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SUPERIOR *National Forest*

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December 10, 1919

"...The Forest Service, it seems to me, is obligated to make the greatest returns from the total forest to the people of the nation that is possible..."

"...Returns from the forests cannot be counted in terms of dollars and cents in the case of the aesthetic qualities within the forests..."

"...It is almost impossible to reduce to a money basis the value returned to a forest visitor when viewing the country from an especially scenic auto road, scenic trail or overlook..."

"...There is a limit to the number of lands of shoreline on the lakes; there is a limit to the mountainous areas of the world, and in each one of these situations there are portions of natural scenic beauty which are God made, and of which of a right be the property of all people..."

"...Time will come when these scenic spots, where nature has been allowed to remain unmarred, will be some of the most highly prized scenic features of the country, and unless the Forest Service has thoroughly exerted all influences possible to preserve these areas, severe criticism will some day be meted out by the collective owners of this territory, the public..."

"...The Forest Service could well take the whole responsibility..."

"...At present, it is probably that the Service (Forest) will have to take the entire initiative on this work..."

(Excerpts from memorandum: Arthur Carhart to Aldo Leopold.)

SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

February 20, 1970

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Fifty years ago two young Forest Service employees—Arthur Carhart and Aldo Leopold—met in Denver, Colorado, and the outcome of their conversation (excerpts of which are presented on the preceding page) led to the establishment of the National Forest wilderness system of which the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of the Superior National Forest is a part.

These two men and others of the Forest Service who followed the vision of Gifford Pinchot have given to the world an organization with a reputation of conservation leadership, of integrity and imagination. They have given to those of us within the organization a legacy—a legacy of innovation, initiative, and achievement.

It isn't enough to follow in the footsteps of these men. We must make our own imprints. And we must be ever alert to new trends and ideas and set our goals accordingly.

On the Superior these goals must necessarily be to assess what we have, to shore up our assets and reduce our deficits. This will be most important because the ensuing years will see a parade of people coming to the Superior to partake of its treasures—its wilderness, its clean waters, fresh air, its fish and wildlife. They will come in numbers that persons traveling here 50 years ago could not possibly have imagined. And there will continue to be other equally important demands—for timber, and water, and minerals.

Anything less than the most conscientious job of administration, planning, protection and analysis coupled with the optimum management of man's environmental resources—recreation, timber, water, wildlife, forage, minerals and wilderness— will be to fail our responsibilities.

It will be a difficult task, to be sure, but a necessary one if we are to pass on to those who follow that which has been passed on to us—a legacy of innovation, initiative, and achievement.

Thus it is, that this Superior National Forest 60th anniversary year annual report is dedicated, not to a particular year but to the past, the present and the future.

CRAIG RUPP
Supervisor



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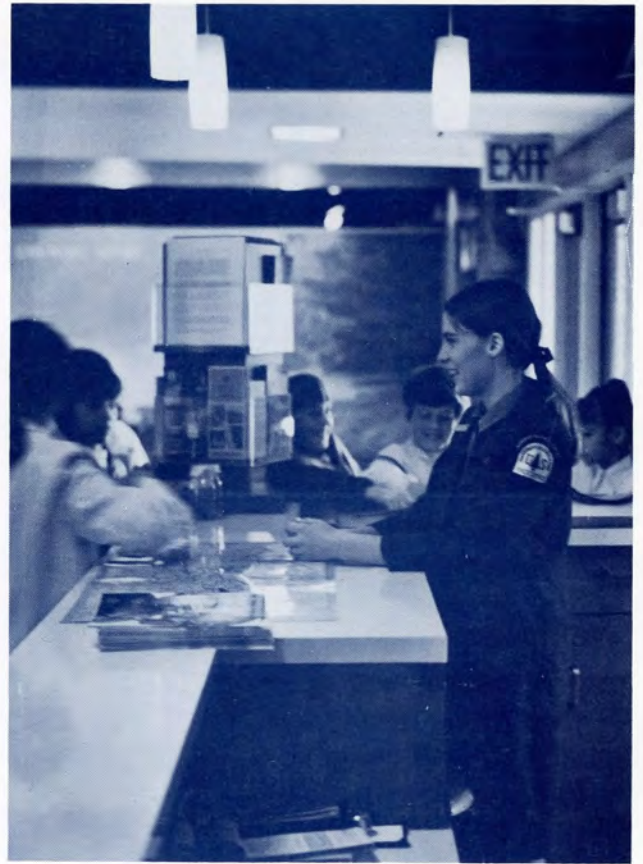
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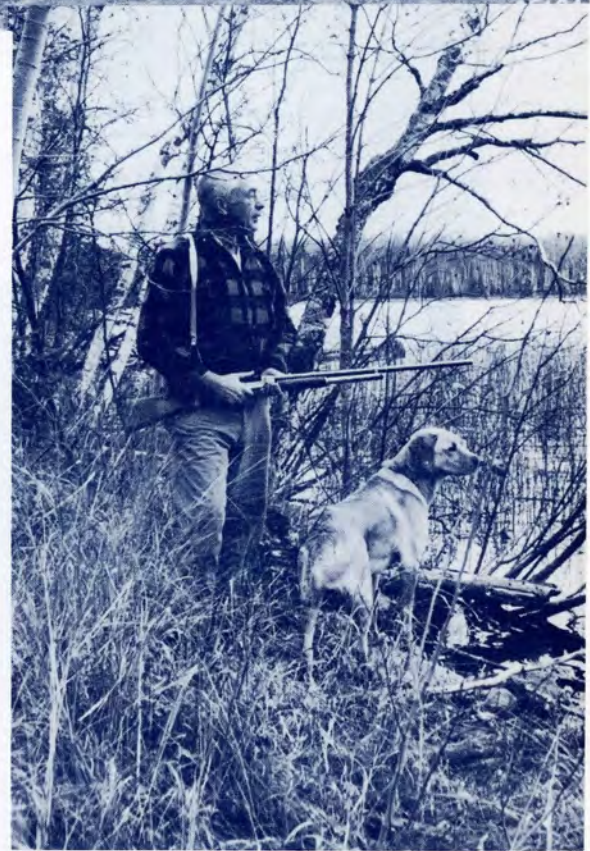
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The Past, The Present, The Future

	1929	1969	1979 (Projected)
Gross Acreage	1,653,223	3,029,454	2,980,000
Net Acreage	809,093	2,043,375	2,120,000
Lakes (10 acres or larger)		2,021	2,021
Fishing Streams		1,975 miles	1,975 miles
RECREATION			
Visitors	56,816	690,500	1,200,000
Visitor Days	174,700	2,096,500	3,580,000
Campgrounds (Outside BWCA)	None	37	42
Family Units		660	900
Campsites Inside BWCA	—	1,667	—
Boat Launchways	—	48	—
Portages	Unknown	140 miles	140 miles
Snowmobile Trails (marked)			
Outside BWCA	None	352 miles	500 miles
Inside BWCA		315 miles	315 miles
BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA			
Private Lands Within BWCA	135,944 acres (19.1%)	Less than 6,000 acres (-1%)	None
Resorts in BWCA	39	None	None
TIMBER HARVEST			
Total Harvested	1,199,000 bd. ft. \$3,632.20	58,183,000 bd. ft. \$371,097 (lowest in 20 years)	110,000,000 bd. ft. —
TIMBER CULTURAL PRACTICES			
Acres Planted	160.80	6,658	10,000
Total Successful Planting to Date	225 acres	138,020 acres	218,000 acres
Acres Seeded	None	2,293	7,000
Total Successful Seeding to Date	None	13,521 acres	51,200
FIRE CONTROL			
Fires	43	34	30
Acres Burned	36,022	93	20
Value of Timber Lost	\$387,671	Minimal	Minimal
ENGINEERING			
Miles of exterior Boundary Line		2,300 miles	2,300 miles
Forest Roads (Maintained to Standard)	Less than 50 miles	590 miles	725 miles
Bridges	—	318	—
Dams	—	120	—
PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES			
(25% of National Forest Fund Receipts)			
COUNTY			
Cook	None	\$ 21,368.44	Increase
Koochiching	None	\$ 36.13	Increase
Lake	None	\$ 22,336.67	Increase
St. Louis	None	\$ 30,365.75	Increase
TOTAL		\$ 74,106.99	
(Three-quarters of 1% of total appraised value of BWCA in lieu of taxes and 25% receipts from certain lands, primarily in the BWCA, return in accord with P.L. 733)			
Cook	None	\$ 83,437.50	Increase
Lake	None	\$113,580.30	Increase
St. Louis	None	\$ 60,937.50	Increase
TOTAL		\$257,955.30	
GRAND TOTAL		\$332,062.29	

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