

RUSTY SAW AUCTION ALERT: Salem BLM to auction sale 3 miles from Eagle Tree Sits

Call the Salem BLM and tell them to cancel the Rusty Saw sale. No more logging in the Eagle Watershed. (503) 375-5646

Capitol Auction: 7 am from CFA office (SE 16 & Clinch St).

Auction Information:
9 am, April 24th
Salem BLM
1717 Fabry Rd, SE
Salem OR

Background: The Rusty Saw sale was originally offered for auction on August 29th along with the Fawn Creek timber sale. 16 protesters arrived to find the auction area under emergency closure with 65 Salem police on guard, including snipers on the roof. The over-reaction covered by OPB, and the Statesmen Journal, among others. The Fawn Creek sale was sold to Freres Lumber for 1.6 million. No one bought the Rusty Saw sale.

After already wasting tax-payer money for a timber sale no one wanted that will harm water quality in the Eagle watershed, the Rusty Saw sale was put up for auction again on April 24th, 2002. The BLM has dropped \$100,000 from the price tag without changing the size of the sale, showing they care more about getting the cut out from our public lands than taking care of taxpayer money, forest health, or community well-being. However, due to the cancellation and controversy surrounding Eagle Creek, the BLM decided to post-pone the auction.

Sale Specifics : The Rusty Saw sale will auction 1.368 million board feet in the same watershed as the controversial Eagle sales and is only 3 miles NW from the Eagle Tree Sits.

- The Eagle Creek Watershed Analysis recommends that no more than 10 million board feet be removed per decade in order to maintain the health of the watershed. Yet the partially logged Eagle sales proposed to log 28.3 million board feet in just 3 years. The amount of logging already done at the soon to be cancelled Eagle Sales nearly exceeds the recommendations. The Rusty Saw sales would irresponsibly remove an additional million board feet from a drinking watershed where logging over proposed limits is already taking place. To maintain the health of the watershed, it is imperative no new sales (including Rusty Saw) be planned in the Eagle watershed.
- This sale will more than double the fuel load on the forest floor. Based on the BLM's own planning documents, the fuel loading of small woody material will increase from 5 tons per acre to 12 tons per acre after logging. This is the size of woody material most likely to burn. It is outrageous that an agency which is using the media to spread its claim of need to log more in order to decrease fire risk should be planning a timber sale that will intentionally increase fire risk.
- This sale includes 1.5 miles (8,000 feet) of road "renovation." However, the specified road has already been completely revegetated. The road reconstruction will effectively add 1.5 miles of road to the road density with the associated effects to water quality and wildlife.

