



Solo Timber Sale, Oak Grove Watershed Mt. Hood National Forest

- 167 acres clear-cutting
- Old growth forest
- 5 million board feet cut
- Threatens drinking water for 185,000 Oregonians
- Sale bought by Freres Lumber

The Solo Timber Sale proposes to clear-cut 167 acres of old growth in the Oak Grove Watershed in the Clackamas River Ranger District of Mt. Hood National Forest. This sale will remove some of the biggest trees left in the Clackamas Ranger District. Several of the units are on steep slopes which show clear evidence of a high potential for remaining trees to blow-down.



Species Diversity:

Islands of old growth provide an important sanctuary of genetic diversity, as well as essential habitat for old growth dependent species with small home ranges. In this sale, we discovered a very rare lichen known as Old Growth Specklebelly or *Pseudocyphellaria rainierensis*, only found in the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest. How many other rare species depend on this forest?

Solo contains groves of Old growth Pacific Yew trees including some of the largest found in Mt. Hood National Forest. The bark of these slow-growing trees is known for its medicinal qualities. The Forest Service rarely cuts these trees. However, they do log the Douglas Fir and Hemlock Trees that surround the Pacific Yews. Pacific Yew trees need the shade provided by these taller trees in order to survive. Exposed to direct sunlight they shrivel and die.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact Senator Wyden. Urge him to cancel the Solo timber sale and protect the entire Oak Grove Watershed.

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The Oak Grove Watershed flows into the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River, which provides drinking water for 185,000 Oregonians. This watershed is a mix of clear-cuts, plantations, and remaining native mature and old growth forest. The Forest Service has stated the desired future condition for this watershed is an "aggregate plantation of uniform-aged trees," or tree-farm. The Forest Service is planning sale after sale targeting remaining mature and old growth forest in the area to achieve this tree farm condition.

Driving Directions: Take Hwy 224 past Estacada and the Ripplebrook Guard Station to junction with Road 57. Turn left on 57 towards Timothy Lake and follow for 5 miles. Turn right on 5730 and follow past where pavement ends. At the junction of 5730 & 5731 stay left on 5730. The first units are on the right in about a mile. However, most of the sale is off 5730, about 2 miles past the junction of 5730 & 5732, just past spur road 5730-170, which veers to the left.



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