

Forest Service to Hold Regional Meetings On Small Forest Needs

Ways and means for improving the condition of the Nation's 45-million farm and other small forest properties will be the subject for discussion at a series of regional meetings this fall, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

Richard E. McArdle, Chief of USDA's Forest Service, has asked Regional Foresters, in collaboration with State Foresters, to call these meetings to consider the problem of forestry on small forest ownerships and possible methods and procedures for achieving better management on these

lands. McArdle said that these lands "need to make their contribution if the growing demands for timber from an expanding population are to be met." The meetings will be open.

Forestry conditions on small woodlands were discussed in Washington recently in consultation with the Regional Foresters and Research Directors of the Forest Service. This discussion and the findings of the final Timber Resource Review, a report on the country's timber situation soon to be released, led to the conclusion that one of Ameri-

ca's best forestry opportunities lies in these small forest ownerships.

They make up over half of the Nation's commercial forest land. Because of their condition, they are least capable of meeting increased needs but afford the greatest opportunity for improvement. They also offer opportunity to substantially increase income to farmers and other small forest owners.

"By the year 2000—Just over 40 years away and less than the life-span of a tree, this country will have 100 million more people than it has today," McArdle pointed out. "Timber is one of our most essential raw materials. We should be growing a lot more of it than we are now doing, perhaps twice as much."

"Most progress has been made in the management of forest lands owned by the public and by industry, but the timber-growing potential of lands in all ownerships is needed to meet future demands. If the small woodland properties meet their full potential the farmer and other owners will benefit as will the entire Nation. There is need to pursue much faster a cooperative course of action between private owners and State and Federal governments in order to bring these lands into full productivity," McArdle said.

"At these regional meetings the Forest Service wants to mutually consider what needs to be done by joint effort to improve conditions on small forest holdings as fast as possible," McArdle said. "At the meetings all those interested will have a chance to express their views. Farmers, other landowners, and those who deal day to day with them and know the problems first-hand, will be invited to take an active part in the regional discussions."

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programs is adequate, whether they need to be modified, whether new approaches are needed, and how responsibilities can best be shared," McArdle added. "I do not mean to underestimate the progress that has been made in the many public and private programs now operating to help the small forest owner help himself. There has been substantial progress in tree planting, forest fire protection, and scientific management during recent years. But further progress is needed."

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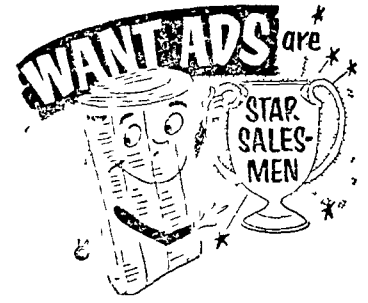
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