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**FOREST FIRES
ARE DAMAGING**

**Western Montana Forests
Suffering Heavy
Losses**

Supervisor W. W. White of Bitter Root National Forest, together with a party of rangers and others have been in the vicinity of B. Creek for several days fighting a fire which had gained quite a headway before they could be checked. At the present time they are practically under control. About twenty-five men, a number of whom are volunteers have been engaged in fighting this fire.

Three big forest fires south of Hamilton are reported here. These fires are becoming more threatening day by day and are being fought by a large force of men.

Every day is bringing more trouble and worry to the forestry headquarters at Missoula of forest fires throughout the western portion of Montana. All western Montana is cloudy with smoke and at nights the sky glows red in many places. Heavy losses of timber are reported as a result of the raging flames. The forest rangers are kept constantly busy and in a number of places have succeeded in getting control of the flames, rain being the only apparent salvation. Where the fires have gotten almost beyond control the rangers and forestry helpers are making an effort to save as much as they can.

From some places it has been reported that houses and barns have been burned by the fires, but the percentage is very small.