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FOREST SERVICE HAS NO FUNDS FOR SKAGIT BRIDGE

As was expected, the Forestry Department at Portland found no funds available for aiding Skagit County in building a bridge across the Skagit river here this year.

County Engineer Walberg met with Forestry officials in Portland upon his return from Washington D.C. last week and found that the department had barely enough funds to carry their own program this year.

The bridge is greatly favored by the Forestry Dept. in that it will open the vast Phinney Creek area of federal timber and permit easy access for timber sales and logging.

The ball now reverts to the county commissioners, who have yet to initiate any sort of a program for building the bridge from any funds.