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January 7, 1936.

Mr. W. L. Finley, Chairman  
Committee on Wild Life  
Advisory Research Council  
Route 10,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Finley:

The State Planning Board, at its meeting in Portland December 20th, authorized the appointment of a special advisory committee composed of the chairman (or representative) of the following divisions of the Advisory Research Council: Agriculture, Forestry, Land Classification and Use, Recreation, and Wild Life. Dean Schoenfeld was named chairman--the committee may increase its membership if desirable to do so.

We list below suggestions from Mr. Sinclair A. Wilson for possible appointments from other agencies:

U. S. Forest Service

Donald N. Mathews - Fire Prevention  
J. F. Campbell - Fire Prevention  
E. H. MacDaniels - State and private  
forests

Pacific Northwest Forest  
Experiment Station

Leo A. Isaak - Silviculturist  
Horace J. Andrews - Senior Forest Econ-  
omist

Resettlement Administration

A. S. Burrier - Land Planning Specialist  
for Oregon

Agriculture Experiment Station

E. L. Potter, Agricultural Economist  
W. L. Powers, Soil Scientist  
Professor Hyslop - Plant Industry  
LeRoy Breithaupt, Extension Agricultural  
Economist

2.

The Board designated two months for a preliminary study of the subjects enumerated below, a report to be submitted to the Board at the March, 1936, meeting:

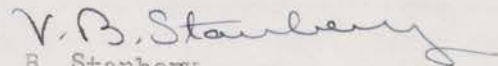
1. Land study of Curry County, which the Board was requested to make, in cooperation with other agencies, under H.J.R. #3.
2. Curry County Correlating Board.
3. Purchase of areas for recreation purposes in Curry County.

You will recall that considerable correspondence has already taken place about these studies and letters concerning Item 2 have been received from Mr. Buck, Dean Schoenfeld and Mr. Wilson, with pertinent suggestions as to future course of action.

Mr. Buck has also submitted a comprehensive report with maps on the possibility of public ownership of lands on the lower Rogue River, particularly the Macleay holdings of some twenty thousand acres. This report will be available for members of your committee, in the office of the State Planning Board.

We are asking Dean Schoenfeld to contact other members of the committee and arrange to hold an early meeting. Copies of previous correspondence, which you may wish to read, are enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,



V. B. Stanbery  
Executive Secretary

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## CURRY COUNTY CORRELATING BOARD

(Submitted by Curry County Planning Commission)

September, 1935

To establish a County Forestry and Range Improvement Correlating Board with power to act on range and forest problems, establish rules and promote the development of forest resources, live stock, and game raising lands and soil erosion prevention.

### Section I.

This county forestry and range improvement correlation board shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Governor of the State of Oregon, and shall include as follows:

1. A representative of the state forestry, a representative of the Game Commission, a representative of the Oregon Agricultural Extension Service, a farmer or live stock man and a timber owner. This board is to serve without compensation.

### Section II.

The duties of this board shall be:

1. Pass on applications for burning logged over brush, timber or pasture lands.
2. Make rules governing preparation for burning, time and methods of burning, kinds of seed, and time of seeding.
3. Determine where fire hazards or where logged over or brush lands shall be developed into live stock or game pastures and require burning and seeding by the owner where it is deemed advisable. In case of default of owner the board shall also have the power to instruct the state forester or his representative to burn and seed, the cost of which shall be a lien upon the property and collectible according to Chapter 356 as amended Oregon laws 1935.
4. It shall also be the duty of this board to make recommendations to the county court relative to the exchanging of the private county and state owned lands so that economic units of grazing forest or game preserve lands will be developed. Also to assist the county court in developing these lands to the best advantage or until the land is again placed on the tax roll as a productive economic unit.

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Special Session

House Joint Resolution No. 3

(Introduced by Representative Carter and Senator Goss  
and read November 1, 1935.)

WHEREAS the county court and a number of prominent citizens of Curry County have petitioned the Legislature for the enactment of legislation authorizing the said county court to classify and devote to their highest use the lands of said county; and

WHEREAS information filed indicates that the annual income from the lands of said county would be substantially increased in the event that said lands were devoted to their highest use; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, the Senate jointly concurring:

That the State Planning Board, in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, the state board of Forestry, the county court and representative citizens of Curry County and the county agricultural agent, or otherwise, be and said planning board hereby is requested to make an investigation of the condition of land use in said Curry County and report its findings at the next regular session of the legislature, together with its recommendations as to legislation, if any, which is necessary in order that said lands of Curry County shall be classified and used so as to produce a maximum income.



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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
School of Agriculture and Experiment Station  
Corvallis

October 17th, 1935

Mr. V. B. Stanbery  
Planning Consultant  
State Planning Board  
811 Spalding Building  
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Stanbery:

With reference to the tentative plan for legislation concerning the burning and seeding of logged off land as prepared by the Curry County Planning Commission, and submitted by County Agent Knox, Professor E. L. Potter, head of our Division of Agricultural Economics, has this to say:

"The idea of a county forestry and range improvement committee to pass upon applications for burning and seeding seems to have considerable merit. Likewise the idea that land owners who subscribe regularly to fire patrol should have some assistance in the matter of burning and seeding is also to be recommended.

"The idea of having the State Forester's office burn and seed land and charged the cost of the same to the owners requires additional study and consideration. There are doubtless many areas which should be burned and seeded but I question whether we could at the present time define them accurately enough to justify compulsory burning and seeding, particularly in view of the fact that burning and seeding, if a good job is done, will cost around \$3.00 per acre, which is considerably more than the sale value of the unburned land.

"I doubt if it will be possible to pass, at the coming session, legislation of the type indicated but, on the other hand, I would like to see Curry county put into the hopper a bill of the lines indicated. That would at least serve the purpose of calling attention to a condition not generally recognized and would also serve as a counter-irritant to those elements who wish to expand to the maximum the area upon which only forestry is to be permitted."

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Wm. A. Schoenfeld  
Dean and Director

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

RE-NW  
Land Classification and Use  
Oregon

October 9, 1935

Mr. V. B. Stanbery  
Planning Consultant  
State Planning Board  
811 Spalding Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Stanbery:

Reference is made to your September 30 letter and enclosures including two suggested legislative measures: one measure purporting to amend chapter 465 Oregon Laws 1935, the other providing for the establishment of county forestry and range improvement correlating boards having power to act on range and forest problems, establish rules and promote the development of forests, livestock, game raising lands, and soil erosion prevention. You have asked my criticism and comments.

On the one hand these measures encompass the exceedingly technical fields of land classification and management. They affect private, county, state and federal ownerships and policies, and give rise to questions of jurisdiction between different county bodies and between county, private, state and other public agencies.

On the other hand they afford an opportunity for interested citizens in an official capacity to work together on local land use problems, to make constructive recommendations, and to give to their constituents the bases of sound land policy.

Because of the foregoing, I believe the measures are entitled to and should receive careful study before they are either approved or disapproved.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Sinclair A. Wilson  
Chairman  
Land Classification and Use Division



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

S&FF  
Planning  
Curry County

November 14, 1935

Mr. V. T. Stanbery,  
Executive Secretary  
State Planning Board  
811 Spalding Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Stanbery:

Referring to the proposed bill entitled, "A bill to establish a County Forest and Range Improvement Correlating Board" forwarded to you by Mrs. Lucile G. Dean, Executive Secretary of the Curry County Planning Commission, and subsequent correspondence.

The protective agencies recognize the right of any land owner to clear his land. If he chooses to burn it during the closed season, a permit is required, and ordinarily the warden will advise and if practicable assist. If the burning is done outside the closed season, no permit is required.

The classification of marginal lands to determine for what they are best fitted and zoning according to their highest use as determined in this way has been recognized as one of the urgent needs of the state. The protective agencies are now called upon to protect lands which may be chiefly valuable for grazing. It is desirable that the different classes of land should be separated so that forest protection money will be spent for the purpose for which it is intended. Zoning will solve this.

This problem is common to all parts of the state. It should not be considered on a county basis. A committee upon which all the agencies concerned are represented should study the whole problem. This study would require a considerable time. A series of experiments might be required to obtain a dependable answer. Representatives of the State College, the board of forestry, the game commission and other interests should be included.

Very truly yours,

(signed) C. J. BUCK, Regional Forester  
By: F. N. Brundage  
Acting