

RESOLUTION NO. 349

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is situated in both the Santiam River marketing area and the Alsea-Rickreall marketing area. There are located in the Albany vicinity three plywood mills, five sawmills and a kraft paper mill. These mills draw raw materials from both the Cascade Mountain area, which is encompassed within the Santiam River master unit, and the coast mountain area, which is encompassed within the Alsea-Rickreall master unit. The continued operation of these mills is essential to the stable economy of the Albany area. These mills do not own adequate amounts of private timber to enable them to operate indefinitely. It is necessary that their supply of privately-owned timber be supplemented with purchases of government timber. Many of these mills were established in reliance upon the continued maintenance of the O & C marketing areas, and with the expectation that O & C timber would be made available to the mills in the marketing areas adjacent to the master units in which the timber is situated. If the marketing areas are abolished it will jeopardize the supply of raw materials for these mills and may force the closure of some of the smaller mills. This would have an adverse effect upon the economy of the Albany area, and

WHEREAS, it has been the established policy of the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, since the enactment of the 1937 statute that the O & C timberlands should be administered so as to contribute to the economic stability of the local communities and industries that are adjacent to the timber. This policy was implemented by the establishment of the master units and the adjacent marketing areas. Many thousands of dollars have been invested in wood-working plants in the Albany area in reliance upon this declared policy of the Congress. These factories furnish jobs for hundreds of workmen. If Congress now changes its policy which has been in existence for more than eighteen years it will have an adverse effect upon the economy of the entire Northwest, and particularly upon the cities and communities which are situated within the heretofore established marketing areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Albany strongly urges that the marketing-area policy of the Bureau of Land Management be continued.

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