

**Marker Name**            **Mutual Lumber Company**

**Marker Location**        Bucoda Volunteer Park

**Inscription**

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*On this 20 acre site stood the saw mill complex of the Mutual Lumber Company. Founded in 1902 by Martin Foord, Frank R. Stokes, W.W. Whipple and F.D. Butzer. Butzer and Whipple withdrew in 1903 and were replaced by Perry F. Knight. In 1912 the complex was destroyed by fire, and the Mutual, known as "The Big M," moved to Tenino, returning to a newly constructed plant in 1919. The Big M's saw mill and planing mill provided employment for approximately 300 employees and a healthy economy for the community and surrounding area.*

*In the 20's, Bucoda was known as "The town with the million dollar payroll." On July 19, 1944, the last log went up the slip into the saw. The re-saw and mill continued until September 1946, when the plant was sold and became the Bucoda Planing Mill. All operations ceased here in 1954 and the plant was later destroyed by fire.*

**Installed By**            Ken Montgomery and Boy Scout Troop 630, of Tacoma, WA.

**Condition**                Good.

**Visibility**                Good.

**Parking/Pulloff**        Yes.

**Comments**                From Highway 507, turn left towards the business district. Turn right on Main Street, turn left on 11<sup>th</sup>, turn right on Nenant Street, take first left on Seatco which curves right into parking lot at the end of the road.