

A second aspect is the matter of the bark beetle control. We have a peculiar situation in the high mountain country of Colorado where, if logging ceases, then the bark beetle population increases to the point where it would have to be controlled by hand-spraying methods. This would amount to some \$170,000 a year on that portion of the forest in which we operate.

The blunt fact is that if the appropriations are not there in amounts sufficient to aid us with the roads we build under the appraisal contract system, then the unemployment would result.

So, either way, if the appropriated money is not funded, then the Government will spend it another way for relief and for bug control.

The timber industries have all methods out there of what we call control methods of falling timber ahead and letting it lay over the winter, which attracts the bark beetle more than the mature standing timber; and if this program is abandoned, why, I think the bark beetle will increase, as it did in Colorado some 20 or 30 years ago, with something over \$500 million being spent finally to bring it under control, and 5 billion feet of timber was destroyed.

If logging can continue, if road appropriations continue, logging and milling will continue.

I believe, Mr. Chairman, that in the interest of brevity, that is all I have to say, and I thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Denney?

Mr. DENNEY. If I understand your statement, you have the same problem that the previous witness had, that the way this road development project has been run, the industry is losing money, the territory is losing money, and if something is not done, it looks as if you are going to have an economic chaos out in that section of the country; is that right?

Mr. BUCHANAN. That is right, sir.

Mr. DENNEY. Well, we certainly appreciate your statement.

As you know, this is a section in the bill that has been submitted by the chairman here, and we will ask the committee members to check this over, and we will give it careful consideration; and I wonder if the chart will be available for the committee records?

Mr. BUCHANAN. I will make it available after tomorrow. I am appearing before the Senate committee.

Mr. DENNEY. If you would, please, because this is an important part of your testimony that illustrates the points that you bring out.

We certainly appreciate your coming here.

Mr. BUCHANAN. It is included in one file that I left with you, the background information supporting the statement.

Mr. DENNEY. But I like that chart. If we could have it available, it would be helpful.

Mr. BUCHANAN. It will be available, sir.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Buchanan.

The next witness will be Mr. Ronald R. Borges, director, National Joint Heavy and Highway Construction Committee, accompanied by D. D. Danielson, secretary and director of research.