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Improvement - Bitterroot
Shearer Landing Field

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Forest Supervisor,
Hamilton, Montana.

Dear Mr. Brandborg:

Bob Johnson was in this office just now and had several suggestions to make in regard to the improvement of the Shearer Landing Field.

As you know Mr. Johnson made several trips in there recently and is well informed as to the present condition of the field. He states that the field is very rough and very dangerous for a loaded ship to land on. He suggests that every effort possible should be used to level the runway in order to make it as smooth as possible.

The gravel which was sluiced into this field on the west side is exceedingly rough and has not been smoothed out properly, and ordinarily would not be a usable part of the field. It appears that the east side of the runway is the most usable portion and if this were plowed and a good portion of the dirt distributed to the west side of the field during the smoothing process a very satisfactory runway would result. Also it appears that some drainage is necessary on the north end of the field. He also states that considerable slashing on the southeast corner of the field is desirable, since the high timber in this area now prevents a ship coming in down the river at a low enough elevation to get on the runway. Also on the north end there is some timber on a sharp rise to the north of the field that should be slashed since in going out in that direction it is almost impossible to clear the tree tops. The wind sock should be moved about seventy-five feet eastwardly and put on a higher pole since it is almost useless where it is.

P.S.

These suggestions are made with the idea that the small crew which you will have on the job can work to the best advantage if it is understood just what is needed from the standpoint of a pilot using the field.

Very sincerely yours,

CLARENCE C. STRONG,
Assistant Regional Forester,

By CLARENCE C. STRONG

Enclosure