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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS 1963 RECORD YEAR FOR INDIAN TIMBER SALES

The Department of the Interior reports that the volume of timber cut from Indian lands in 1963 was the highest on record. Not included in the report was the volume cut on the Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin and the Klamath Reservation in Oregon, where Federal supervision ended in 1961.

The total cut under contract and paid permit was 640 million board-feet, 18 percent of which was cut by Indian operators. It provided about 6,000 man-years of direct employment by the wood-using industries on or near the reservations, and an income of over $9,950,000 for the Indian owners at an average stumpage rate of $15.55. This income value was exceeded only in the peak years of 1959 and 1960.

In addition to the volume cut under contract and paid permit, 124 million board-feet were cut for Indian free use at an estimated value of $460,000.

The volume cut for 1964 is expected to rise substantially over the 1963 total because of higher allowable cuts on many of the reservations.

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