

Marker Name: Bordeaux

Marker Location: On Bordeaux Road, at the entrance to Capitol Forest and the rail head for the Bob Bammert Grove.

Inscription:

Bordeaux 1901 – 1941

French immigrants Tom and Joe Bordeaux built a shingle mill, a sawmill, 85 miles of logging railroad, and the company town of Bordeaux in this section of the Black Hills in the early 1900s. The Bordeaux brothers' Mason County Logging Company provided more than 400 jobs in their lumbering operations. Virgin timber was exhausted in 1941.

A mile east of this point, the flat meadow to the west once held vast stacks of lumber. The remnants of a sawmill, shingle mill, and dry kiln are in the willows to the south of this road. North of the road is the vault from the company store.

The original Bordeaux home burned in 2001. The only vestige of the company town. It, with the millsite, is in private ownership.

Installed By: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Condition: The signs were gone as of summer 2003. There is no information on what happened to them or if there is a plan to replace them.

Parking/Pulloff: Yes