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Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2004-073
Expires: 9/30/2005

To: All District Managers
From: State Director, Oregon/Washington
Subject: Timber Measurement and Disposal Based Upon Eastside Scribner

Program Area: Forestry, Timber Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) provides direction for measurement of timber volume for timber sales and other forms of disposal, such as stewardship contracts, in accordance with IM No. 2004-154, which rescinded the policy to measure and sell all timber sales following the National Cubic Rules.

Policy/Action: For the purposes of the lump sum and scale disposal of timber, such as negotiated and advertised timber sales, stewardship projects, etc., the timber will usually be measured based upon board feet. Exceptions to measurement and disposal based on board feet will be made considering the need to use cubic feet (National Cubic Rules) for accuracy and efficiency purposes, such as the sale of small diameter material for biomass, and/or sale by weight.

The simplified term for the measurement and disposal board foot standard will be “Eastside Scribner.” More specifically, timber will be measured and disposed of in board feet based upon the Eastside Scribner log rules found in the Northwest Log Rules Eastside and Westside Log Scaling Handbook in the Official Rules for Log Scaling and Grading Bureaus developed by the Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group dated July 1, 2003.

To implement this change, all offices are directed to implement the following procedures:

1. Existing cubic foot sold timber sales and awarded service contracts will remain in cubic feet, including any necessary modifications.

2. New lump sum and scale timber sales that are measured and sold based upon Eastside Scribner will be entered into the Timber Sale Information System (TSIS) by “toggling” the “MBF/CCF toggle” on the Presale Screen to Thousand Board Feet (MBF). Cubic foot figures will continue to be generated in cruise programs and entered into TSIS. Scribner long log (32 foot) board foot and cubic volumes will continue to be displayed by species in each timber sale notice and prospectus.

The heading for the 16-foot Scribner volume (for purposes of sale) will be displayed under the heading “Est. Volume MBF 16’ Log” in the timber sale notice and prospectus. The instructions in IM No. OR-2001-057 regarding changes to forms and special provisions are hereby rescinded.
3. The attached Notice to Prospective Timber Sale Purchasers will be issued to addressees on the district timber sale bidder mailing lists.

4. New stewardship contact timber and/or fiber volume will be measured based upon application of the first two paragraphs of the Policy/Action.

All correspondence to the Small Business Administration shall continue to report timber volume in cubic foot figures.

**Timeframe:** New lump sum and scale timber sales, and stewardship contracts to be offered in June 2004 will be based upon 16-foot board foot measurement, unless appropriate rationale exists for cubic measurement. Sales to be offered in May 2004 may be based upon either 16-foot board foot or cubic measurement. For May 2004 sales to be offered in board feet, the attached Notice to Prospective Timber Sale Purchasers may be attached to the timber sale notice. Otherwise, including districts not offering May 2004 sales, the attached Notice to Prospective Timber Sale Purchasers shall be issued immediately.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Background:** Refer to IM No. 2004-154. In addition, Eastside Scribner was selected because the more precise assessment of defect produces a more accurate board foot figure for volume estimation. In addition, cubic expertise within the organization will be more efficiently maintained due to the similarity between Eastside Scribner and National Cubic Rules.


**Coordination:** Coordination has occurred with the Westside District Forestry Leads, the State Cruiser/Appraiser and State Scaler, and State Office Procurement Chief.

**Contact:** If there are questions, contact Lyndon Werner (OR-931) at 503-808-6071.

**Districts with Unions** are reminded to notify their unions of this Instruction Memorandum and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by

/s/ Judy Ellen Nelson
Acting Associate State Director

Authenticated by

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Management Assistant

1 Attachment

1 - Notice to Prospective Timber Sale Purchasers (1p)

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE TIMBER SALE PURCHASERS

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon and Washington is changing to the measurement and sale of timber based upon board feet for most advertised and negotiated sales. Exceptions to measurement and sale based on board feet will be made considering the need to use cubic feet (National Cubic Rules) for accuracy and efficiency purposes, such as the sale of small diameter material for biomass, and/or sale by weight scale.

BLM will use the term “Eastside Scribner” for the purposes of this change. More specifically, timber will be measured and sold in board feet based upon the Eastside Scribner log rules found in the Northwest Log Rules Eastside and Westside Log Scaling Handbook in the Official Rules for Log Scaling and Grading Bureaus developed by the Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group dated July 1, 2003. (Include the following sentence in Westside District Notices.) For an indefinite period, scribner long log (32 foot) board foot volumes will be displayed by species in each timber sale notice and prospectus.

This change will commence immediately with timber being sold based upon volume of thousand board feet (MBF). The minimum bid increment for timber sale auctions will be $0.10 per MBF, which roughly approximates the $0.05 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) that has been in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact (name), (District Cruiser/Appraiser) (District Forester), at (phone number).

Attachment 1