

# UTAH FORESTS GET ATTENTION

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Gifford Pinchot, Chief of Government  
Bureau, on the Ground.

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## TREES FOR SALT LAKE

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SENATOR SMOOT IS IN CLOSE  
TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS.

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Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot of Washington, D. C., is in Salt Lake for the purpose of looking into the conditions of the forest reserves of this state. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Pinchot was closeted with Senator Reed Smoot for several hours, going over the situation in Utah. A conference also took place with J. M. Featheroff and W. B. Hadley, government officials, who are looking after the planting of trees on the reserves.

Today Mr. Pinchot, accompanied by Senator Smoot and Supervisor James E. Meeks, will make an inspection of the Salt Lake reserve. The whole day will be consumed in this work.

"The more study I give to the subject of forest reserves," Mr. Pinchot said last night, "the more I realize the importance of those reserves that furnish water for culinary purposes, and the more clearly I see the importance of doing everything possible to protect the water in order to have it pure. I am determined to do everything in my power to protect the watershed from which Salt Lake City draws its water supply and this is the reason I intend to make as thorough an inspection as the time will permit."

### Will Meet Utah Foresters.

Saturday morning Mr. Pinchot will hold a meeting of all the forest supervisors of Utah in Salt Lake. He has invited all to be present at the meeting. Some few may find it impossible to be present, but a majority will be on hand. The object of this meeting is to enable the chief forester to learn as much as possible of the conditions in the different parts of the state, and what can be done by his department to assist in the preservation of the forests.

Mr. Featheroff and Mr. Hadley will pay particular attention to the headwaters of the Big and Little Cottonwoods while they are here. Much of this territory was denuded of trees by the early settlers. Some of this territory is again covered with timber of a younger growth, but much of it is bare. The problem is to get trees to growing on this land again. New trees will be planted as far as possible.

### Important to Plant Trees.

"The government realizes that water coming from tracts covered by trees is better and purer in the very nature of things than water coming from barren hills," Mr. Pinchot said. "For this reason much attention will be paid to the culture of trees in such tracts as the Salt Lake reserve."

Mr. Pinchot came to Salt Lake from Idaho. He was highly gratified over the settlement of the forest reserve difficulties in that state. He has been in the field for two months and is now working back toward Washington. He will go from here to Denver, consulting supervisors on the way wherever he can meet them. He considers the Uintah reserve matter settled permanently.