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Improvement - Bitterroot
Shearer Landing Field

August 14, 1936.

Mr. Robert Johnson,
Missoula Airport,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to recent conferences with Major Kelley in regard to the Shearer Landing Field.

The following is quoted from a memorandum by Ranger George Case:

"The field has been dragged since Mr. Johnson last landed there and is in as good or better condition than it has ever been before. Johnson has been just plain lucky that he didn't hit bad air before he did at this field.

"With the improvements above listed the margin of safety for a big plane would be increased 40 to 50% but it can never approach the point that pilots desire. It would also make it so that any good 1000 to 1500 lb. capacity plane could land loaded with reasonable safety anytime of the day."

This information is transmitted to you for whatever value it may have. Every effort will be made to get this field properly improved, but owing to the extreme shortage of available moneys for such work it may not be possible to do any work this year.

Very sincerely yours,

F. E. THIEME,
Assistant Regional Forester,

By O. P. FICKES

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