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Associate Forester Potter has sent a telegram the district foresters at San Francisco, Missoula and Portland, Ore., who have charge of the forests where the fires are raging advising them that they may call upon the army for aid.

The president was apprised of the danger that threatens the national woodlands in the west by telegrams from the western forestry and conservation association and from the western pine manufacturers' association. Both organization requested that military forces be permitted to help save the timber. The president telegraphed blanket instructions permitting the use of the soldiers.

The danger that confronts the forests is said to be the most serious in the history of the forest service, and it is feared the amount may run into millions.

#### Montana Situation.

Secretary Ballinger, who is in Seattle, telegraphed Acting Secretary Pierce that serious forest fires are reported in the Flathead Indian reservation and the new Glacier national park in Montana. Mr. Pierce immediately communicated

with Clement S. Tinker, chief clerk of the interior department, who is in Yellowstone park, to adopt emergency measures to meet the situation. The forest service also has promised to co-operate with the interior department.

Superintendent Morgan of the Flathead reservation was requested to report fire conditions in his territory. To day he telegraphed to the department that while the situation had been serious since July first, the fires are now under control. He said no big timber has been burned, the loss being confined to younger growth.