

THIRTY-SIXTH
Annual Report
OF THE
New Hampshire Timberland
Owners Association



From January 1, 1947
to January 1, 1948

Care Will Prevent 9 Out of 10
Forest Fires

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The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association consists of twenty-five listed members; two new members having joined during the past season.

The total acreage of the Association which was under protection in 1947, was 602,349 acres.

REPORT

Season of 1947

The Forest Fire Season for 1947 was one of the most difficult and hazardous experienced for many years. Ordinarily the patrol work of the Association is curtailed during the early part of October, but this past year Forest Fire conditions remained extremely serious into November. Our program was, therefore, extended approximately three weeks beyond the normal closing period.

During this period tremendous fires took place in Maine and in certain areas of New Hampshire. This proved beyond doubt, that "It can happen here." In spite of the long serious period, our Forest Fire loss was practically negligible.

The Association can take a great deal of credit for handling a difficult job extremely well. Timberland owners in the area cooperated with the Association and suppression agencies to an unusually high degree. All woods roads were closed, extra patrolmen added, and a patrol plane employed to cover the area during the extremely hazardous periods.

The woods were closed by official ban, and

all woods operations not complying with the No Smoking rule and having inadequate Fire Tools available were closed down. In view of the fact that this closure affected the hunting season, it was, however, accepted very well by the sportsmen and general public.

The Association operated this past season on the basis of a cent and a quarter (1¼) assessment per acre. This, in spite of the longer patrol season, higher wages for patrolmen, and extra work entailed by the extreme drought.

The President, on behalf of the Association, wishes to compliment Messrs. Chase and Buckley of the State Forest Service, and the patrolmen, who served so faithfully and loyally during this past year—one of our most difficult Forest Fire Seasons.

The Association concluded by formal agreement the arrangement whereby Messrs. Emmett Buckley and H. B. Chase, District Chiefs of the State Forestry Dept., serve as Field Agents for the Association. This arrangement is highly satisfactory, in that it prevents duplication, and at the same time strengthens the entire Forest Protective Program in Northern New Hampshire.

C. S. HERR, President.

Patrol Routes

Town	Route
Pittsburg	No. 1 Indian Stream Valley.
	2 Perry Stream Valley.
Acad'my Grant	3 East and West Branch Dead Diamond and Little Dead Diamond Area.
College Grant	4 Dead and Swift Diamond Valleys.
Odell and Stratford	5 Nash Stream and tributaries.
Errol & Wentworth Location Dixville	6 Old and recent cuttings in each town.
Dummer	7 Dummer Pond and Newell Brook.
	8 Thirteen Mile Woods.
Berlin and Milan	9 Jericho Stream, Horn Brook, north branch of Ammonoosuc.
Irving Location and Odell	10 Phillips Brook Valley.

- Cambridge 11 Chickwolnepy Valley, 'Bog Brook and Mollnidgewoc Valleys.
- Success 12 Stearns Brook and tributaries, Success Pond, old Blanchard Railroad and cuttings in Grafton in co-operation with M a i n e Forest Service.
- Randolph 13 Stag Hollow Valley, auto patrol 'in other sections of Randolph during very dry periods. Part Time.
- Gorham and Shelburne 14 Lead Mine Brook, Mill Brook, Headwaters of Lary Brook, & Twitchell Brook in Success.
- Pittsburg 15 Scotts Bog and East inlet.

Association Fire Record for Past Ten Years

Year	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average Acres
1938	17	54	3
1939	12	25	2
1940	10	21	2
1941	13	264	20
1942	10	19	2
1943	7	11	1
1944	14	16	1
1945	6	1	1/6
1946	13	40	3
1947	40	50	1.2

Agreement For Patrol of Private Forest Lands

The Forestry and Recreation Commission of the State of New Hampshire, by its State Forester, and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners' Association, by its President, hereby enter into an agreement effective July 1, 1947, and to remain in effect until notice of termination has been given in writing by either of the above parties to the other.

The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To establish the position of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners' Association in the Forest Fire Control plan of the State of New Hampshire.
2. To permit the State Forester to use the funds expended for Fire Control by the Association in claiming federal reimbursement under Section 2 of the Clarke-McNary Law.

In order to claim federal reimbursement for Association expenditures it is necessary:

- a. That such expenditures be required by State Law or made voluntarily as part of the approved State Plan and System of Fire Control;
- b. That they be covered by a written agreement with the State Forester and be subjected to his general supervision.
- c. That protection be extended to all classes of forest land;
- d. That audit of Association expenditures as well as supervision of the field work be provided by the State.

The Forestry and Recreation Commission agrees that membership in the New Hampshire Timberland Owners' Association shall

be acceptable as an adequate observance of the requirements of Chapter 48, Section 233, of the revised laws.

The New Hampshire Timberland Owners' Association agrees:

1. To observe for its members the provisions of Chapter 48, Section 233, of the revised laws.
2. To conduct its patrol on private forest lands under the general supervision of the State Forester.
3. To supply the Commission with its annual budget.
4. To supply the Commission with a quarterly statement of expenditures.
5. To make available at all reasonable times to the Commission or its duly authorized agent, the books and accounts of the Association at its office.

**New Hampshire Timberland Owners'
Association**

BY: C. S. Herr
President

Date: January 23, 1948

**The Forestry and Recreation Commission,
State of New Hampshire**

BY: John H. Foster

Date: January 28, 1948

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1947

Receipts

Balance, December 1, 1946.....	\$1,407.79	✓
Balance due 1946 assessments	7.39	
Assessments, Season 1947.....	7,586.00	
Other Credits	104.04	
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Total.....	\$9,105.22	

Expenditures

Patrol Expense	\$7,342.76	
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer..	200.00	
Salary, District Chief.....	200.00	
Office Expense	124.90	
Advertising	25.00	
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.....	27.68	
Unemployment Compensation Fund.....	184.38	
Social Security Tax.....	76.88	
Federal Excise Tax.....	23.06	
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Total.....	\$8,204.66	

Balance: December 31, 1947 \$ 900.56 ✓

Audited:

Harry Kilgore
Howard Woodward