



IMPROVED HARVESTING METHODS

EQUIPMENT SURVEY NOTES

SORTING PLATFORM

A simple and convenient pole sorting system has been observed in Montana that appears adaptable for sorting various forest products where integrated logging is practiced. After the tree lengths have been worked up the resulting products are rolled across skids to a platform which has rolls built into it to facilitate skidding with horses (fig. 1).

Skids at right angles to the platform are placed at various intervals to provide the base for storage decks. Sufficient decks are provided for the range of pole sizes or variety of products produced. After the products are rolled to the platform, they are skidded out and rolled on the storage skids according to their classification. The roadway at the outer end of the skids is low enough to permit gravity loading of conveyances.

Although most of the Montana pole operation here described is highly mechanized, the operator has found this sorting method to be very economical.

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Figure 1.--Sorting platform.

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