

Mutt Timber Sale
Clackamas Ranger District
Mt. Hood National Forest
Proposed for FY 2000

Mon, Jan 23, 2012

Pup Creek drainage
Roads 5410, 5412 and 5412-120

Unit 1

Old road built through wet area - Devil's Club present. Stream runs through unit with no riparian buffer markings - old cedar stumps line it. Entire unit somewhat wet. appears that units 1, 2 & 4 all are loaded with riparian wet areas that drain into Pup Creek.

Unit 4

Stream at orange marker pt. 5 on 5410 not marked. Are they planning to log in this riparian area? It currently is recovering from past clearcut and road building quite nicely. Huge old cedar stumps.

Unit 5

Significant wet area (over an acre) in middle of unit from 5410 in. A majority of alder in unit. Back of unit borders tributary to Pup Creek - my suggestion is when you buffer the wet area and the stream, there will very little left to cut, so why propose doing anything here?

Summary

It appears the entire Mutt area is located in a major riparian zone that drains directly into the main Clackamas River. Present throughout units 1, 2, 4, & 5 was Devil's Club, cedar stumps, intermittent channel scouring and wet areas. The past road-building and clearcutting was conducted directly on top and thru this resilient hydrological drainage. It appears to be recovering slowly, but none-the-less recovering. Units 4 & 5 soil stability is questionabl. While walking on slope from road into units, much of the hillside gave away with just any weight impacting it. There is no way heavy machinery will improve the stability of this area. Also, absolutely no roads should be rebuilt or built in this area. Past roads have impacted the wet areas to much as it is, and they are now at least starting to heal.