



Here, far up in the Blue mountains, is the decking yard of the Mt. Emily Lumber company. Located near Starkey, these yards when the picture above was taken, held upwards of 2,500,000 board feet of lumber in the pine logs which were piled and ready to be loaded on freight cars for the trip to the Mt. Emily mill here. The crane which loads the logs on the cars is shown in action in the right foreground of the picture. At left are tremendous piles of logs which will soon be turned into lumber for thousands of uses. When one considers this yard is that of only one of the major companies operating in the country, it is easy to see how lumber is one of the major industries of the valley. The huge stands of Ponderosa pine which cover many of the mountain sides in the Grande Ronde area contribute not only to the beauty but to the wealth of the valley. Taken from an airplane above the yards, the camera captured in the photo some of the breadth and depth which are characteristic of the mountains and of the work which goes on there.