Hopkins Orders Drought Quotas Raised in Minnesota.

Forest fires and drought ravages in Minnesota today caused Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to raise that state's WPA Drought job quota from 6,000 to 15,000.

Mr. Hopkins' order was issued aboard the President's special train enroute to Indianapolis, and followed a conference last night with Governor Hjalmar Petersen, State Administrator Victor Christgau and other Minnesota officers.

With more than two thirds of the state's farming and forest area now designated to the "emergency" drought area, Governor Petersen estimated that, at least, another 10,000 farmers would need job aid before winter.

Administrator Christgau reported to the President and Mr. Hopkins that 6,590 drought victims had already been added to WPA payrolls in the state.

The increase in Minnesota's quota brought to 185,500 the number of WPA drought jobs now authorized in the 14 western and midwestern states, including Oklahoma, affected by the summer's dry heat. Actual employment of drought victims in the area is approximately 152,850, Mr. Hopkins said.