

QUARTZ

Quartz Integrated Project is located in the northern **Umpqua National Forest**, about **30 minutes southeast of Cottage Grove, Oregon**. The US Forest Service sold two timber sales within the project area: **White**, bought by *Rosboro Company*, and **Puddin** bought by *Swanson Group Mfg.*

Healthy, mature forest covers the landscape, with significant pockets of **Old Growth** providing high **habitat value** for species dependent on **intact forest ecosystems**. In particular, the area abounds in snags (standing dead trees), **large trees** with broken tops and decaying downed wood. All of this makes up excellent habitat for the **Red Tree Voles**, a prey species of the **Northern Spotted Owl**. The Northwest Forest Plan mandates the Forest Service to look for and protect sensitive species, including the **Red Tree Vole**.

When they first proposed the Quartz project, the Forest Service argued that there were **few or no voles** in the area, so they were not required to protect the **old growth or mature forest**. After **Northwest Ecosystem Survey Team (NEST)**, a volunteer citizen science surveying group, found and documented **extensive vole populations** within the areas proposed to be cut, the Forest Service flip-flopped and argued the exact opposite: **so many voles lived in the area that they didn't need any protection.**

This hypocrisy clearly shows the agenda of the Forest Service: **Cut the timber, science and ecosystems be damned!** They will use any and all excuses to plunder life-sustaining habitat: jobs, fire danger, safety, forest health, even nonsense like huckleberry habitat creation. **Don't fall for it, or the last remaining fragments of ancient forest will also fall.**

The Forest Service's flawed analysis of voles and mature forest management **violates environmental laws** and their own management guidelines. The issue is being litigated by nonprofit groups like *Cascadia Wildlands* which stands a strong chance of blunting the Forest Service's assault on Quartz. However, the legal process takes lots of time, and without an injunction, **direct action remains the only tactic preventing the desecration of ancient forests.** **Join us in the fight for Quartz, for Old Growth, for the voles and for Life!**

You can help by spreading the word, sharing your information and resources with us, and joining us in the city, in the streets, and in the woods!

You can also contact the agencies and companies involved:

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For far too much information:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43155>

<https://forestdefensenow.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/white-timber-sale.pdf>

<https://forestdefensenow.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/puddin-timber-sale.pdf>

<https://www.cascwild.org/field-checking-the-quartz-timber-sale/>

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