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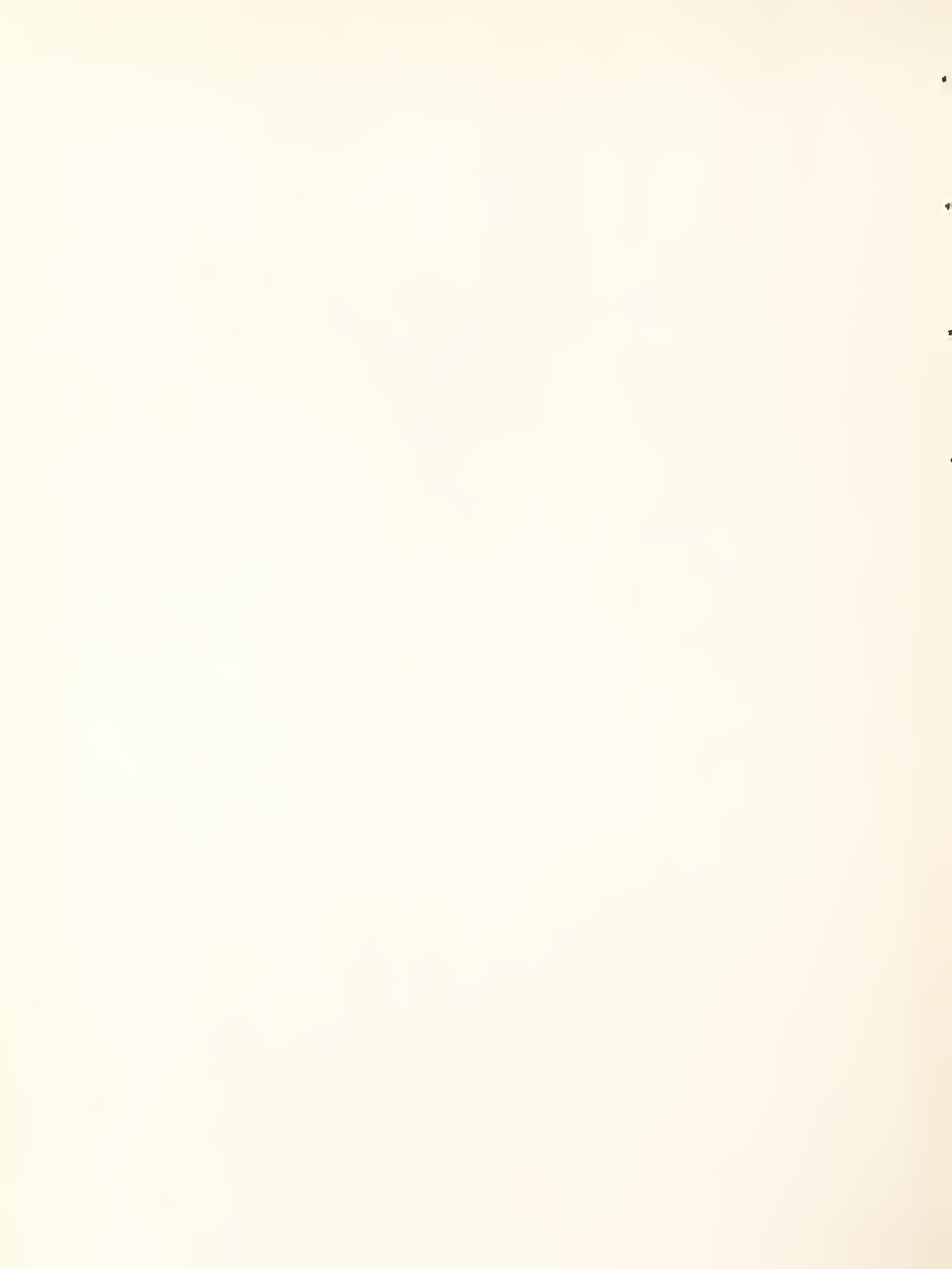
FRIDAY

ANNOUNCER: And now - "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers" -

ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: RANGER SONG

ANNOUNCER: Now we take you to the National Forest where Ranger Jim Robbing and his young assistant, Jerry Quirk, are working and protecting your forest resources. Each year more and more people use the National Forests, and in order that these forests may adequately serve the public, improvements of many kinds are necessary. The building of roads, trails, telephone lines, bridges, and other structures is an important part of the Forest Ranger's duties. Because the construction of improvements in remote mountainous forests frequently involves obstacles not met in thickly populated centers, Uncle Sam's Rangers have found it necessary to be extremely resourceful in working out these construction and transportation problems.

This has been a very busy week in the Pine Cone District for Rangers Jim and Jerry. With the aid of the Civilian Conservation Corps and other improvement work crews, the Rangers expect to get some new trails, bridges, roads, and campgrounds in the Sawtooth Mountain region. Yesterday Jerry and Elmer, the packer, brought a string of pack trails from Windy Creek over the Windy Mountain trail to the Blue Lake Road. They passed here last night, waiting for Jim, who is on his way up with a load of equipment to the Forest Service truck. Rare they are --



JERRY: That looks like the Forest Service truck coming up the road, now, Slim.

SLIM: Sure 'nuff - An we ain't had no breakfast yet --

JERRY: (LAUGHS) Think you'll have to go to work without anything to eat, do you?

SLIM: Well, I know Jim ain't gonna want to hang 'round here very long waitin' on us. (SIZZLE OF TRYING BACON) This cow belly's 'bout done, anyway -

SOUND OF TRUCK RUMBLING CLOSER

JERRY: You pour out the coffee, Slim - and see if you can find some bread to wrap around this bacon - I'll go out to the road and meet Jim --

SLIM: Sure 'nuff - (SINGS A TUNE)

JERRY: (OFF - CALLS) Hi there, Jim -

TRUCK COMES TO A STOP

JIM: (OFF) Well Jerry, are you all set?

JERRY: You bet we're ready, Jim - looks like you have a full truck - how are you?

JIM: Fine as silk. Where's Slim?

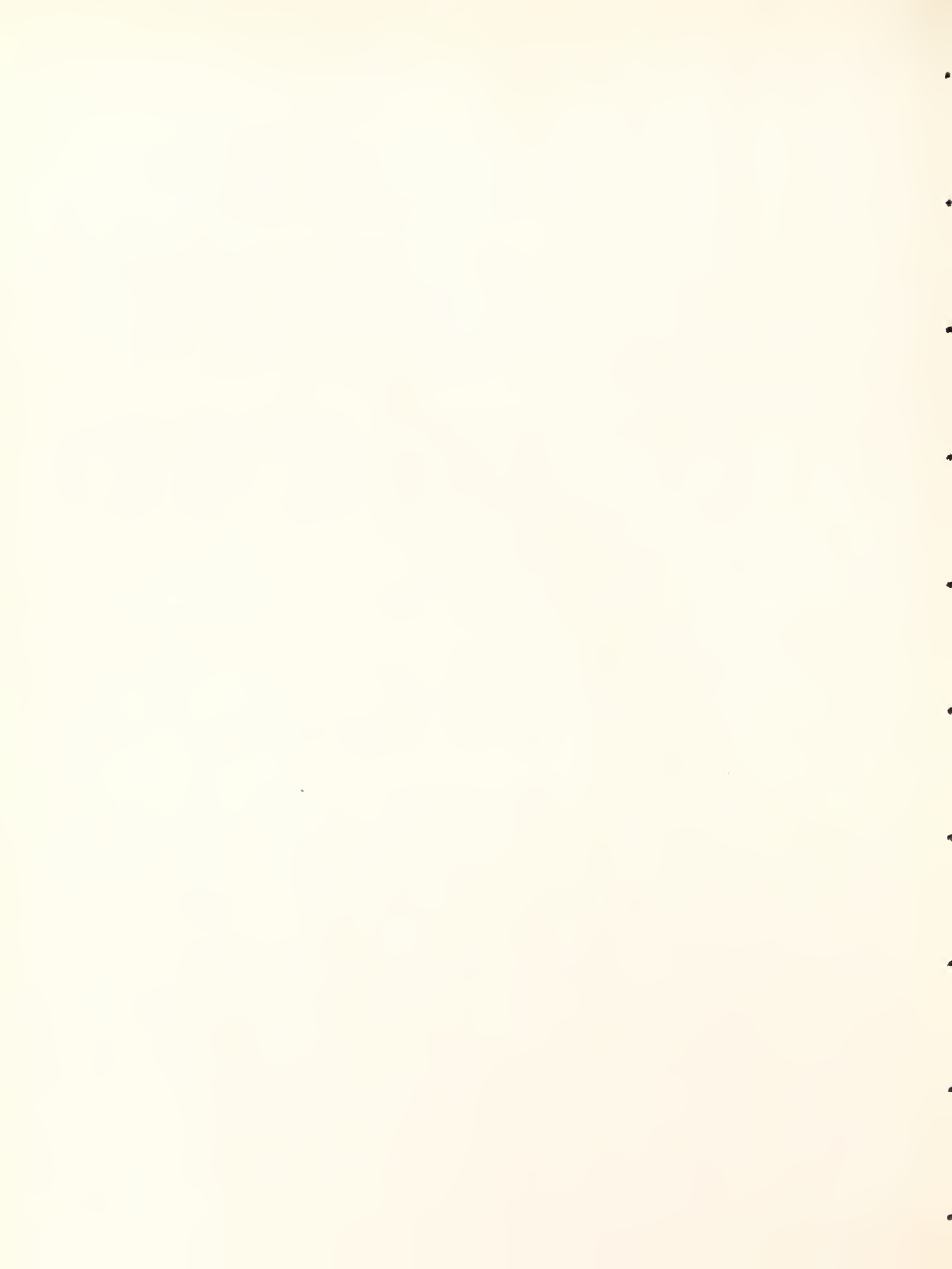
JERRY: He's here - right now he's wrestling with the coffee pot.

JIM: Well, I guess we can drive the truck over there - at least I wanta get 'er off this road - hop in, Jerry -

JERRY: You bet. (SOUND OF TRUCK FOR A MOMENT, STOPS)

JIM: There we are. Have any trouble coming over, Jerry?

JERRY: Not a bit, Jim - we've got a balky mule in the outfit, but Slim seems to know how to handle 'er :-



JIM: That's good - 'specially' Slim - Sam - really pretty good.
Slim.

SLIM: Marcin' to yourself, Jim - wants cup coffee!

JIM: Sure thing.

SLIM: Gimme that cup, Jerry - here. There y'are, Jim.

JERRY: How about my bacon, Slim?

SLIM: I got it right here.

JIM: Sam - haven't you had breakfast yet?

JERRY: Not yet, Jim. You see, we had to chase one of the mules
this morning, and - uh.....

JIM: Well - my Slim, that coffee ain't half bad --

SLIM: Sure. I kin make Java all right.

JERRY: Jim said it ain't half bad? I guess that means it's all
bad --

SLIM: Huh? -- Say, that's darn good coffee.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Anyway Jerry don't seem to have any trouble
putting it away --

JIM: No indeed. Well, hurry it along now, boys. As soon as
you finish that coffee I wanta begin unloading this truck

JERRY: (WITH MOUTHFUL) Right away, Jim.

JIM: This is going to be a bigger job than you think. Some
of this stuff is pretty bulky -

SLIM: 'Laws, I reckon that ole mule me and Jerry drove up here
yesterday kin stand some work - 'orvery ole critter --

SIMS: Oh, I'll get you up there all right - I remember I seem
 to have seen some of those people to whom you refer - some
 people who would be glad to give you a lift in their cars if
 you were all over the country in the winter, - but I don't
 know how many of them would be able to do that for you
 in the winter - Oh, yes, there, well. (SHUFFLES)

JIM: (SUCCEEDED) They ain't going to be the worst of it, at least
 they'll be trying to get you out of there - I'll be there

JERRY: I'll say - Some of them, I mean - I'm sure I'll be there
 and I'll be there to see you - I'll be there to see you
 and I'll be there to see you - I'll be there to see you -

JIM: Now - they'll be there in the winter - I'll be there

JIM: (SUCCEEDED) That's a pretty good cover, Jim.

JIM: Oh -

JIM: But I'll be there - I'll be there - I'll be there -

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JIM: Now - I'll be there - I'll be there - I'll be there -

JERRY: Well, I'll be there - I'll be there - I'll be there -
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JIM: (SUCCEEDED) Oh, I'll be there - I'll be there - I'll be there -

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JIM: (CALLS) Ready, rissan.
 BIKER: Ready to roll -
 JIM: Ain't lost, are you?
 BIKER: Hardly - just biking around these parts -
 JIM: Oh - I see - Well you've picked a good region. Old
 business is still pretty hot this time of the year.
 BIKER: Yes, I like it. So, did you hit Forest Ranger for this
 district?
 JIM: (CHUCKLES) THAT'S THE way they do it we don't do the route
 I thought that was a Forest Service uniform you're wearing -
 Do you mind if I make a couple of stops with you?
 JIM: That's all right, please?
 BIKER: Well, I've used this area these mountains around here for
 the past five years - never realized I got I guess to ride -
 to bike - or fish -
 JIM: Yes, THAT'S fine - The Fish Game District is forty, thirty,
 to talk in - or fish in - As long as you have a fishing
 license --
 BIKER: So, I got that all right - but there's one more - I think
 you ought to have another trail up to the lake - (pointing
 west from Big Smokey) - and some earlier trails -
 JIM: (CHUCKLES) You do, huh? - You mean to the lake?
 BIKER: What do you mean?
 JIM: Well, that's just about what you're doing to do
 BIKER: Is that right?

- JIM: Yes, the improvement plan for this year includes a trail from Bald Mountain Lookout station - that's northwest of Blue Lake -
- HIKER: Oh yes, I know -
- JIM: Well, the trail will end at Blue Lake, then we're going to improve the Blue Lake campground and work on the old road from the Lake through Snake Duff Pass.
- HIKER: That's great, but I hope you don't do too much to the Blue Lake campground - it will bring in too many people to fish - what I meant was just some shelter cabins - you see I belong to the Tip Top Mountain Climbing Club -
- JIM: Oh you belong to the Tip Toppers, eh? Did you read the letter I sent to the club - last month?
- HIKER: No - no, I don't guess I did, Ranger - I've been out of town and didn't get to the last two meetings -
- JIM: Well, you know your club wanted us to build a trail along the Snake Duff Range?
- HIKER: Sure thing. In fact I was on task committee to petition for the development - wilderness and primitive country in these parts -
- JIM: (GRUORING) Then I reckon you'd be interested in knowing what the Forest Service thought about your suggestions.
- HIKER: I sure would.

JIM: Well, the Forest Service has added the trail to its improvement plan for this year because besides making this wild high country accessible to hikers it will tie together the trail system on each side of the range --

BIKER: Sounds pretty good --

JIM: The plan includes establishing a couple of ranger cabins, about a day's hike apart - then you fellows can use them as well as us - We rangers have to get over those trails every so often too.

BIKER: Hey - I guess I kinda know you soon --

JERRY: (OFF) All ready, Jim --

JIM: I'll be with you in a minute, Jerry - So you fellows are going to find things pretty nice all right, when we get through. The cabins will be put up just below timber line so you fellows can get wood and water --

BIKER: Gosh, Ranger, that's good stuff - makes pretty country up here - and I know lots of people are going to enjoy that new trail.

JIM: Well, we wanted to get some improvements in up there years ago but we didn't have the money, but now with the help of the GOC we're getting quite a few things done.

JERRY: (OFF) Won't be long, Jim!

BIKER: Oh pardon me, Ranger - I didn't know your men were talking to you.

JIM: Well, I guess the rangers get the pack string loaded.



HIRSH: Go right ahead, Ranger - and thanks a lot for taking the
 time to - (LAUGHS) Well listen to me while I get this wind
 off my chest --
 JIM: Perfectly all right mister - we're always glad to listen to
 anyone who's interested in our horses - Good luck to you.
 HIRSH: (GOING OFF) Thanks - good to you.
 JIM: All right, Jerry - ready to go, eh?
 JERRY: Ready and waiting.
 SLIM: (GRUMBLING) Sure - I thought that guy was gonna keep
 talking all day. You hurry us along without nothing but a
 swallow of breakfast, and then go spend a half an hour
 talkin' to that guy.
 JIM: (CHUCKLES) Nope, only a couple of minutes, Slim. I reckon
 we can always take time to be nice to folks who are nice to
 us - Well, let's get on our way, boys - You gonna lead the
 string, Slim?
 SLIM: Yeah (GRUGGS) Come on, mules!
 JIM: (GRUGGS) Let 'er go!

FADEOUT WITH SOUND OF HORSES AND MULES BALKING IN TRAIL.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

FADE IN WITH SOUND OF HORSES ON TRAIL

SLIM: (OFF) She's a ridin' on so far - Jim --
 JERRY: Don't go bollerin' too soon, Slim. We haven't hit the
 worst part of the trail yet.
 JIM: Look at that ole peak up there & explain' to the sun - Jerry,
 when we get this new trail constructed - it'll be a mule's
 paradise.

JERRY: Jim, you know like this country up here, don't you?
 JIM: (SHRUGS) Like it - yes, I wouldn't trade it for all
 the sky-scrapers and palaces in the world -

PAUSE - SOUND OF HORSES UP

JERRY: (SCOUTS) Look - hold on there, hold on! (HORSES STOP) See,
 these long boards are not packed so close unless you're on so
 well on a narrow trail.

JIM: Sure, they don't, better safe than sorry, Jerry.
 That's it.

HORSES START AGAIN

JERRY: Sure, some time - All I gotta say is maybe some days
 some are getting a few miles around the country -

JIM: Well, we've got a night's good trail here to get us to the job.

JERRY: Yeah, I know. We'll need a good crew, we've got another
 tough job ahead tomorrow that good trail here would help.

JIM: Won't be so bad as the fellows who had to make the trail
 road in the first. That's the boys who had to make it.

JERRY: You mean the prospectors -

JIM: Yes - that road was first built during the early days of
 the gold rush -

JERRY: I mean that's right. The road is just about impassable
 now -

JIM: Skippy led the sheepmen. They couldn't get over it with
 their sheep because there's no water there.

JERRY: (LAUGHS) The - I don't see how they got it, I wonder how
 some of the old prospectors would have got it. I've heard of
 some of them going and back -

JIM: (MURMURS) That's the one that's done the complaining.

JERRY: (LAUGHS) I guess I'm the guy. Across the old fence there we have any gates or lower to pass around - Oh, it - look at that switchback where you'd get around!

JIM: What - (HORRIFIED STOP) Yes - that's the one I've been waiting for.

JERRY: That's plenty scary, all right. If one of the wires goes the end of those boards into the bank there, it'll knock 'em right over the cliff.

JIM: Yep. If we can get the pack string near this place where it's sitting pretty, we'll sure be told the wire around this switchback - the one that's got the lowest run 'em. (CALLS) Hold up, Slim -

SLIM: I'll bring the pack of the string up first, Jim.

JIM: All right Slim, bring 'em along. Here, Jerry - you hold this critter so she can't follow.

SLIM: (GROANS) Come up, now - she's all alone - (SCREAM OF WIVES ON BOARD GOING OFF)

JERRY: Now, there, she - you ain't gonna follow this time.

JIM: (CALLS) All right, Slim.

SLIM: (OFF) You - hold 'em now. (MURMURS GOING OFF)

JIM: (CALLS) Come back here now, Slim, and I'll give you a hand up. Jerry, you get down and steady those boards.

JERRY: You bet. Steady the girl - steady.

JIM: Watch it - not too near the edge, Jerry.

JERRY: Daggone what I want - hey, that's a drop down that woman!

SLIM: ... (faint text)

JOHN: ... (faint text)

SLIM: ... (faint text)

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JIM: Well, you know we can do, Jack.
 TERRY: What's that?
 JIM: You see, I don't want to see you people... I mean, I
 don't want to see you people...
 TERRY: That's right, Jim. I mean, this is a...
 well, a little...

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
 JIM: All right, Terry...
 TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
 JIM: All right, Terry...
 TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
 JIM: All right, Terry...
 TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
 JIM: All right, Terry...

SCENE OF THE CRIME AT THE STORE

JIM: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
 TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...
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 TERRY: Well, you know, I don't want to see you people...

PADEOUT WITH SOUND OF HORSES AND MULES ON TRAIL

ANNOUNCER: Well, a treacherous trail, and a heavy load of lumber and crates and other supplies don't stop Ranger Jim and Jerry; and we're going to get a new trail built and camping facilities improved in the National Forest. Next week at this time we shall again visit the Pine Cone District again. This program is a presentation of the National Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the United States Forest Service.

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