

1. Upper Eagle

The Upper Eagle timber sale is a sale recently proposed by the Bureau of Logging and Mining ... and it is directly adjacent to the infamous Eagle sales!!!

Status Of The Sale: Upper Eagle is very early in the planning process right now, so it is a good time to get letters strenuously objecting to ANY logging in this area. They are only at the scoping process, which means an EA (the formal planning documentation) is not even ready to go yet. They have said they will have the EA out at the beginning of next year.

Where: Upper Eagle is located at T3S, R5E, section 25. If that is gibberish to you, just look at your trusty Mt. Hood map, follow road 4615 to the end and look for a tan-colored section just west of the section that the road ends in. The tan color indicates BLM-owned land, so you can see that the section is surrounded on 3 sides by private land and on one side by Mt. Hood National Forest. You can also see that the South Fork of Eagle Creek flows right through the section, as does a major tributary to the main stem of Eagle Creek.

The Trees: Virgin, mature trees. It looks like much of the fires that hit the Eagle sale area also hit here too, so most of the trees are around 120 years old. But there are some remnant oldies.

What The BLM Has Proposed: They plan to cut 100 acres, using "regeneration harvests" (read clearcut).

The Surrounding Area: All of the private land surrounding the sale area has been cut within the last 20 years or so. Much of it is recent clearcut. Plus, much of the BLM land within the section has been clearcut in the last 10 years or so. If you were to fly over the section, it would be very easy to spot the proposed units 'cause they would be the only older trees left standing. The past logging along the South Fork and the other tributary has left as little as a 1 tree buffer. Also, the BLM has just completed the huge Delph Creek Thin in section 35, affecting another major tributary to Eagle Creek.

Proximity to Eagle: It is so close to unit 2 that you can see the tree sit and road 4615 clearly from the sale area.

Surveys: They have started red tree vole surveys. They have only surveyed one unit so far, in which they climbed 17 trees and found 11 nests, almost half of which are active!!

Points To Make:

- Stop the Upper Eagle sale now!
- The Forest Service is already planning to log almost 3 times what the Eagle Creek Watershed Analysis suggests should be logged in that watershed each decade.
- As the only remaining virgin forest at that elevation it is even more imperative that these forests not be ravaged any more.
- Drinking water - and many of the other same arguments used against the Eagle sale.

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Also, contact Sen. Wyden & Rep. Blumenauer!

Plus, we need volunteers to start alerting Lake Oswego, West Linn, Oregon City and Portland

elected officials that another federal agency is preparing to attack Eagle Creek despite existing public outcry over the present Forest Service Eagle Creek destruction plans.