

27. INFORMATIVE REPORT ON THE DIXIE MOUNTAIN STATE GAME REFUGE FIRE IN THE PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST, PLUMAS COUNTY - W 20796.

Mr. James F. Trout, Manager, Land Operations, summarized the recent fire at the Dixie Mountain State Game Refuge in the Plumas National Forest. He explained that during the week of June 26, 1974, approximately 3,000 acres of timber were burned. The burned area included a full 640-acre section of timbered State school land. He explained that the staff is working on a public notice inviting bids to log the burned timber and, at the same time, is drafting a form for a timber sale contract to be used. The urgency for this sale is because the dead pine, which is a substantial portion of the burned timber, is subject to a disease called Blue Stain Infection which spreads very fast. He indicated that if the timber is not immediately cut, its value will be reduced substantially. He added that the staff will ask the Commission to approve the sale of the burned timber at its August meeting. He estimated that approximately 1.7 million board feet of timber is involved with a value of approximately \$200,000. This timbered section of land had been scheduled for an exchange previously authorized by the Legislature to further the acquisition of lands in Santa Cruz for the Department of Parks and Recreation.