

While the power of the Forestry Department rests with the Regents of the University, acting through the Advisory Board, the detail work is in the hands and under the management of the State Forester, who is secretary of the Board, and all correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to him at 1411 Fidelity Building, Baltimore.

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The State Forester has studied the timber interests of each of the twenty-three counties in detail and the statistics and information collected are published for free distribution, accompanied by a valuable timber map to all who may apply. He will co-operate with counties, towns, corporations and individuals, in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, woodlots and timber tracts under an agreement that the party obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed.

An important work of the Forester is to encourage methods of preventing and extinguishing forest fires which annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of young timber. For this purpose a forest protection system has been established. The state is divided into three districts, each in charge of a District Forester, assisted by nine part-time District Forest Wardens and 650 Forest Wardens. There is also a system of 30 lookout towers for detecting forest fires and 24 forest guards to respond promptly to fire calls. The laws against setting out fires are very strict. The State and Counties divide the expense of extinguishing fires.

The Department also administers eight state forests and five state parks, comprising about 65,000 acres in eleven different counties. The main purpose of the forests is for timber growing and watershed protection, but they also serve along with the state parks as a recreation ground for the people of the State, being visited every year by thousands for camping and other forms of recreation.

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 has been made to the State Forester. The Forestry Department co-operates with the State Roads Commission in tree planting along state highways.

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 and current weather 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, perform-