

the Forester is to use means to prevent and to extinguish forest fires which destroy annually thousands of dollars worth of young timber. For this purpose there is a well established system of lookout stations. About 600 men commissioned by the Governor as Forest Wardens are distributed throughout the State, who are constantly upon the watch to discover and extinguish fires; giving particular attention during the danger seasons in spring and fall. The laws against setting out fires are very strict. The State and county divide the expense of extinguishing fires.

The Department also administers eleven State forests, comprising about 35,000 acres in eight different counties. The main purpose of these forests is for timber growing and watershed protection, but they also serve as a recreation ground for the people of the State, being visited every year by thousands for camping and other forms of recreation. The Legislature of 1931 appropriated \$25,000 for the purchase of additional State forests.

The Roadside Tree Law directs the Department of Forestry to care for those trees growing within the right-of-way of any public highway in the State, and no tree can be cut or trimmed by a corporation or individual without a permit from the Forestry Department, after application to the State Forester. The same Act makes it illegal to post commercial advertising signs within the right-of-way of highways, and citizens are empowered and Forest Wardens directed to remove them.

A State forest nursery, established in 1914, furnishes trees at cost for forest planting and for planting along roadsides.

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The State Weather Service continues its work of compilation of local statistics regarding climatic conditions and in the dissemination of information regarding the climatology of Maryland under the Regents of the University of Maryland through the State Geologist as successor of the Maryland State Weather Service Commission. The State Geologist ex officio is Director, performing all the functions of former officers with the exception of Meteorologist, who is commissioned by the Governor and serves as liaison officer with the United States Weather Bureau. All activities except clerical are performed voluntarily. (Ch. 29, 1922.)

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