

Slip Timber Sale Survey
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On November 27th, 2004 I visited the three designated units of the Slip Timber Sale, and made the following observations.

- During the survey, no boundary markers designated as Slip were found, but all three units were formerly marked as Sinker units. Sinker boundary markers were identified on Slip Unit 1 on the East boundary and on the South boundary along the upper banks of Big Creek at the end of 4620174. Sinker Unit 2 boundary markers were identified on all edges of the designated Slip Unit 2 along 4621 and just North of Big Creek. Sinker Unit 3 boundary markers were identified in the Northeast corner of Slip Unit 3 within 50 feet of road 4620. I could not find any information on the Mt. Hood National Forest Projects and Plans page or on Bark regarding the Sinker sale. What is the history of this sale, especially since it does not look like it was ever completed?
- No fresh paint markings could be found on any trees. It was very difficult to tell which trees were designated for cutting. Does the Forest Service intend to remark the units, or leave it up to the logging company to determine which trees are to be cut?
- All three units were a plantation with a majority of Douglas firs averaging approximately 20 inches in diameter and 70 feet high. Tree spacing throughout the entire three units averaged anywhere from 10 to 15 feet. The trees looked healthy and strong.
- The units have been thinned at least once, probably before the Sinker Timber Sale.
- Along the boundaries of the Sinker unit 1, we found a variety of tree species infiltrating the plantation, including, but not limited to western cedar and alder.
- We identified several open areas where deer had been using the fern beds to night forage and rest. All three units had heavy signs of being recently used by big game, including fresh droppings and tracks along the many game trails.
- Along the Eastern edge of Sinker Unit 2, the boundary was close to being within the 30 feet required of an active intermittent stream feeding Bog Creek.