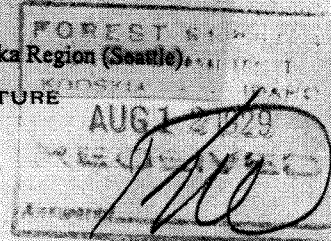


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SELWAY NATIONAL FOREST



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Improvement - Selway  
Moose Creek Bridge

Lowell, Idaho  
August 7, 1929

Forest Supervisor  
Selway National Forest

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Cast washers for above 4" diam. - - - 8 L  
Spikes, 60D - - - - - 10#

The clamps for the cable are on hand.

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tread it breaks through.

Very truly yours

*Frederick W. Shames*

Forest Ranger

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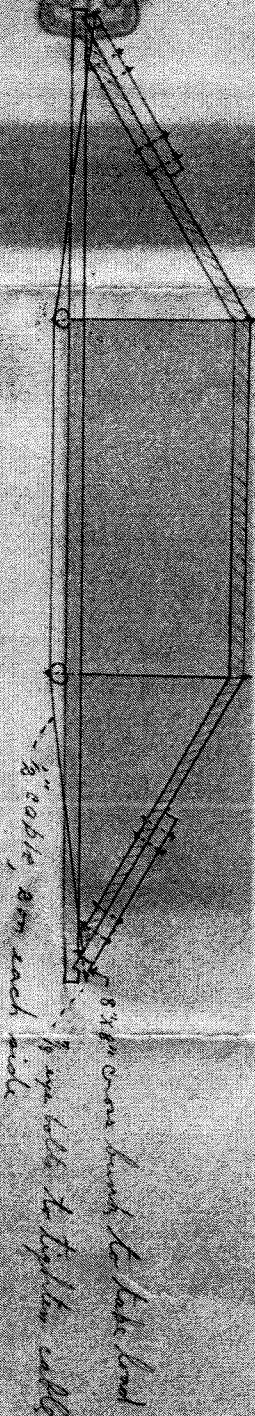
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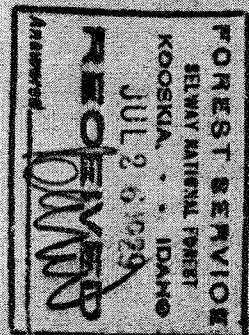
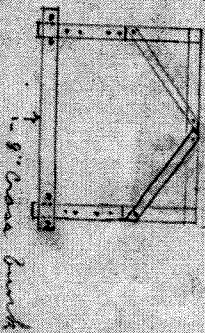
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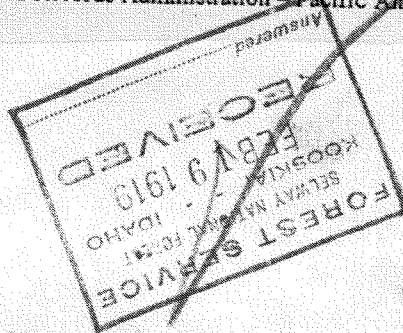
Repairs on Moon Creek Bridge

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Estimated cost of material + labor - \$10,000





January 11, 1919.

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Attached hereto is a plan for a bridge over Moose Creek on the Selway National Forest. I estimate that this bridge will cost approximately \$700 including both labor and material. The bridge is to span Moose Creek at a point about 1/4 mile above its junction with the Selway River. The exact location of the bridge was pointed out to Ranger MacPherson of the Selway National Forest and described to Supervisor Howell.

The easiest time to construct the bridge will be in the winter before the water begins to rise in March or April, since the foundations for the crib pier should be entirely out of water up to that time. It will be necessary to drill a number of holes in the bed rock to anchor the pier. This work can be done much easier when there is no water on the foundation.

The bridge is designed to carry as many sheep as can crowd on it. It will also carry a pack train. It is very unlikely that a wagon road will ever reach the bridge, therefore I am making the width only 8 feet, or about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet in the clear between the railings, in order to prevent too many sheep from getting on it at one time, and also to decrease

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*E. W. Kramer*

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Improvement - Selway  
Moose Creek Bridge.

Kooskia, Idaho,  
October 28, 1918.

District Forester,  
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23:

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District Forester.

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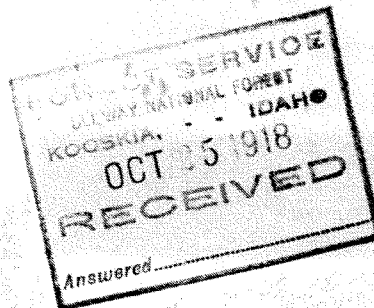
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Improvement-Selway  
Moose Creek Bridge



FEDERAL BUILDING  
MISSOULA, MONTANA

October 23, 1918.

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Lowell, Idaho

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