

## RINGO TIMBER SALE

The Ringo timber sale is of critical concern because of potential logging of substantial numbers of large trees in old growth and mature Ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer stands, and potential further reduction of Northern Spotted owl suitable habitat. This sale is ~5,000 acres, and also proposes logging in recent post-fire burns with park-like old growth Ponderosa pine, and in areas with uniquely diverse tree species compositions.



*Crescent Creek, which has Wild and Scenic River designation, is in the Ringo sale. Logging is proposed adjacent to this creek.*



*Wilson's Warbler in the Ringo sale.*



*Mushroom in Ringo.*

Logging as proposed in the Ringo sale will have negative cumulative impacts to Northern spotted owl habitat, particularly in combination with other timber sales adjacent to this project. For example, the Five Buttes timber sale eliminated and degraded spotted owl habitat throughout interspersed sale units in that project area. We fought this

sale the court, but unfortunately lost. The spotted owl is in sharp decline on the Crescent Ranger District (where the Ringo sale is located) as well as within the project area. Other significant issues include the loss of suitable habitat for diverse Neotropical songbirds, including Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Western Tanager.



*Candy stripe in the Ringo sale.*



*Yellow pine chipmunk in the Ringo sale.*



*Hermit thrush in the Ringo sale.*



*Impressive Sugar pine snag in the Ringo sale.*

Logging will cause additional loss of rare and uncommon tree species from logging in the Ringo area, including reduction in Shasta red fir, Sugar pine, White pine, and Mountain hemlock. The Ringo project area also supports sensitive plants that are at risk in sale units, such as Green-tinged paintbrush.



*Possible Green-tinged paintbrush (a Sensitive-listed species) in a Ringo timber sale unit.*



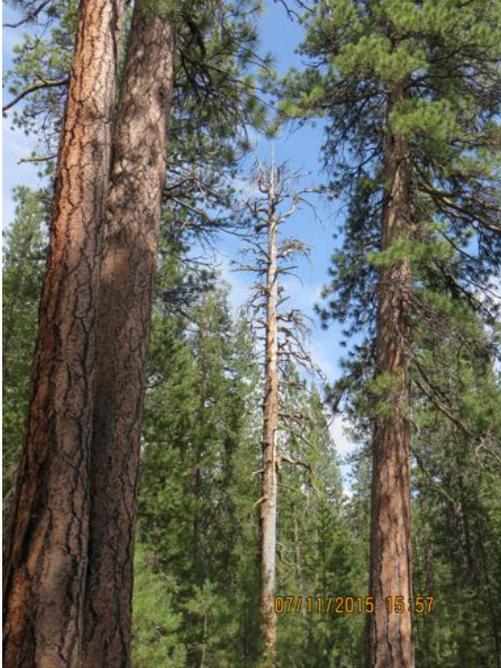
*Lichen in the Ringo sale.*



*Fire-weed adjacent to Crescent Creek, in the Ringo sale area.*

The Ringo area is also very popular for summer recreation due to the proximity of Wickiup Reservoir, Davis Lake, Odell Butte, and Crescent Creek. There are proposed logging sale units adjacent to or near all of these special habitats and popular recreational areas—including sale units on Odell Butte, some adjacent to Wild and Scenic Crescent Creek, and at least one next to Wickiup reservoir.

Logging is likely to cause visual impacts that will be obvious to recreationalists. Recreational uses include boating, bird watching, fishing, swimming, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, camping, and more.



*Top left: Large Ponderosa pine trees and snag in Ringo sale; Top right: Pelicans on Wickiup Reservoir, adjacent to the Ringo sale. Bottom photos: Large Ponderosa pine trees in Ringo sale.*