

on the northside of the Klamath-Siskiyou
some bad ideas just won't go away—
Kelsey-Whisky Timber Sale

Kelsey-Whisky is emblematic of the bad management policies of the Medford Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – cutting old growth in native, roadless forests and moving forward with a project that has massive public opposition.

The auction for Kelsey-Whisky was postponed after Greenpeace USA set up the nation's first "Forest Rescue Station" in June 2004 in unit 6-2 of Kelsey-Whisky. However, the BLM is preparing to auction the sale before the year is over.



Overview of the lower Rogue River and the Zane Grey roadless area. Photo by Dang Ngo.

The proposed Kelsey-Whisky timber sale surrounds the lower Rogue River and would cut into the 46,000-acre Zane Grey roadless area – the largest forested BLM roadless area in America.

This sale would cut majestic old-growth forests and critical habitat designated for the northern spotted owl under the Endangered Species Act. After receiving 140 public comments opposing Kelsey-Whisky and four (4) in favor, the BLM *increased* the amount of cutting in its final decision. Elected officials, tourism stakeholders, landowners and concerned citizens have asked the BLM not to cut the forests in Kelsey-Whisky. Unfortunately, the BLM is moving forward with the project and will likely auction these forests in Fall 2004. But it is not too late! With such little remaining ancient and roadless forest in the Pacific Northwest, we owe it to future generations to protect the Zane Grey from further fragmentation!



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Call and write the BLM Supervisor, Oregon's Governor and elected officials *and ask them to cancel* the Kelsey-Whisky timber sale.

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on the southside of the Klamath-Siskiyou **METEOR** hits the Salmon River

The Klamath National Forest (KNF) wants to log much of the remaining low elevation ancient forest on both forks of the Salmon River through the Meteor and Knob timber sales. The Salmon River is a critical source of clean, cold water to the beleaguered Klamath River watershed, where thousands of salmon died in 2002 due to reduced flows and high water temperatures.

The Meteor timber sale began as the Comet Administrative Study, a 1,880 acre timber sale to “study” the effects of ancient forest logging on old growth dependant species. The Forest Service changed the purpose of the study when the Bush Administration began loosening the requirements to protect species that rely on ancient forest habitat. Comet then became the Knob and Meteor Timber Sales.

Meteor proposes to cut mature and ancient forests in creek buffers, in the Wild and Scenic River corridor and in Critical Habitat for the threatened Northern Spotted Owl.

While KS Wild awaits a ruling in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for Knob, the KNF is preparing to announce its decision on Meteor in late summer 2004.



Typical marking in Meteor

The Salmon River emerges from the Marble Mountain, Russian and Trinity Wilderness areas and is one of the last undammed and undiverted rivers in the entire Klamath Basin. Fresh, cool water cascades down from the mountains and provides habitat for endangered salmon, while providing endless recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Call or write the Klamath National Forest and elected officials regarding the Meteor timber sale. Concerns include degradation of the Salmon River, cumulative impacts on at-risk species and the watershed and increased fuels risk. Ask that they focus on plantation thinning rather than logging in mature and old-growth forests. Visit www.kswild.org for more information on this and other timber sales in the region.

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