

Berkeley
July 21, 1934

Memo. for Hornay

Your memo. of the 16th has been discussed with Dunston and Kotok. The Director and I have had a long session over it.

We wired you it was OK to stay over till next week to see Woodbury, and we will be glad to have his slants, too; although it's doubtful whether he can add much to the picture of chances of future logging. Your memo. covers that about right.

Dunston doubts whether exchange is worth considering with the Red River Co. The Director seems it a distinct possibility — but how long it would take nobody knows. I feel it's out of the picture as a means of getting going this summer.

And we may regard getting at least one pasture in this summer, as a virtual ultimatum. We've "got" to go that far.

Neither I nor the Director shares the committee's views that little value could be seen in studying virgin timber — such a study is a definite need as a basis of comparison with cut-over which we all agree is the most critical, of course. The Director even goes so far as to say that both old cut-over and fresh cut-over would be all right. So, we're all agreed we should like to start in cut-over (either sheep or cattle, incidentally, is now approved to expedite the start), but along with that pastures in virgin timber are also wanted.

So, the Director & I are inclined toward the following

set-up:

1. At least one pasture in cut-over.

He will approve going 20 miles from Halls Flat if we have to.

Questions - Is the Ashurst Mtn. 640 you mention, on Ashurst Mtn, or is it N. of Harvey Valley where cutting is in progress? Is the delicate permittee point one of changing from Cattle to sheep? If so, forget it; we will start with cattle if we can get the set-up, & water.

2. At least one pasture in virgin timber. Maybe Grays Valley, still.

No. 1 is priority 1. Whether we get the best set-up or not, we've got to fence ~~so~~ cut-over pasture

during August. So, reexplore
this whole possibility, attempting
also to get clear with the Lassen
on areas that could or could not be
fenced, & thus try to pave the
way for a quick approval of our
going ahead with fencing by August
1, if humanly possible for us to
agree on a usable area by that
time.

Please wire me a few days before
you plan to start back. We may
want to change instructions.

Leaving with Kotok,
Tavernette & Hart for Madera

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