

Hilyn Timer Sales:

White River Watershed, Barlow Ranger District Mt. Hood National Forest

KEY ISSUES:

- 580 acres
 - 14.5 mmbf timber removed
 - Old Growth Logging
 - Native Forest Logging
- Auction Expected Summer 2002**

Why Log It? The Hilyn sale is one of Mt. Hood National Forests most under-explored and under-appreciated areas slated for logging. Located near the White River, the Hilyn sales will log 580 acres using commercial thins and clear-cuts.

The Forest Service is concerned about the high incidence of disease they claim to have found, specifically indian paint fungus, red ring rot, and brown cubical butt rot. The Forest Service intends to remove trees they feel are at risk for incurring these diseases. According to the Forest Service, if current disease levels are to remain, the forests will continue to function as late seral and old growth habitat. However, the rots will destroy the value of the trees as lumber. The Forest Service is concerned that if they do not cut the trees now, they will not be worth as much money in the future. This is a sale about timber harvest values, not forest health values.

This sale jeopardizes late seral species and provokes serious water quality concerns by logging in a Tier II Watershed.



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"It came to a point where we had to log or just leave it alone," stated the Barlow District Hydrologist. - The Business Journal, July 13, 2001.

SPECIES OF CONCERN:

Wolverine, Northern Goshawk (including active nest), rare lichens (*Hypogymnia oceanica*, *Nephroma occultum*), Northern Spotted Owls, Larch Mountain Salamander, Black-backed Woodpecker, Puget oregonium, Evening fieldslug, Malone jumping-slug, blue-grey tail dropper, papillose tail-dropper, and Crater Lake tight-coil.

What You Can Do:

Contact the Barlow Ranger District and urge them to cancel the Hilyn, Juncrock and Bear Knoll logging projects threatening the White River Watershed. These three projects threaten a total of nearly 2,000 acres of public forest.

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