

FORECAST

Dangerously Dry
In Forest Regions.

Forest Fires On Rise Again

FIRE WEATHER

Fuel Moisture 4%
Wind 3 mph
Fire Danger Class 4
23 Days Since Last Rain
Today - Clear - No Rain
Prediction - No Rain In
Sight next 4 days. Clear
and Cooler.

**Lookout Towers Are
The Eyes Of The
Forest Service**

This Forest Service Fire Tower, one of several in this area, is located on Panther Knob Mountain, 17 miles southwest of Murphy. It serves as an observation point in the early detection of forest fires. When an unknown smoke is spotted by the Lookout in the tower, he uses his maps and fire-finder along with sightings from other towers to pinpoint the exact location of the fire. This information is then radioed to the Fire Dispatcher in Murphy who sends a crew of men to control the fire in the forest.

This tower is manned during high fire danger from October 15 until May 15 each year. This period is considered to be the fire season here in the Appalachian Mountains. Panther Top Tower is manned by Lookout, Chester A. Greene of Peachtree. Chester has been working for the U. S. Forest Service for 9 years and has been Lookout on the Tower for 4 years. In addition to detection for the Forest Service, Chester also serves the North Carolina State Forestry Service and maintains communications with their organization.



ATLANTA, GA. - The U. S. Forest Service is setting up an air tanker operation to help combat forest fires on National Forests in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Fall leaves are beautiful but dangerous. Two fires, one covering 4,000 acres, the other 2,100 acres, were burning on the Ouachita National Forest in the Arkansas-Oklahoma area last weekend. The area is experiencing a rainfall deficiency of some 24 inches. The fires spread rapidly and are extremely difficult to control.

Forest Service officials said a check of other National Forests in the South showed the fire danger to be critical. With no rain in sight and the hunting season at hand, they urged all users of the outdoors to exercise extreme caution with fires.

John Spring, Chief of the Regional Office Division of Fire Control, and Duane Myler, Regional Air Officer, are in Fort Smith, Arkansas, setting up an air tanker organization. Training sessions are being held for Forest Service personnel in the Arkansas-Oklahoma area since this is the first time the air tankers have been used there. James Claybaugh of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will be in charge of the emergency air tanker base operations at the Fort Smith Municipal Airport.

Two B-26 air tankers have been flown to Fort Smith from Oregon, for use in dropping fire retardants on forest fires occurring on the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests.

The same type planes were used very effectively last spring in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia during a severe outbreak of forest fires. The fire retardant is being brought from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Experienced firefighters in other parts of the Forest Service's Southern Region are being alerted so they can help fight the fires if necessary.



No Precipitation Sighted For WNC

Western North Carolina's dry spell went into its 21st day Sunday with still no rain in sight for the next few days. As the drought continued, danger of forest fires and the difficulties of controlling existing fires continued to increase.

A clear but somewhat hazy day brought thousands to the mountains to view what probably will be the last weekend of the annual fall color show. Traffic was extremely heavy in

the mountains and on roads leading into Asheville. Only one serious accident was reported by police by nightfall.

The U. S. Weather Bureau in Asheville reported that the dry spell is expected to continue at least through the first part of the week. Monday's forecast was for mostly sunny skies and warm weather, with the high temperature of about 80 degrees.

THERE IS AN OLD SAYING:

"You can't see the forest for the trees."

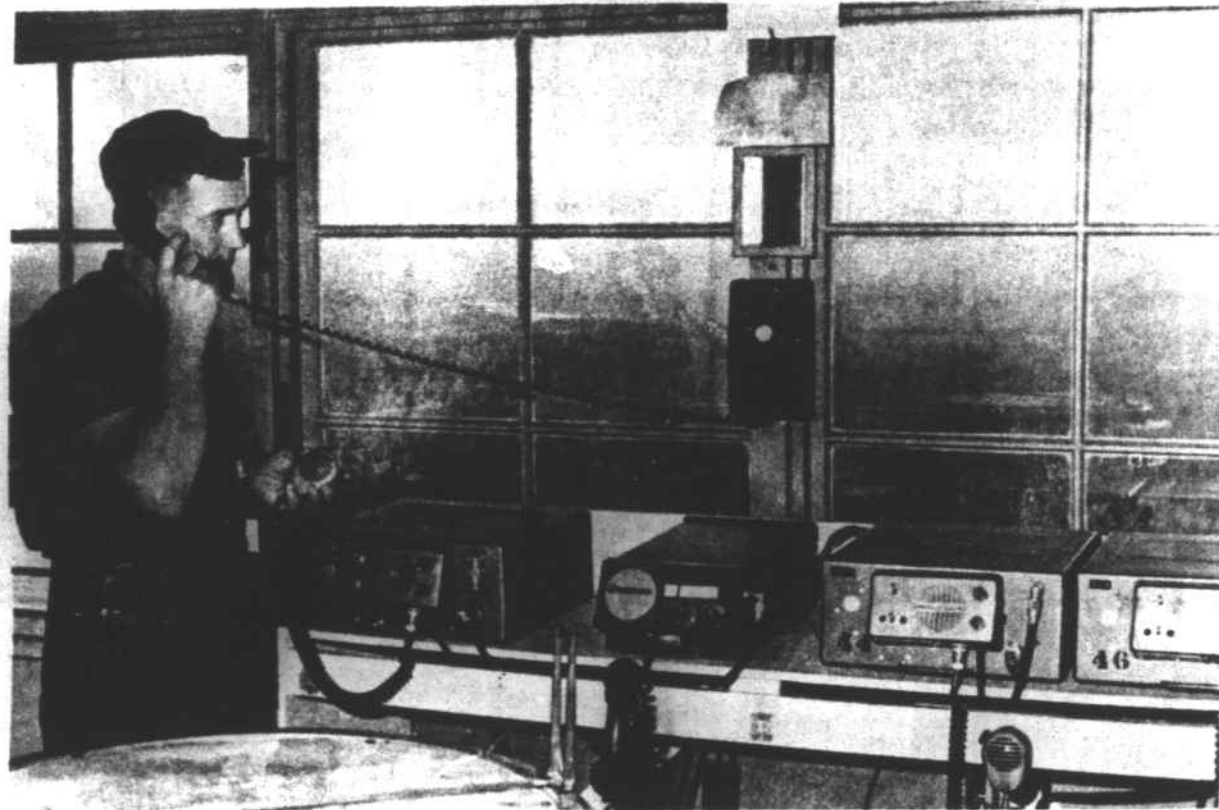
But the trees shelter more than the wild things of the forest. They shelter people—millions of people who use, enjoy, and protect the forest.

Users of the forest are the people who drink the pure water from the forest streams; the timber, pulpwood and naval stores workers whose jobs depend on the forest; the stockmen whose cattle, sheep, and horses graze on forest range; the berry, fern and galax pickers, and the folks who get their Christmas trees from the forest.

The millions who enjoy the forest include the nature lovers who study the birds and mammals, and the tourists who find relaxation in the scenic beauty. The many recreationists hike, picnic, camp, swim, ski, boat ride, horseback ride, and photograph the colorful wonders of nature.

The fishermen enjoy the forest as much as the sport of fishing. The hunters roam the woods for wild game, but also enjoy the great outdoors.

Last, but not least, there are the people who manage and protect the forest—the forest rangers, who manage the forest to make all these uses possible. The lookouts, smoke chasers, parachute jumpers, mechanics, forest fire fighters, and the skilled workers protect the forest. The engineers, foresters, botanists, agronomists, landscape architects, pathologists, entomologists, range and wildlife conservationists, silviculturists, and many other professional men and women through research and management provide for multiple use of the National Forests.



Fires Rage In Tinder-Dry ET And WNC Woodlands

Caution In Forest Urged As Drouth Worsens Dangers

Nine forest fires blazed in East Tennessee and adjoining areas yesterday and one continued to burn out of control last night as conditions worsened in all wooded sections.

Foresters are urging all persons to use extreme caution in timber areas. "No smoking" signs have been posted along hiking trails and near camping areas in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

While none of the fires reported so far have been large, the dryness of forests makes extinguishing the blazes difficult. There is the possibility one may break loose and spread to large areas, foresters said.

"The fires are under control but the expense of putting them out will be terrific," a spokesman at the National Forest Service office in Cleveland said. "This is an extreme situation

and our lookouts are working day and night. We have been very lucky thus far."

FORESTS CLOSED

All of Kentucky's forests were closed to the public yesterday and the fire danger was called the worst in a decade.

Still out of control last night was a fire covering several acres in the Beech Creek Community of Hawkins County.

Latest Forecast

The outlook for continued below-normal rainfall from mid-Tennessee eastward to the Atlantic and southward to the Gulf will add to the present forest fire problem in the South.

Pleasant, clear, warm days will increase the number of people seeking recreation in our woods area.

High fire danger presently exists over most of the island area of the Southeast and will reach extreme danger with the first killing frosts in the mountain portions of Alabama, the Carolinas, and Georgia. The Piedmont sections of Georgia and the Carolinas should reach extreme conditions by November 1.

No change in weather is presently in sight. Caution is advised in all woods activities during this explosive period.



Small Sawmills, such as the one shown here, are entirely dependent upon a healthy forest in order to operate efficiently and prosperously. A damaged forest with timber that has been burned as a result of forest fires only produces poor quality saw timber and cull lumber. When forest fires are allowed to sweep through our mountain forests, they are taking money from these men who work at such mills. Anyone who works in the woods for a livelihood can speak from experience on the damage caused by man made forest fires. Remember, the Forest you save belongs to you and your children and no man has the right to destroy what belongs to another generation. Be careful in the forests and prevent forest fires in every way and every day.

The local business men and industries listed below are cooperating in Fire Control in this county by making their work force available as fire crews when needed. They shut down operations for as long as needed to furnish their crews when emer-

gency forest fire situations develop. Through their cooperation during these emergencies, there is a sufficient pool of manpower to suppress forest fires which would not be available otherwise.

Commonwealth Lumber Corp

Neal Kitchens, Hayesville

Radford Saw Service

Easley Manufacturing Co

Lewis King Wood Yard

R.C. 'Cliff' Radford

Mundy Lumber And Veneer

W.D. Townson Lumber Co

Bowater Paper Co

Murphy Wood Company