

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR JULY, 1960

Fire guard was completed on the Split Butte property, hay was cut, baled and hauled. Barley and oats in the meadow was irrigated. New rail fence on the North end was started.

Fire guard on the Split Butte property was built utilizing H-D5 from North Lake this fire guard is about 18 feet wide and all humous soil removed.

Hay is cut and stored, about eight tons of alfalfa was stored in the Elk trap for trapping Elk this winter, five tons of alfalfa was stored in the end of machine shed on the Management area for emergency feed, about 15 tons of meadow hay was stacked on the Management area and will be disposed of later on. Alfalfa hay on this area was very poor due to heavy frosts and drought conditions. Left some meadow hay standing in the field because it was not good enough to bale.

Barley and oats planted in meadow ground was irrigated twice this month, this grain will not require any more water. This grain was irrigated from the Blue Creek Reservoir and at the present time it is drawn down as low as it will go. Water is backing up now, but it is a slow process as Blue Creek is very low. The Water Fowl impoundment area was low Neilson had drawn it down irrigating, but it is about full now. Weirs was not installed this month as we did not get the wier plated until the 30th.

Rail fence on the North end was started, no fence has been built, but brush has been cleaned away from fence line, 20 feet on each side, and the net wire and steel posts salvaged. Most of the posts and poles out for the rail fence.

Summer fallow ground was not worked because Brunner has disk at Market Lake and we was to busy to get at it. Land planeing was not done as we were to busy on other jobs.

Tree plots were not irrigated as there was not enough water, Southern wood is doing r good, golden willow is still alive, rest of the plantings is dead.

We haven't seen a Moose on the Management area all summer or on areas adjacent to the gement area. There is a few Elk stayin on the North end of the Mngement area, cows and calves. Deer are feeding in the grain fields at night counted 18 Bucks in car lights on the way in from the cattleguard. There is an estimated 300 Sage grouse on the Management area at the present time. There is 15 geese and several broods of ducks utilizing the waterfowl impoundment area.

Work Planned for August:

Rail fence will be built, weirs installed, and summer fallow ground worked. Canadian thistle that has come up in summer fallow ground will be sprayed.

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Fence maintenance was completed on the West side of Sand Creek W.M.A. and about half way up East side. New fence and fence maintenance have been completed on the Pocatello W.M.A. Approximately fifty acres of meadow ground was plowed, two headgates installed, noxious vegetation was sprayed at Pocatello and Sand Creek W.M.A. An accurate record on number of fisherman on Sand Creek W.M.A. was kept and spot checks on the number of fish caught were made. Meadow hay was irrigated and posts treated for use on Sand Creek and Pocatello W.M.A. Exclosures and other W.M.A. Fire guard is nearly completed on the property at Split Butte.

Fences on the Sand Creek W.M.A. were not in too bad a shape this year, we still are adding wooden posts where they are needed. The fence on the Pocatello W.M.A. was in pretty bad shape. About 20 rods of netting was put in where cattle tend to concentrate, choke cherry and aspen trees were cleared from fence line with cat, about 200 wooden posts were put in where steel posts had sunk into the ground. Fifty acres of meadow ground was plowed, this ground will be gone over with a land plane later on this summer. Installed two headgates one of them is in the main access ditch from Sand Creek to waterfowl impoundment area, this was installed so that Otto Nielson could regulate his irrigation water without interrupting our water flow. The other headgate was installed in the waterfowl impoundment area to regulate waterflow to Nielson. June 4 there was 401 fisherman on the area catching 1589 fish. 927 of these were Eastern Brook and 662 were Rainbow. A total of 1076 fisherman fished on the Sand Creek W.M.A. during the month of June. Most of the fishing on this area is done by family groups. A fireguard is being cleared on the Split Butte property, guard will be about 20 feet wide and all humus soil removed this area is very rocky and dry, so we haven't made too good a time. Noxious vegetation was sprayed at Pocatello and Sand Creek W.M.A. There was only a small area at Pocatello, about 2 acres in all that was infested with noxious weeds three types of noxious weeds were found growing around the old house, Morning glory, white top and Canadian thistle. We sprayed them with hand sprayer. At Sand Creek we have on small patch of white top and about 20 acres of Canadian thistle scattered all over the area. These areas were sprayed with the recommended amount of 2-4-D.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS AND DIVISIONS:

Hauled 122 eleven foot posts to Fall river ridge, so the Forest service could build exclosure on Fall river Ridge. This involved two men and two vehicles all one day. Post had to be hauled up the side of a mountain with four wheel drive.

Hauled a load of top soil to the cabins at Mac's Inn. Two of us spent all day on this job setting posts and helping Edwards landscape grounds around the cabins.

WORK PLANNED FOR JULY

First off haying will be done, once maintenance on the East side, more posts cut from the National Forest, Weirs installed in all channels that drain into waterfowl impoundment and one in the outlet. Working summer fallow ground in the meadow and land planing it if possible. Cultivate Grass ground, treat posts, and irrigate tree plots. Also will start building rail fence on the North end.