if you would, what you would contemplate in areas such as that indicated on page 6.

If you would, you might also indicate what the Forest Service plans in the form of timber development in the Wiggins Fork area, area generally E and F, 1 and 3.

Would that be right, Mr. Bonney?

Mr. BONNEY. Yes.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM A. WORF, U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Mr. WORF. First I will speak about area J. The total volume of timber in the area J, as was pointed out by Chief Cliff this morning, is about 100 million board feet of commercial quality timber.

We believe that under present market conditions, and present conditions of equipment, that only about 30 million of that is operable. In the first harvest cycle we would harvest approximately 15 million feet. This would be over several years, not immediately, not all at one time.

There are no sales that are being offered in that area at this time, and we have no immediate plans to offer a sale.

There is one road about 2 miles long, and a sale within the area that was offered before the hearings.

Senator HANSEN. That is on East or West DuNoir?

Mr. WORF. It is not in the DuNoir Range, it comes up on this Bonneville Creek area, right here, on the map. It comes about 2 miles into area J.

Senator HANSEN. Was this sale made prior to this hearing, or the Riverton hearing?