



OREGON WILD

OPPOSING THE GRASSHOPPER LOGGING PROJECT

Mt. Hood National Forest Seeks to Log Mature & Old-Growth



CHALLENGING GRASSHOPPER

Location: Mt. Hood National Forest

Main point of concern: logging of mature and old-growth trees

How much logging: 19.5 million board feet, or enough to fill 4,000 logging trucks

Other key area values threatened by this project:

- Recreation
- Northern Spotted Owl habitat
- Area of known wolf activity
- Carbon storage for climate change

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Forest Service is proposing to log over 5,000 acres of the Mt. Hood National Forest directly south of the Badger Creek Wilderness area through the Grasshopper Restoration Project. The Grasshopper Project area is in a unique transition zone along the Cascade Crest encompassing large stands of Douglas-firs and Ponderosa pines. This project threatens over 1,200 acres of key habitat for the threatened Northern Spotted Owl.

This area is used widely for recreation from camping and climbing to hiking and enjoying the beautiful views of Mt. Hood and Boulder Lake. The project area is also close to an area of recent wolf activity for the White River Pack.

THE COMPLAINT

Oregon Wild filed suit against the Forest Service June 27, 2023. The complaint challenges the logging of mature and old growth forests, the loss of carbon storage from the forests in the midst of climate change, and this project's misalignment with President Biden's recent Executive Orders about strengthening the Nation's forests and tackling climate change.

The complaint asserts that the Forest Service failed to complete a detailed Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the impacts of the Grasshopper Project along with cumulative impacts from other logging. The lawsuit also aims to protect Northern Spotted Owl habitat and key recreation areas that many Oregonians love and enjoy.

TAKE ACTION

Protect our forests and climate today by submitting your comment to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Take this once-in-a-generation opportunity to submit public comment to ensure permanent protections for mature and old growth forests from logging.

Take action at www.oregonwild.org/president-biden-protect-our-forests-and-climate