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THOU BLEEDING PIECE
OF EARTH
THAT I AM MEEK
AND GENTLE WITH THESE
BUTCHERS.

Shakespeare



Clear-Cut Logging, British Columbia 1985.

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From the Executive Director



Tim Hermach

Compromise Extremism

What is Selling Out? *To me it's giving up something important to others in order to get something you want, whether that be political access or foundation grants, or protecting some wilderness by allowing the desecration of more wilderness elsewhere. Since we've cut this "baby" in half so many times, we're down to the toenails and some are still willing to cut those in half too and after 100 years of environmental compromise and capitulation involving [un]ethical and [im]moral tradeoffs.*

by Tim Hermach,
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Sadly, things are worse today than they were when I started trying to save our native and national forests, rivers and streams nearly 20 years ago. First with the Sierra Club, then with the Native Forest Council. Things are worse for the environment, for the movement and for our American Democracy and citizens. In the past I have always tried to speak truth to power, to be an honest and constructive critic, to give folks the benefit of the doubt. I've tried to be compassionate but simple clear and compelling. There are several simple "secrets" to winning which we consistently ignore that cause me to wonder if it could all be just one big "good cop, bad cop" charade.

In this issue I've included two of my past editorials along those lines, from 1997 [available on page 3] and 2000 [on page 4], along with this one which will be more pointed but still civil

The establishment environmental organizations have been defensively yielding more of our national forests to the logging industry's perpetual offensives. Some of us know that you don't win on defense.

David Brower once said about the eternal political negotiations and compromises we allow ourselves to be herded into, "environmental advocates are arguing over the terms and conditions of rape instead of just opposing rape." Some folks seem to think that a Democratic clearcut is somehow nicer or better than a Republican clearcut.

35 Years ago, William O. Douglas observed that, "We are witnessing, I think, a new American phenomenon. The two parties have become almost indistinguishable; and each is controlled by the Establishment." And he stated that, "Virgin stands of timber are virtually gone" (from Points of Rebellion, 1969)

Unfortunately, today, the "Establishment" of William O. Douglas' has come to include many of our favorite organizations. The League of Conservation Voters and its many member organizations, seemingly behave more as political front groups for an ever more Republican-lite Democratic Party than as environmental advocates. Still these organizations sound like Rambo in their fundraising letters but in reality they have been compromising away our forests, rivers and streams, our land, air, soil and water for decades now.

As the Toles cartoon below illustrates, compromising for a half, of a half, of a half, of a half, sooner or later, leaves little or nothing.

You can see for yourself in our aerial photo images, some of the extreme strip mining, logging and clearcutting devastating our National Forests by going to our website at: <http://www.forestcouncil.org/learn/aerial/index.html>

Over 40 million acres of clearcut logging has butchered our National Forests and watersheds. 40 Million acres that Teddy Roosevelt had saved and protected from the "evil" logging industry. But what most of us don't know is that much of that logging took place as a result of the many political and legal deals, capitulations and "sellouts" by many of the establishment environmental groups in Gang Green.

You may read David Brower's ignored but dignified and eloquent letter of July 13, 1989 to the Sierra Club on the nature of the Club's compromising at <http://redwood.forestcouncil.org/features/sierraclub.html>

In spite of their many claimed victories, our biggest and most respected environmental organizations gave up more of our pristine national forests and wilderness, watersheds and trees, topsoil and clean water, while giving the logging industry more roads, more trees, more clearcuts and more "profits." All they could fight for was the "roadless areas" which President Clinton promised would not reduce logging one iota.

Respected groups like the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, The Wilderness Society, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (now Earth Justice), Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense Fund, the League of Conservation (Compromising?) Voters and others.

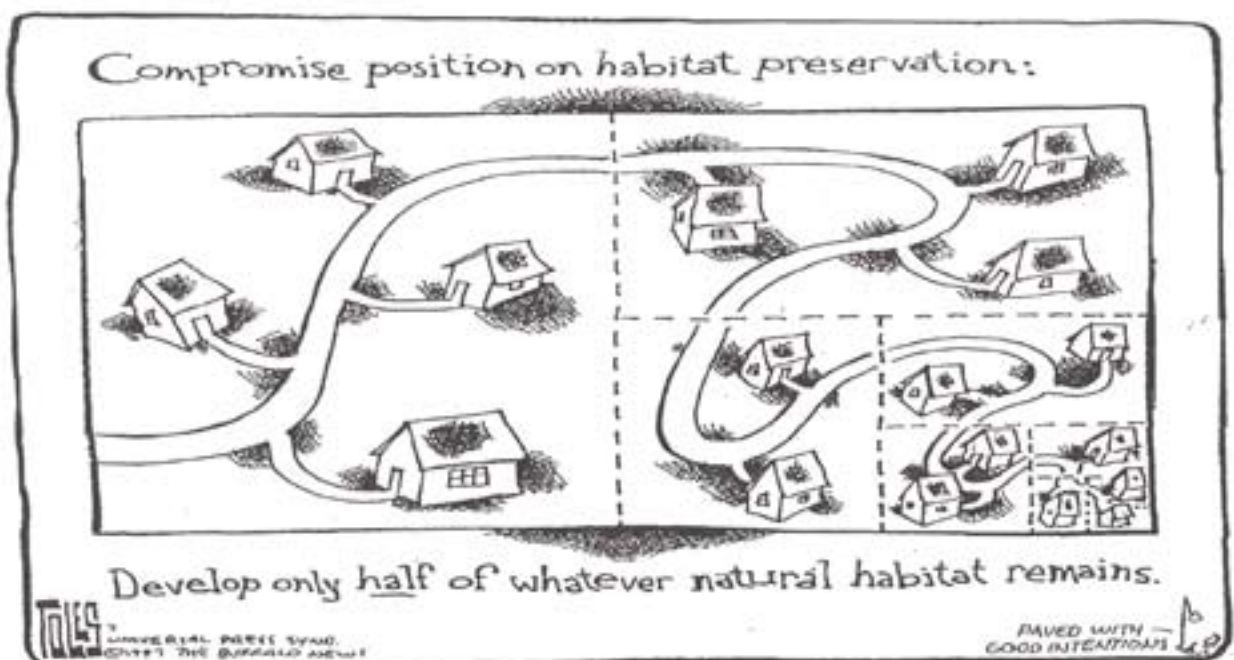
Some of those deals are:

- 1989 Salvage Rider
- 1992 releasing timber sales from Judge Dwyer's Injunction
- 1993 legitimizing Pres Clinton's Spotted Owl Extinction Plan
- Grand Canyon and Yosemite Development
- Quincy Library Logging in 3 NFs
- Headwaters deal with Maxxam/Hurwitz
- Bitterroot NF Settlement, 60 million bd ft
- Sen Daschle's Black Hills NF salvage rider which set the stage for passage of Pres Bush's "Healthy Forests" logging plan
- All silent when Clinton opened the Arctic Naval Petroleum Reserve in AK to oil drilling
- All silent Sept 29 2000 when Pres Clinton announced brand new \$2.8 Billion "fuels reduction" NF logging plan for a 400-500% increase.

It is beyond tragic that what President Teddy Roosevelt saved and protected from the dangerous and dishonest greed of the timber industry over 100 years ago these groups have given up in deal after deal, settlement after settlement, political compromise after political compromise. Yet, they have repeatedly called these deals pragmatic, problematic, "politically realistic" and victories for the forests for at least 20 years.

As David Brower so often reminded us, our environmental "victories" are temporary while our losses are permanent. The entire landscapes of native, ancient and old growth forests liquidated and cut down have never returned or recovered with old forests of like kind. Not in the history of the human race. As Lester Brown of World Watch pointed out, it takes a thousand years to produce an inch of topsoil, while logging and roadbuilding can cause the loss of more irreplaceable topsoil than that.

Stay tuned to see how many environmental organizations approve some levels of salvage logging on the Biscuit Fire (the "Gentle Giant") in Southern Oregon's dry forest zone and other deals. And check out Doc Partridge's fire/salvage testimony before Congress on page 5.



The inevitable result of compromise

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The Native Forest Council is a nonprofit, tax deductible organization founded by business and professional people alarmed by the wanton destruction of our national forests. We believe a sound economy and a sound environment need not be incompatible and that current public land management practices are potentially catastrophic to both.

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Our Worst Enemy

FOREST VOICE Editorial, 2000

Our Worst Enemy - - - Is Within.

Brazen. Brash. Arrogant. Charismatic. Loved by millions and hated by just as many. What on earth can the conservation movement learn from Muhammad Ali?

For one thing, we can learn how to win.

The irreverent and obnoxious Muhammad Ali always knew he would win. And he succeeded, taking himself (and the sport of boxing) beyond what others thought possible.

The self-proclaimed "Greatest of All Time" was the first man to win the heavyweight title three times. He pulled the sport of boxing off the ropes and changed American perceptions about Africa and African Americans. In his famous 1974 fight, Ali, the proverbial David, beat George Foreman, then the Goliath of heavyweight boxing.

He was cocky. He was irreverent. He broke the rules of the sport (and the rules of the government, refusing to go to Vietnam). To the dismay of his critics, Ali would name the number of rounds he would take to knock his opponent out. And then he'd make good on his promise.

Like boxing in the early sixties, the national conservation movement is on the ropes. Industries and their political lackeys play hard ball, but environmentalists continue playing softball.

It's no surprise that greedy corporations are winning the fight. Far too often, our "allies" in the mainstream "environmental" groups accept defeat and call it victory. Afraid to aim high, they set their goals low so they can "win." The media paint them green and both politicians and well-paid establishment environmentalists make out like bandits. Meanwhile, the American taxpayers lose as corporations liquidate priceless public forests and other assets at an unprecedented rate.

President Clinton's October 13 directive to "save" 40 million acres is a textbook example of this greenwash phenomenon. Standing in front of a spectacular fall view on the edge of the Shenandoah Valley, next to the grandson of Gifford Pinchot, Clinton orchestrated a fine media charade.

After Clinton announced his promise to save your forests, big mainstream environmental groups played along, heaping praise on the president and claiming responsibility for their "victory."

In reality, Clinton himself said the plan won't stop cutting



Muhammad Ali

in your national forests by a single board foot. In reality, the directive may apply only to parcels larger than 5,000 acres: unroaded, high-elevation forests that timber corporations don't want anyway. In reality, this directive won't affect America's most valuable pristine (but roaded) forests. And it won't even take effect without extensive environmental impact statements, a process that won't be finished until long after the 2000 elections are over. America, where's the fighting spirit? Fellow citizens and conservationists, where's the will to win? Is it more important to look green than to be green? Are we in this fight to win, or just to be in it?

With less than 5% of our original forests left, we must start saving what's left and restoring everything that has been lost. We must start doing whatever it takes to reclaim our heritage: our forests, rivers and streams. If we can't find that winning spirit, then we will certainly fail.

It's time we took a lesson from "The Greatest." Let's call the number of rounds and expect a knockout. It's time we had the courage to demand what we know will save our publicly owned lands, rather than what we think is politically feasible.

Setting our goals high, higher than anyone tells us we can fly, takes moxie. It takes nerve and derring-do. And, it just might help to borrow a little of the arrogance and outrageousness of "The Greatest." It's time we started fighting as if our lives (and the lives of our children) depended on it. Because, ultimately, they do.

Tim Hermach, Executive Director



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Stop Compromising it away: Timber industry, politicians show true colors

By Tim Hermach

FOREST VOICE Editorial, 1997

So, we have survived one of the sorriest episodes in the sorry history of national forest mismanagement. The Salvage Logging Rider has officially expired, its lessons left behind on the land for all to see, tree by fallen tree, tract by razed tract, timber sale by timber sale. As this legislative plague burned its way across the landscape, thousands of acres of vigorous trees were severed in the name of forest health.

What have we learned? Well, those who had not yet figured it out, should have learned not to trust America's forests to the Clinton Administration. The president himself signed the Salvage Rider into law, then said he made a mistake. But the language and intent of the rider are not ambiguous, and hundreds of warnings and analyses flooded the White House and the Department of Agriculture in a vain attempt to coax a presidential veto. No, this was no mistake.



"GEE, PAUL BENTON WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS, BUT PAUL BENTON DIDN'T HAVE A JUNK ROAD TO RUN OFF"

We learned, too, that Greens continue to be reactive. Our inability or unwillingness to mount a pro-active campaign is one reason why environmentalists can be routinely dismissed. It is why the president feels safe in making so many "mistakes." There is no price to pay. We take the blows and yelp about political reality but continue to act paralyzed to change it. Did the Sierra Club (recently directed by its members to fight for an end to logging on public lands), boldly introduce Zero-Cut legislation in response to the Cut-Everything rider? No, it did not. Did any other national organization say "enough is enough" and launch a pro-active campaign to end logging on public lands? No.

The best we did was beg the president to rescind the rider and cancel the flood of eleventh-hour sales which would not be cut by the rider's expiration date. The election was over, however, and the president no longer needed our good will. But, in a cynical display of political bone-tossing, Clinton announced he was revoking the rider 17 days before its expiration. His true intent, however, was betrayed by the fine print of his announcement. The order didn't actually ban logging, only the advertising of timber sales scheduled 14 days after the order was issued. That left three whole days of rider repeal, except that two of them fell on the weekend when the Forest Service is closed anyway. That left one entire day which, by happy coincidence, was New Years Day, a holiday. Wow! Thanks for standing tall, Mr. President.

We also learned a great deal about the timber industry. Let us not say that the timber industry is among the greediest, vilest, most uncaring and unprincipled scofflaw industries on the planet. Let us just say they showed their true colors.

To start, if the timber industry were truly concerned about forest health it would not have directed its lawyers and lobbyists to write legislation suspending those



Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Seattle, WA) March 1, 1989

orous trees were

laws specifically designed to protect it. Integrity, as the axiom goes, is what you'll do in the dark. Once the timber industry was able to extinguish the light of law, it did not behave honorably. The Salvage Rider reinstated many sales which had previously been withdrawn because they were in clear violation of the law and judged to be disastrous to the well-being of the forest. These sales were primarily giant old-growth in sensitive watersheds which sheltered spawning beds and critical habitat for the marbled murrelet and other species. Some had been voluntarily withdrawn by the Forest Service, others were challenged in court and ordered withdrawn. They were the worst of the worst.

The timber industry could have refused to log these precious sites, acknowledging their importance to the true health of the forest. It could have demonstrated its concern for the land, concern so often touted in its advertisements. It could have insisted that illegal sales not be reinstated. It could have taken only dead trees. Or, it could have logged lightly, at the very least obeying current legal standards for riparian zone protection, stream integrity, and species security. It did nothing of the sort. In every instance the timber industry took all it could, violating the land with the depravity of escaped convicts who stumble upon a helpless young girl.

It was a clear expression of the nature of the industry. Forget honor, forget balance, forget collaboration, forget stewardship, forget love of the land. The only love the timber industry is moved by is its love of dollar signs. The only balance it seeks is on the balance sheet.



When thousands of people living in logged-over watersheds suffered flood damage, the industry kept right on logging. When people died in mudslides originating in clearcuts, the industry claimed it did not know what caused those slides. This is not a responsible or an accountable industry. Like a spoiled child, it knows only want and its hunger for public trees is insatiable.

Let us cut, the industry says, but don't hold us responsible for our logging. We want your trees, but you pay for the roads, you fight the fires, you subsidize the sales with your taxes. We want to clearcut steep slopes, but when they slide and bury public roads, you pay for the cleanup and repair. We want to log your watersheds, but when cities cannot use their water supplies because of siltation from our logging, that's just tough. We foul your streams and rivers, but if your city has to spend hundreds-of-millions of dollars to build a water filtration system, that's your problem. If your homes flood, if your insurance rates go up, if you have the misfortune of being killed by a mudslide, hey, that's just too bad. We want to improve the health of your forest by cutting down perfectly healthy trees. We want to log in habitat conservation areas torched by arsonists. We want to suspend the laws because they're in our way. We want the last old growth. We want the last redwoods. We want. We want.



Elaine Springer: Big Rock Eagle (Big Rock, Montana)

This is not an industry worthy of, or open to, negotiation. This is not an industry that respects the law or the natural world. This is not an industry willing to bear the full cost of its production. This is an industry that richly deserves to be kicked off public lands.

No more deals. No more studies. No more sacrifice zones. No more denials.

No more excuses. No more riders. No more logging of public lands.

Zero-Cut!



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"Healthy Forest" Fraud Exposed

Forest Fires, the Correct Way to Protect Buildings From Fire Damage, and How Legislation in Congress Which Claims to Reduce Fires and Fire Damage Will Achieve the Opposite Effect

Submitted to the

Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee
United State Senate
Hearing to Review
Healthy Forests Restoration Act, HR 1904

June 26, 2003

With respect:

I am Dr. Arthur Dean Partridge, Professor Emeritus of Forest Disease and Insect Problems with 37 years of teaching, research extension and administrative experience in Forestry at the University and additional experience with the U.S. D. A. Forest Service, and as an independent logger during an additional 15 years. I live in a Ponderosa Pine/Douglas-fir forest with an average 17-inch annual rainfall and am intimately familiar with both the threat and effects of forest wildfire.

With this background and being directly affected by the proposed legislation to employ tree extraction to ostensibly protect us from wildfire I must offer my profound opposition based on the facts and on my experience.

First, the data do not demonstrate the "emergency" being expounded as a reason to direct massive interventions. During the last half century in the United States, approximately 7 million acres of forest land out of 747 million acres of forest land in this country, has been affected by wildfire each year, with some but few major variations per year, meaning that fire affects 0.94% of our forest lands per year on average. Data from U.S.D.A. Forest Service records for the years 1952-1992 show a timber loss of less than 2% from fire, diseases and insects combined for any year during that period. There is no science-based indication that an upward trend in forest damage has happened or is occurring and the data certainly do not indicate an emergency.

Second, thinning, the primary proposed procedure to "fireproof" our forests is unproven as a reliable method to prevent or reduce the severity of wildfires. In fact, the process of thinning causes the deposition of fine (0 & 1-hr.) fuels on the forest floor that are primary ignition sources. It is impractical to remove such fuel under forest conditions except directly around homes. The current focus on "fuels" is, in itself, misguided because almost anything in a forest will burn, given the right conditions. Any fire specialist will tell you that the principal factors affecting fire are temperature and moisture, not fuels. No legislation will prevent or even reduce fires in the vast areas of the national forests and to pretend so is fraudulent.

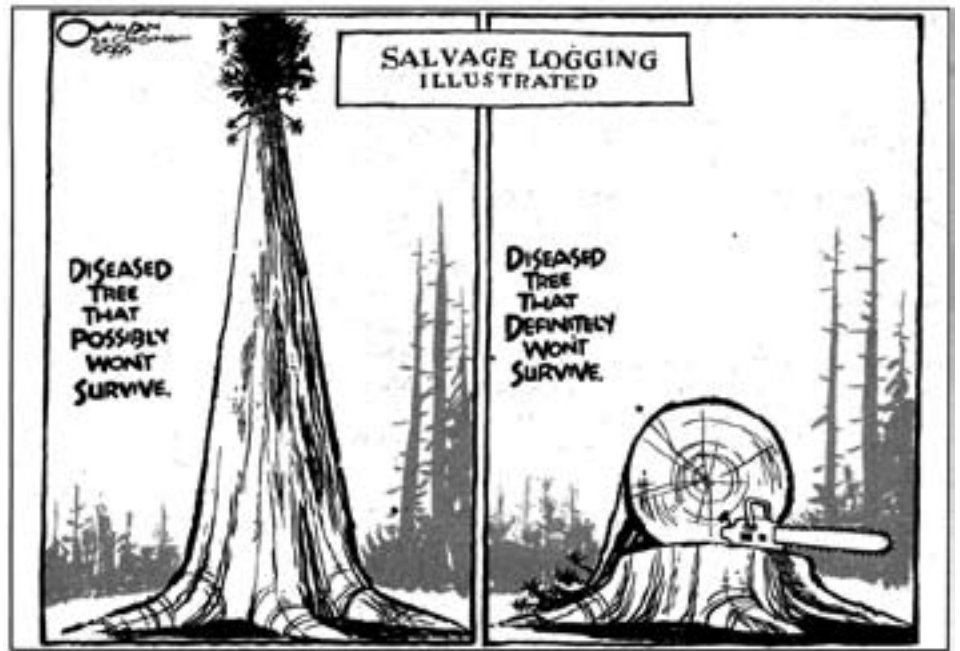
Third, the responsibility for protecting homes in woodlands rest primarily with the owners, not with the government, or with those who pay into that government but do not live in the woods and subject themselves to risk. Most Americans live in urban areas, and will soon become dissatisfied with footing the bill for billions of dollars spent on fraudulent fire fighting programs.

Rather, as I see it, legislation should focus on enabling those who live in or near woodlands to protect themselves, as my family and I have for more than half a century without federal intervention or pork-barreling. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service currently is not directed to work with individuals to enable protecting individual properties. This can be changed immediately with little or no additional costs and with considerable positive impact on those of us who live in the woods. Some of the things they can help with and that we have done are listed below:

Some important, and frequently overlooked, considerations to protect dwellings in fire zones:

The "fire protection zone" around dwellings is a mere 150-200 feet. This is the only place where removing flammable material, such as weeds, brush, shrubs, etc. will help in "fire-proofing" buildings in forest fire prone areas. Logging in forests beyond this narrow area will not reduce fires, it will only increase them.

1. Prune out the lower limbs of trees and shrubs especially small, dead material.



2. Brush easily carries fire and should not accumulate around dwellings. Coniferous foundation plantings are invitations to building loss.
3. Grass and weeds must be mowed often during dry periods, but care should be exercised to be sure the mower doesn't start a fire.
4. "Grey water" from a household, held in drums can be used to keep grass green and kept ready to dump on small fires if they start.
5. Rural residents should carry a container of water in their vehicle during dry periods to put out small fires if encountered. Many fires start at roadside.
6. Keep gasoline cans, vehicles, boats, tires, and even the lawn mower away from buildings. These are significant, easily ignited hazards. The fuel, grease and oil and tires are rapid-burning very high-heat fuels. Often old cars, etc., are stored near buildings in rural areas and are a common cause of the loss of homes in rural settings. (Propane tanks, now exploding in the big Arizona fire also need attention.)
7. Fire breaks and access trails are necessary around dwellings in the woods. We, who live in the woods, utilize rotary mowers to create trails and firebreaks through our woods. This process finely divides debris, and green grass grows in the trails to help retard any fire spread. Furthermore, the trails provide ready access to extinguish fires before they become conflagrations.
8. Metal roofing is essential in the woods but fire-retardant siding should be required on all new buildings.
9. Massive cutting near towns or rural dwellings must be restricted or stopped. Clearcutting, massive cutting or heavy thinning, that creates openings, encourages both dense tree reproduction and brush invasion. In turn, the resulting masses of small stems creates an explosively flammable fuel. Even green stems of this type ignite easily and masses of evergreen foliage, so produced, are essentially pitch torches. Foliage, particularly on conifers, is a violently irruptive green fuel.
10. Additionally, forest-land holders, who have tracts adjoining private dwellings must be compelled by law to create firebreaks adjacent to the dwellings and to keep them fuel-free by discing or plowing during fire seasons. This must include all private and public ownerships of any kind.

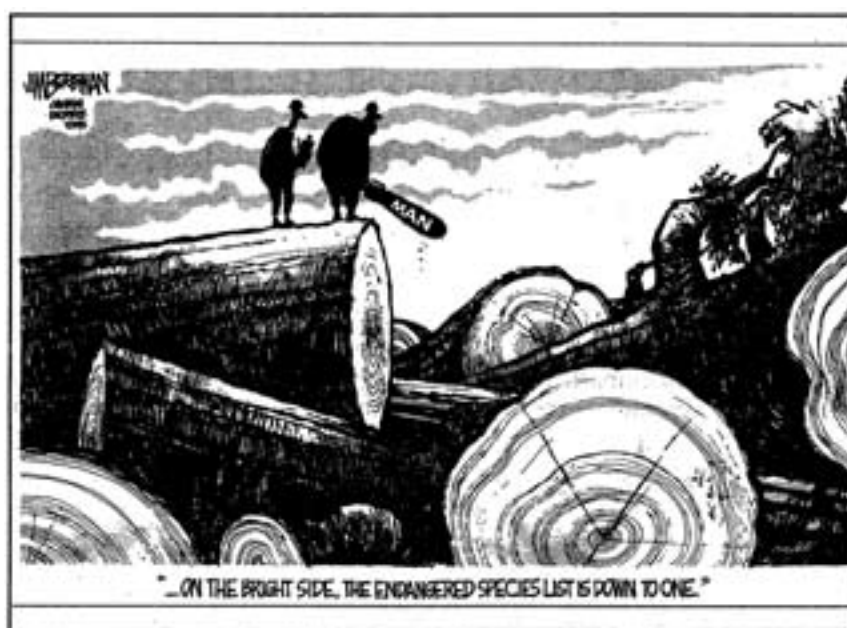
More needs to be said about tax incentives to those who protect their homes and tax disincentives for those who build in fire-prone zones. And more needs to be said about directing insurance companies to penalize or reward according to how property is managed in woodland settings.

Respectfully,

Dr. Arthur Dean Partridge
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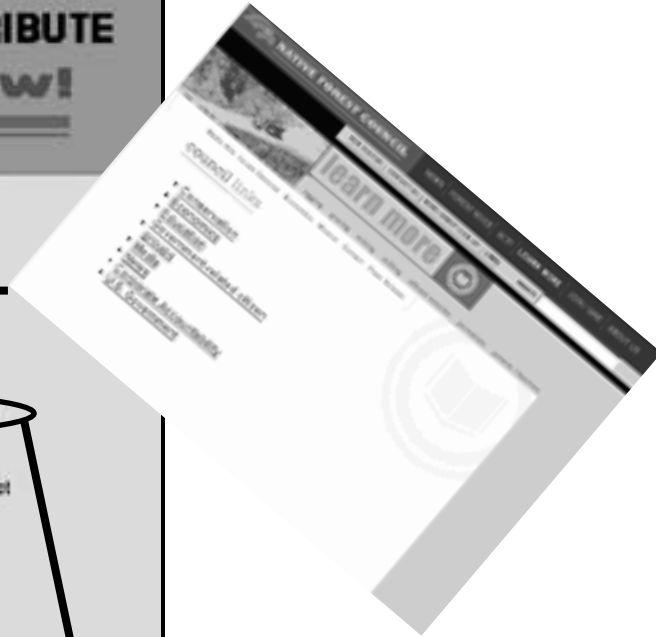
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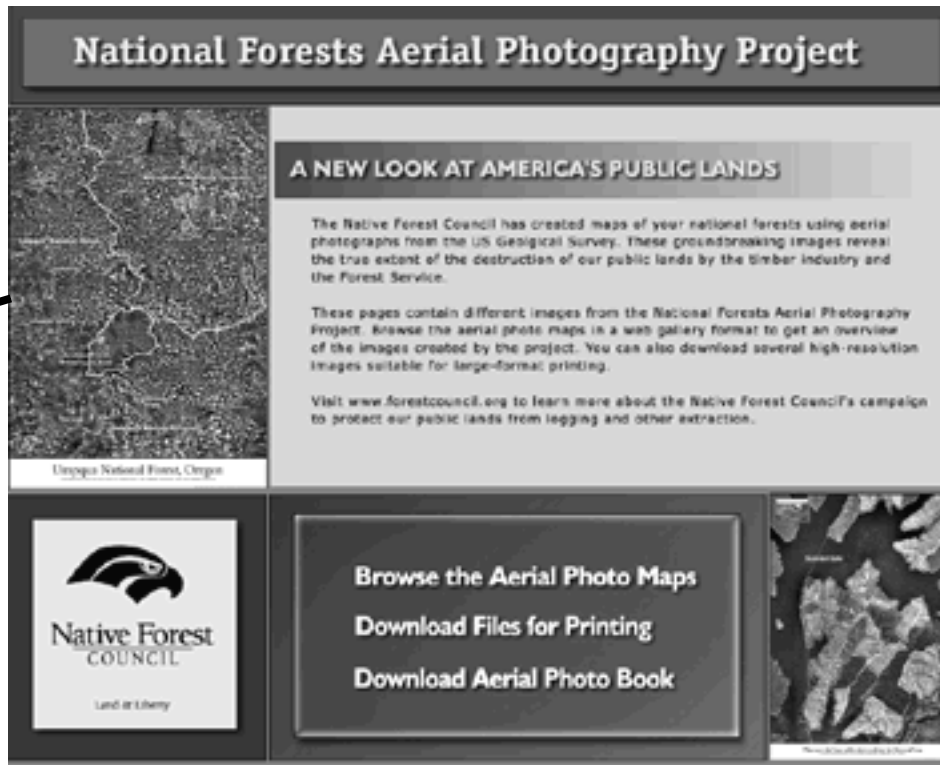
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The Truth Revealed

“I hope the son-of-a-bitch who logged that is roasting in hell.”

--Franklin Roosevelt, after seeing destruction of the Olympic Peninsula in 1937



with Photographic Evidence

More than a decade ago, the first *Forest Voice* was pasted up by hand in the garage of Forest Council President Tim Hermach. Today, it's created on a computer network and sent to the printer over the internet. But the importance of compelling images is the same. Now, we're using technology to reveal the destruction of our national forests in some very new ways.

For decades, aerial photographs of the entire nation have been available. But they haven't been easy to find. Or to interpret. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Brett Cole and other Council staff and volunteers, we've been able to "stitch" thousands of smaller images into complete depictions of national forests. By exposing the extent of the destruction on our national forests, we hope to convince America, beyond any doubt, that we must save what's left and restore what's been lost on our national forests.

In this edition, we're printing complete national forests and some other samples of these aerial photographs. To see more, visit our web site: www.forestcouncil.org. Our interactive mapping features allow browsers to navigate national forests. This is a work in progress, so check back often for new additions. If you are interested in public presentations, photo installations or materials for the media, please contact us: info@forestcouncil.org, (541) 688-2600.

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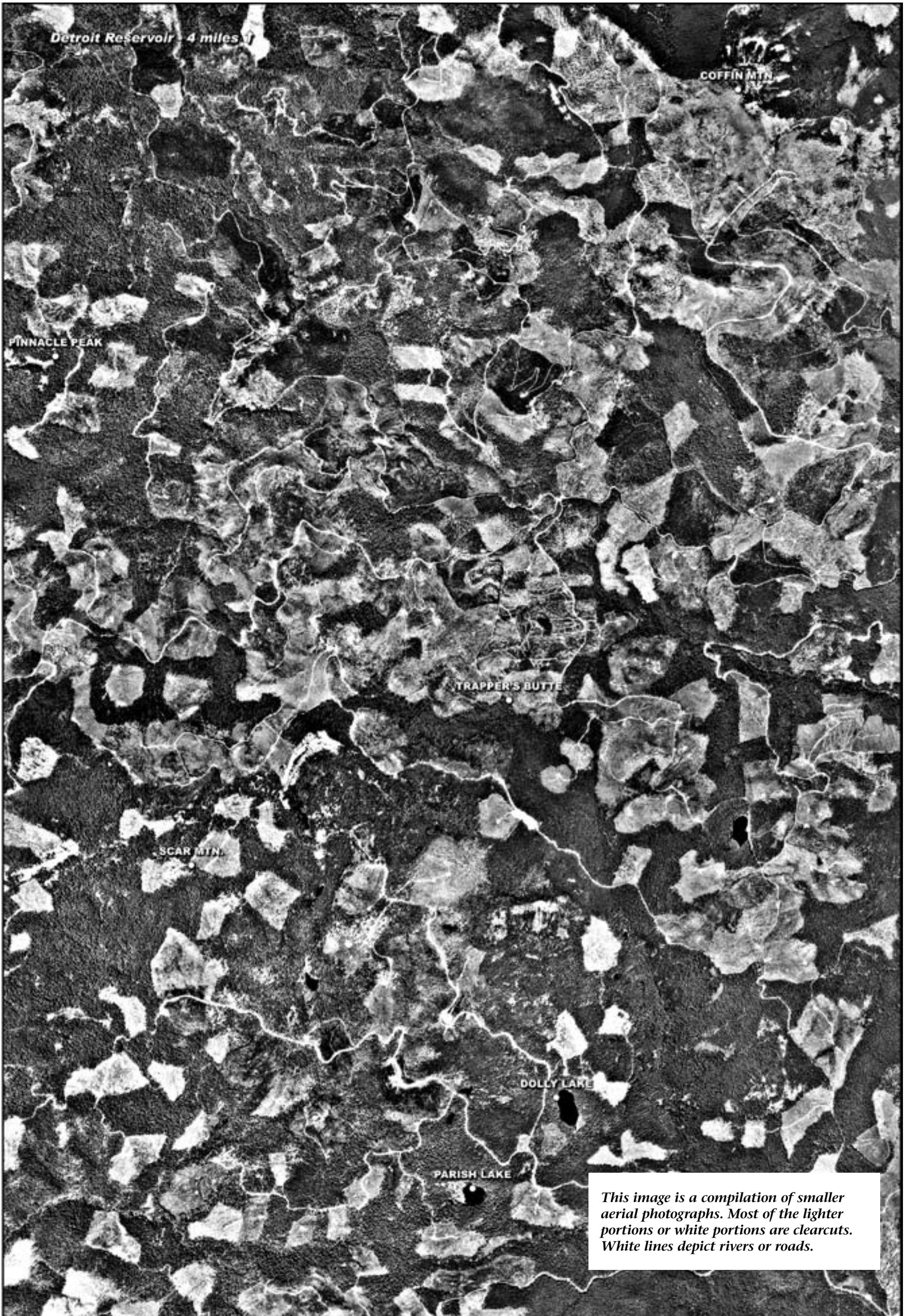


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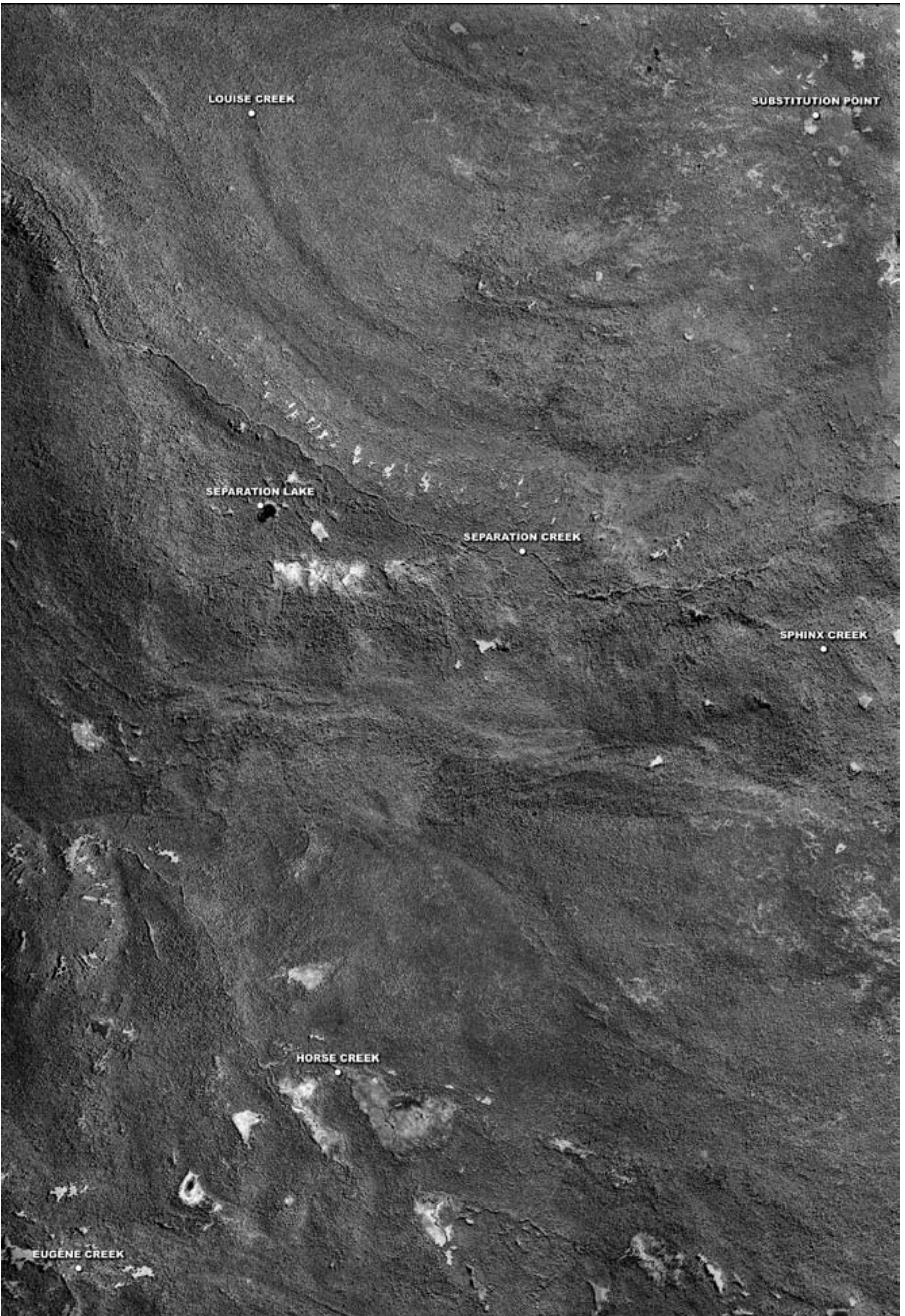


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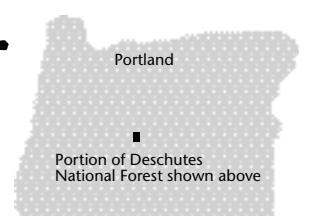
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Take the highway through Oregon's Deschutes National Forest...

...and you'll see breathtaking mountain views, clear lakes and tall trees. At least as far as the "beauty strip" goes. But take a look from above (far above) and you'll see that, beyond the strip of trees left along the highway, there's a different view. In little more than 50 years, this national forest has been transformed from what you see on the left to the patchwork of roads and clearcuts on the right.

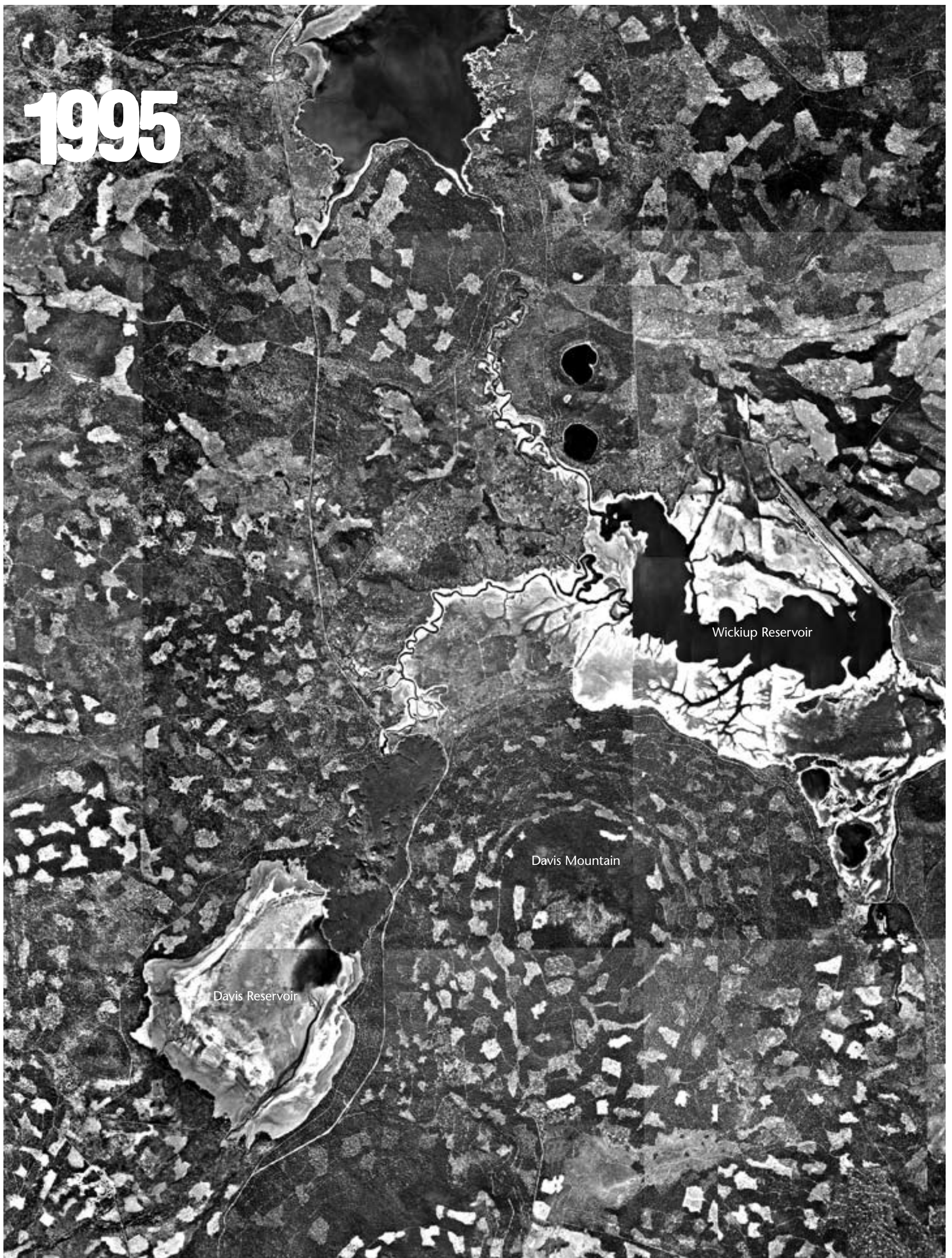


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Giving Americans an accurate view of their national forests

A picture's worth a thousand words, and we're putting together thousands of pictures. These are photo mosaics of smaller aerial shots, "stitched" together to create a dramatic record of the destruction of America's national forests. Working with NASA and the University of Oregon Department of Cartography, Native Forest Council is creating similar visual records of other national forests. For more information about this project, go to www.forestcouncil.org.



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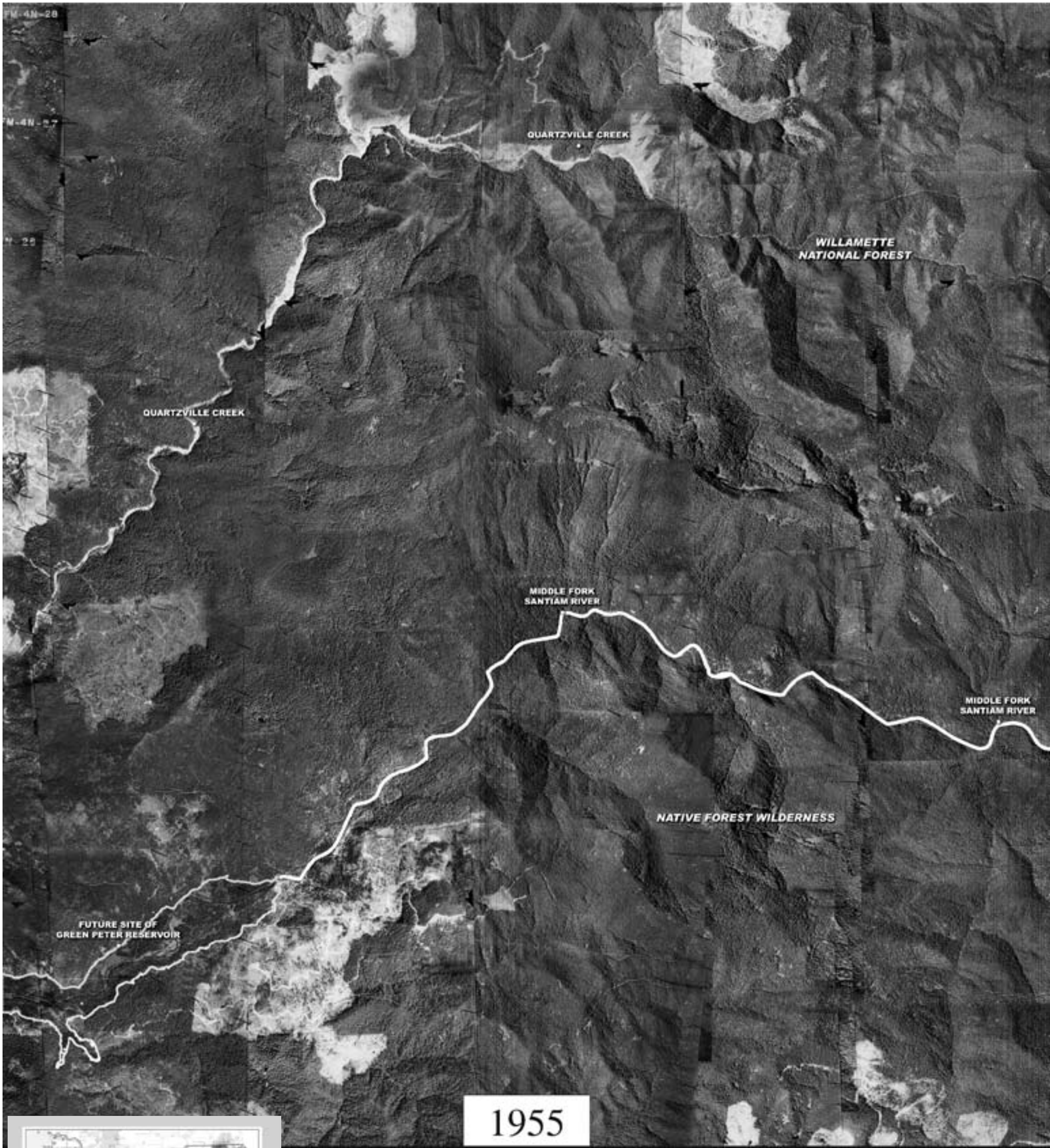


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The Middle Santiam River, in the Cascades East of Sweet Home, Oregon, only 48 years ago ...



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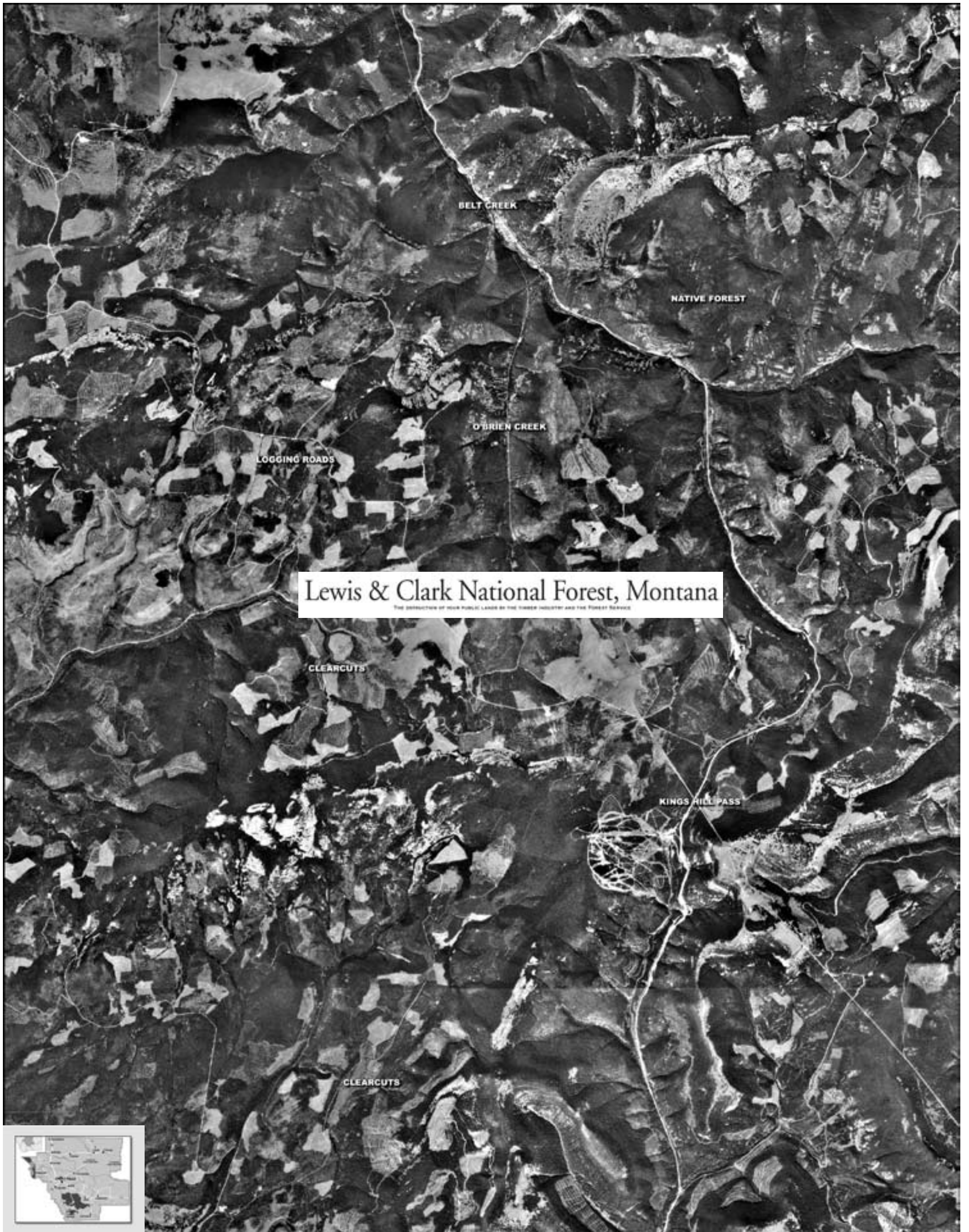
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Lewis & Clark National Forest, Montana
THE DESTRUCTION OF FOUR PUBLIC LANDS BY THE TIMBER INDUSTRY AND THE FOREST SERVICE

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THE RESULTS OF COMPROMISE

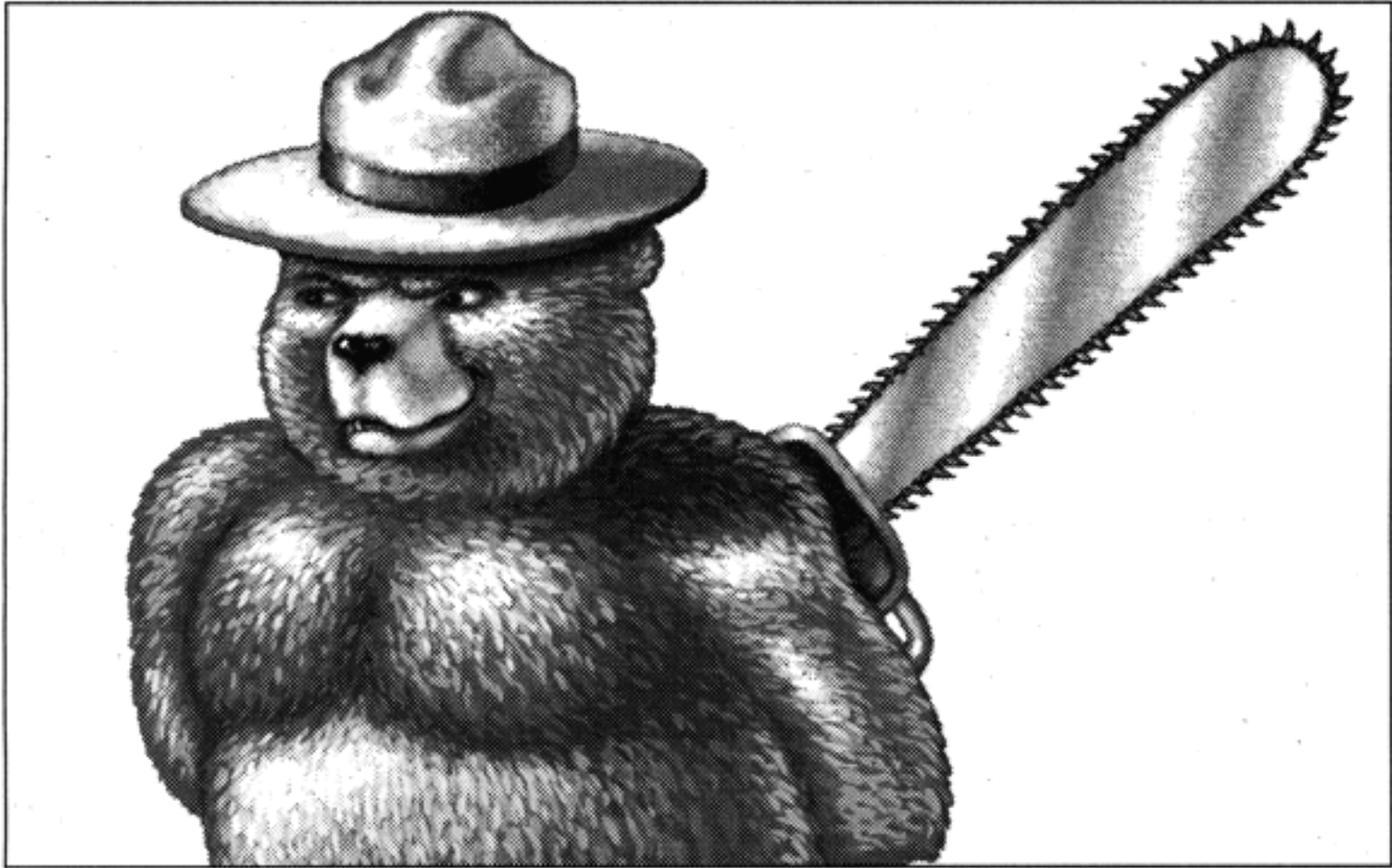


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There's a bear in the woods.
And he's destroying our heritage.



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Say it ain't so, Smokey.

It's an embarrassment. The U.S. Forest Service is helping big timber companies chop down America's national forests. They say they've got to do it because they need the wood. But the truth is, private forest lands could supply the timber they now take from our national forests.

But they're selling those trees to Japan and other countries to make the biggest profits they can. And the Forest Service is helping them, spending hundreds of millions of your tax dollars each year to cut your forests. And now they want to take the last small fraction that belongs to all of us.

It's a shame. 95 percent of America's native forests have already been destroyed, and there is no need to cut the rest of America's forest heritage--much of which is older than America itself.

It's also a crime. Even federal laws have not stopped the Forest Service from favoring the special interests. U.S. District Judge William Dwyer found that: "The most recent violation exemplifies a deliberate and systematic refusal by the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the laws protecting wildlife."

When the native forests are gone, they are gone forever.

The national forests are America's natural heritage. Like the Grand Canyon or Old Faithful. They are the products of thousands of years of evolution. Once destroyed, they can't be replaced.

Let's save the last of America's native forests. The national forests belong to all Americans. It's high time the Forest Service remembered whose interests it should protect.

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5% or less of America's native forest Remains. Who's Extreme?

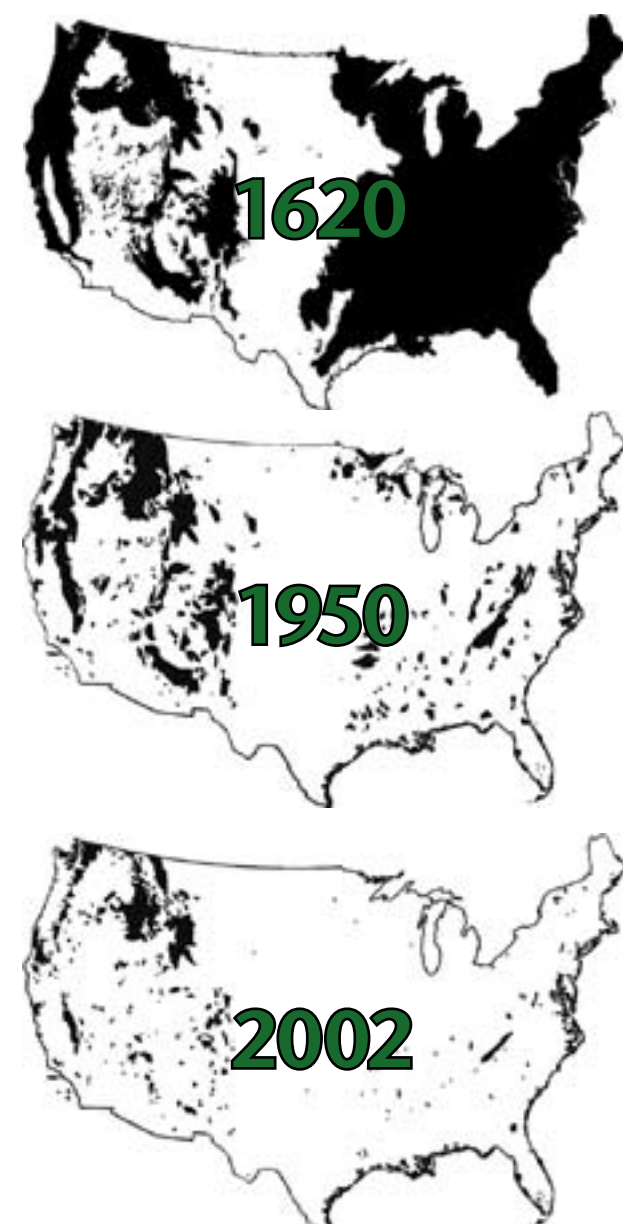


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A native forest is a self-regenerating forest that has never been cut or planted by humans.

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