

Borg Timber Sale,

Oak Grove Watershed

Mt. Hood National Forest



- Located near Buck Creek
- 60 acre sale
- 45 acre clear-cutting
- Surrounding area is already distressed. It is important dispersal habitat for Late Successional Reserve 207.

Borg Auctioned to Timber Thieves

On May 29th, 2002 the Borg timber sale was auctioned to Thomas Creek Lumber Company, convicted of timber theft in the Willamette National Forest in 1975 and 1991.

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.

Several timber sales have recently been planned or logged near the Borg timber sale without adequate consideration of the cumulative effects. The Mossbach II Timber Sale was recently logged in the same subwatershed as the Borg timber sale, but is not mentioned in the Borg Environmental Analysis. Additionally, the Borg timber sale is very close to the Bars timber sales. The Bars ATV sale recently clear-cut old growth while the Barstool sale, which proposes the same, has recently been bought by Thomas Creek Lumber. There is no mention of the Bars sale in the Borg EA. The Shellwood Timber Sale, currently in the scoping phase, proposes to log 214 acres, 104 of which will be clear-cut.

Driving Directions: Take 224 east past Estacada. Shortly after the Ripplebrook "Guard Station," 224 ends at a fork in the road. Do not take 46 (right) towards Detroit/Bagby. Take 57 to the left towards Timothy Lake. Continue for 7.6 miles, take 58 to the left and follow for 1.2 miles before taking 5810 to the right. You will pass a junction of 5810-210. Then you will reach the junction of 5810 and 5820. The sale runs along 5810 from Buck Creek until 5820. The sale boundary follows 5810 to the North.

