

# BOISE:

## A National Forest Timber Titan Stealing from You and Future Generations

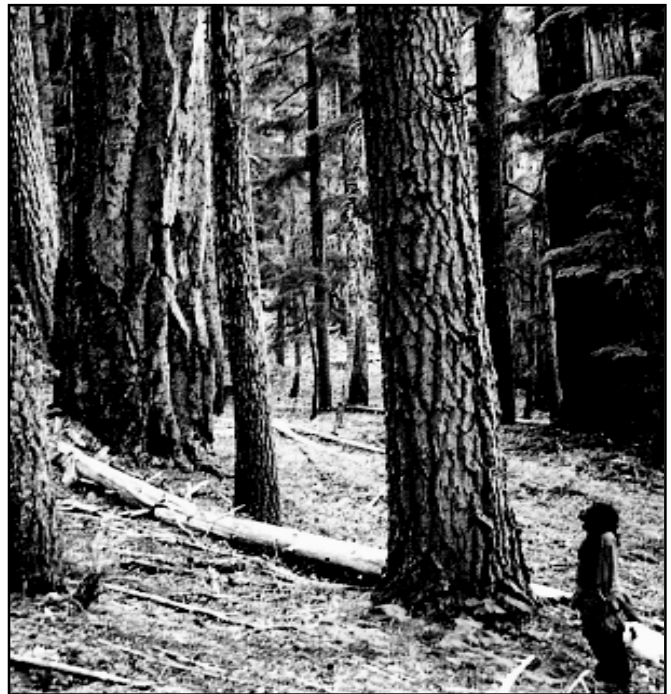
Though Boise, Inc. has a long history of logging on national forests dating back to the early 1900s, its position as the dominant timber industry player happened over the last 10 years. Since 1991, Boise purchased more timber contracts on America's national forest lands than any other logging company. As it tightens its grasp on resources within the United States, Boise is continuing to export jobs and environmental consequences overseas as they expand their investments in Mexico, Chile, China, and Brazil.

Boise's current business strategy centers on asserting itself as a global timber power, expanding its profitable Office Products Division and expending considerable public relations resources greenwashing their corporate image, including promoting their sham of an old-growth policy.

In addition to logging America's national forests and endangered forests around the world, Boise is busy fighting the Roadless Area Conservation Initiative and influencing the Bush Administration's national forest policies. Here are the facts and figures on Boise's logging impacts in the U.S., particularly overcutting on America's public lands:

- Over the last 10 years, Boise bought 237 timber sales from national forests resulting in the logging of 807 million board feet (mmbf) of trees. To visualize: imagine log trucks lined up for over 1,300 miles!
- Boise is the dominant timber player in the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Region 4 (Intermountain). In the last decade, Boise has cut down 400 mmbf of trees – enough to fill 80,000 log trucks! Incredibly, 91% of these timber sales were on the Boise and Payette National Forests, many located in old-growth Douglas fir and ponderosa pine forests or in roadless areas like Cuddy Mountain and French Creek. All of Boise's sawmills in Idaho are now closed.

- Boise also remains a major player in the USFS's Region 6 (Pacific Northwest), having cut nearly 271 mmbf of trees from 99 national forest timber sales in the past decade. Most of these sales were located in the drier, old-growth ponderosa pine forests on the eastside of the Cascades and in the Blue Mountains, although Boise also heavily logged national forest and BLM lands in southern Oregon.
- Boise is active in the USFS's Region 9 (Eastern) on the Chippewa and Superior National Forests in Minnesota where they have purchased 30 timber sales amounting to 113 mmbf. Much of this logging is pulpwood going to Boise's pulp and paper mill in International Falls, MN.
- Boise owns or leases 2.4 million acres of forestlands in the U.S.



*In the summer of 2000, Boise Cascade logged this remarkable ancient, old-growth forest within the 18,000 acre Mt. Bailey Roadless Area of the Umpqua National Forest, Oregon. Photo by Francis Eatherington.*

## Fighting the Roadless Initiative

America's national forests are crisscrossed with over 400,000 miles of logging roads! As the second largest recipient of U.S. Forest Service road credits from 1991 to 1997, Boise received over \$18 million in taxpayer subsidies to build roads in America's national forests. Not surprisingly, Boise attempted to protect its interests by filing a lawsuit against the Forest Service's Roadless Area Conservation Rule in 2001, making Boise the only logging corporation to legally challenge a widely supported plan that would protect 58 million acres of undeveloped national forest lands from most forms of logging and roadbuilding.



*Under Boise's old-growth "protection" policy, trees such as this 650 year old Douglas fir would still be cut down if they are not located within a 5,000 acre inventoried roadless area. This tree was cut by Boise in 1999. Photo by Francis Eatherington.*

## Greenwashing It's Old-Growth Policy

In March 2002, Boise announced its first-ever old-growth forest policy declaring that it will no longer log century-old trees in some undisturbed forests on public lands. Although this declaration can be seen as an indication of the influence the forest protection movement has had on Boise, the corporation's definition of old-growth falls short of any significant protective measures. Under its own limited definitions, Boise claims they will not cut trees that are more than 200 years old and within inventoried roadless areas 5,000 acres or greater. However, this essentially means that Boise will still be cutting down ancient forests as part of the Northwest Forest Plan and in roadless areas smaller than 5,000 acres. With less than 5% of America's ancient forests remaining, Boise's old-growth policy should be regarded as nothing less than a sham!



*Log deck at a 2001 Boise timber sale on the Gold Fork River in the Boise National Forest, ID. Photo by M. Stephen.*

## Washington Mutual and Eddie Bauer


Washington Mutual and Eddie Bauer are both larger purchasers of Boise's paper products. As such, they are inadvertently supporting logging of America's national forests and old-growth forests in the U.S. and abroad. Call Washington Mutual at 800-756-8000 and Eddie Bauer 800-862-2837, Ext. 3735 and urge them to cancel their contracts with Boise, due to Boise's destructive logging practices.

## Tell Boise to stop the destruction!

The grassroots forest protection community is making the following demands of Boise:

- Eliminate logging on U.S. Public Lands.
- Extend its old-growth ban to its international distribution operations.
- End genetic engineering of trees.
- On private lands, adopt responsible logging practices monitored by the Forest Stewardship Council, including implementing a chain of custody linking forest and paper products to sustainable logging on the ground.

Please contact Boise directly and tell them to stop logging U.S. public lands and old-growth forests!



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