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DUTY OF EVERYONE TO PREVENT FIRES

In discussing the financial side of the forest fire question with particular reference to the general carelessness exercised by campers and even ranchers living within the forests or adjacent thereto a forestry official said today:

In the Pacific northwest during the past few years more than \$100,000,000 has been spent in the development of the lumber industry and the people of the whole country share the benefits derived from such an expenditure. Burned timber pays no wages and every one should help protect the forests from catching on fire. Not only is the burned timber useless but the denuded mountains injure the surrounding country and agricultural valleys by the loss of moisture which always follows forest destruction. This year's reports and the present conditions in this and other sections of the United States help emphasize the necessity of caution and adequate fire protection. Although no wide spread disaster has overtaken any one community still the actual loss by fire has been enormous and will be burdensome. The potential loss—destruction of young growth and sweeping away of forest covers on cut-over land—is even greater and the problem when viewed from this standpoint is serious and demands more serious thought from those inclined to pass it over too lightly. Caution about fires in the woods can not be too