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# Memorandum

TO : Forest Supervisors and Division Chiefs

File No. 1310

FROM : J. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester

Date: Nov. 15, 1962

SUBJECT: Planning (Storm Damage Rehabilitation)

Your reference:

The following is designed to bring you up to date on financial action taken and planned on account of the Columbus Day wind storm.

The following data were supplied the Chief on October 24:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Damage</u>	<u>Amount R-6 Absorbs</u>	<u>Additional Funds Needed</u>
Fire Control	\$ 37,027	\$ 1,412	\$ 35,615
Administrative	36,185	8,250	27,935
Transportation	335,763	30,910	277,603
Range	23,000		23,000
Communications	48,146	6,225	41,921
Recreation	121,240	440	120,800
Watershed	77,704	1,050	76,654
Timber	817,200	425,400	391,800
Total	\$ 1,496,265	\$ 473,687	\$ 995,328

The Chief is providing Region 6 financial help, including \$100,000 for road drainage, \$23,000 for insect survey; and we will receive soon \$391,000 for timber sales.

I have discussed additional needs with Mr. Greeley and we are assembling information to submit to the Chief. Regional Office staff officers have visited some forests, other visits are planned, and forests with significant blowdown may be called on for additional information. Some of the special financial assistance we receive may be from next fiscal year funds. The Chief has decided to finance storm damage repair and rehabilitation largely or entirely from regular appropriations. In view of this policy decision, we need to reprogram on a constructive, intelligent basis that reflects prudence and takes into proper account the needs of users and dependent communities. Each Supervisor should carefully appraise the situation on his forest, take appropriate action within his delegated authority, and make sure all additional actions, including additional

financing or personnel, are clearly reported and understood by responsible regional officers. This includes specific reports to me if such action appears necessary to insure adequate considerations of local situations.

Fire Control. Our storm damage report of October 24 to the Chief included only damage to fire control improvements. The big job results from sizeable storm-created fire hazards. We must decide now what needs to be done to provide effective fire protection and control. Each forest should be considering this problem and be prepared to take appropriate action. A representative of the Division of Fire Control will work with you on a few forests to assist all of us in reaching mutual agreement on the practicable things we can do.

Improvements - Other than roads and trails and recreation. Each forest should submit data in appropriate detail for specific assistance needed. Requests for assistance should be submitted as soon as working detail has been secured, and opportunities to reprogram have been considered. This item will be handled entirely by reprogramming within the region--mostly in next fiscal year. We hope to get some increase in Region's next fiscal year allotment.

Transportation System. You have been or will be contacted about detailed road data. Additional data will be forwarded to the Chief by December 1, and will include necessary information for rehabilitation work and new construction needed for timber salvage.

Preliminary first estimate of trail damage was included in our damage report of October 24 to the Chief. Make sure trail damage is accurately and realistically reported; the tendency is to overlook trails in time of stress.

Recreation. We need to carefully appraise the damage to recreation improvements. The State as a whole, as well as some local areas, is dependent on recreation as a source of income. Forest Service recreation facilities contribute in a major way to tourist recreation needs as well as those of local residents. Public health and safety must be appropriately safeguarded. Adequate analyses need to be made, locality by locality, and the findings translated into appropriate action through carefully prepared plans. Some work must be done soon; some can be deferred until next fiscal year. Some new construction and recreation rehabilitation work must be done this year and some can be deferred. Defensible priorities must be established. We hope to get approximately \$20,000 additional financing for recreation rehabilitation this fiscal year and possibly an additional sum next fiscal year to replace our deferred FY 1963 new construction. A representative of the Division of Recreation will work with a few forests to obtain information for interforest coordination of reprogramming.

Watershed Management. Our reports in this area need to emphasize at least the three following areas:

1. Community watersheds. Each watershed should be checked for damage and the results analyzed to make sure all significant rehabilitation or repair work is identified.

2. Threat to downstream structures or improvements is identified and implications recognized. Cooperate with the Army Engineers and others making stream surveys.

3. Threat to fish-spawning areas is recognized and discussed with appropriate State officials. The Division of Range and Wildlife Management is available for counseling on this activity. A representative of Watershed Management will work with some of the forests to obtain information needed here to better assess the potential and a practicable solution where problems exist.

Timber. We believe necessary detail work is under way or planned. You will be kept informed from time to time about additional developments when such action seems advisable. The Siuslaw, Siskiyou, and perhaps others may need detailers from other forests to assist in sale preparation, including road location. We will request detailers from those forests who, we believe, are best able to furnish the assistance with minimum disruption to essential programs. The receiving forest will reimburse the sending forest for salary, travel, and per diem of detailers. Where units of planned accomplishment must be reduced on the sending forests because of such details, the latter should clearly inform us of plans for reprogramming funds. Some may need to be withdrawn to finance production elsewhere in the Region.

The guidelines quoted below are excerpted from Mr. Greeley's 1310 memorandum of November 7, and are in addition to those presently on hand for the Public Works Program. Forests with Public Works eligible areas should consider these guides in reprogramming to accomplish wind-damage repair and rehabilitation work:

1. Public Works funds can be used for:
  - (a) Major repair and replacement of all types of resource and administrative structures. This includes such things as repair or replacement of recreation facilities, rebuilding lookouts, and reconstructing fences. It does not include such work as clearing blowdown debris from recreation areas.
  - (b) Replacement of major culverts and drainage structures. This does not include doing such work as general

cleaning out of culvert heads, fill repair work, or  
blowdown clearing.

2. Road projects already scheduled for FY 1963 can be financed from Public Works funds if other road projects of at least the same amount in the same eligible area can be substituted and funds obligated for this substitution in FY 1963 without fail.

If you have any questions on this program that are not resolved by our normal operating processes, please discuss them with Spaulding or me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Herbert Stone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

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