Advertising Dates: November 1, 2007 and November 8, 2007

TIMBER FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ORAL AUCTION as hereinafter designated will be received by the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management at the COOS BAY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459-2000, on Friday November 30, 2007, for all timber marked or designated for cutting. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids, including the appraised price per species, should be obtained from the above District Manager. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this advertisement and to reject any or all bids. The United States reserves the right to waive any informality in bids received whenever such waiver is in the interest of the United States. Environmental Assessment No. OR128-03-17 East Fork Coquille, was prepared for these sales and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for these sales at the Coos Bay District Office. This sale notice, first published on November 1, 2007, constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. Protests of any sale listed below must be filed within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. Sale will commence at 10:00 a.m.

In COOS COUNTY: OREGON: CBWR: ORAL AUCTION, SALE NO. 08-35, ELK CREEK CT. All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in T. 28 S., R.10W., Sec. 23, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Sec. 25, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, T. 28 S., R.11W., Sec. 7, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Sec. 17, NE ¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 19, SW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 23, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 35, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 35, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 35, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Will. Mer., estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 4007 MBF. No written bid for less than \$184,472.30 will be considered. Minimum deposit with written bid \$18,500.00.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Coos Bay District Office 1300 Airport Lane North Bend, OR 97459

October 31, 2007

TIMBER SALE NOTICE

1.

Elk Creek CT

08-35

4007 MBF

This Timber Sale Notice does <u>not</u> constitute the decision document for purposes of protest and appeal of a forest management decision. Consistent with 43 CFR Subpart 5003-Administrative Remedies, the notice of a timber sale, when published as a legal ad in a newspaper of general circulation shall constitute the decision document for purposes of protest and appeal. Protests may be filed with the Contracting Officer within 15 days of the publication of the aforementioned decision document in the newspaper. It is anticipated that the decision document will be published in The World newspaper on or about November 1, 2007. BLM does not warrant publication on this exact date. All parties considering protest of the timber sale decision document are encouraged to review the aforementioned newspaper to ensure accurate knowledge of the exact publication date.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale timber as described herein for oral auction pursuant to Instructions to Bidders, as stated on Form No. 5440-9 and subject to Notice of Requirement for Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities, Form No. 1140-4, attached. Written and oral bids will be received by the District Manager, or his representative, at the <u>COOS BAY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon</u> on

November 30, 2007

This sale will commence at 10:00 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS or CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS were prepared for these sales, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. These documents are available for inspection as background for these sales at the Coos Bay District Office.

A WRITTEN BID on Form 5440-9 at not less than the appraised price on a unit basis per species and the required minimum bid deposit shall be required to participate in oral bidding for each tract.

FOR SET-ASIDE TRACTS, the bidder must not have been determined by the Small Business Administration to be ineligible for preferential award of set-aside sales and must accompany his deposit with a self-certification statement that he is qualified as a small business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration in its regulations, Title 13, Chapter I, Part 121, as amended, of the Code of Federal Regulations (firm employs, together with its affiliates, 500 or fewer persons). The Form 5430-1, Self Certification Statement can be obtained at the oral auction timber sale and must be completed and submitted before qualifying to bid.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, as a condition of award, will be required to complete and/or sign the following forms:

- 1. Form 1140-6, a certification that the bid was arrived at by the bidder or offer or independently, and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder or offer or.
- 2. Form 1140-7, Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Program Representation, for all contracts over \$10,000.
- 3. Form 1140-8, Equal Opportunity Compliance Report Certification.
- 4. Form 5450-17, Export Determination.

PRE-AWARD QUALIFICATIONS. The high bidder may be required to furnish information to determine the ability to perform the obligations of the contract. If the high bidder is determined not qualified, responsible or refuses to respond within fifteen (15) days of a request for information pertaining to qualifications, the contract may be offered and awarded for the amount of the high bid to the highest of the bidders who is qualified, responsible, and willing to accept the contract.

A PERFORMANCE BOND in an amount not less than 20 percent of the total purchase price will be required for all contracts of \$2,500 or more, but the amount of the bond shall not be in excess of \$500,000, except when the Purchaser opts to increase the minimum bond as provided in 43 CFR 5451.2. A minimum performance bond of not less than \$500 will be required for all installment contracts less than \$2,500.

QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS concerns may apply to the Small Business Administration for loan assistance to provide financing for access road construction required under the terms of qualifying timber sale contracts, and necessary contract changes will be made. Approval of loan applications rests with the Small Business Administration and may be contingent upon availability of funds. Applicants for such loans shall notify the Bureau of Land Management of their intention to apply for a loan.

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION. All timber sales shall be subject to the restrictions relating to the export and substitution of unprocessed timber from the United States in accordance with P.L. 94-165 and 43 CFR 5400 and 5420, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning each timber sale tract described herein is available at the above District office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the District office.

THE VOLUMES LISTED herein are estimates only, based on 16-foot taper breaks, which must be taken into consideration if comparisons are made with volume predictions based on other standards. The volumes based on 32-foot taper breaks are shown for comparison purposes. No sale shall be made for less than the advertised appraised price. The purchaser shall be liable for the total purchase price, without regard to the amount bid per unit, even though quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking is more or less than the estimated volume or quantity so listed.

Appraised prices are determined by transaction evidence appraisal methods unless otherwise noted on individual timber sale notices.

A new Special Provision has been added to the contract which enables the Contracting Officer to suspend the contract to facilitate protection of certain plant or animal species, and/or to modify or terminate the contract when necessary to comply with the Endangered Species Act or to protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Coos Bay District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan. This contract provision limits the liability of the Government to the actual costs incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area.

	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT					
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES						
	Bidders and offerors are cautioned as follows: by signing this bid or offer or entering into this contract or lease, as the case may be, the bidder, offer or, or contractor will be deemed to have signed and agreed to the provisions of the Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities in this solicitation. The certification provides that the bidder or offer or does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on a basis or race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de facto basis. The certification also provides that he will not maintain such segregated facilities. Failure of a bidder or offer or to agree to the Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities will render his bid or offer nonresponsive to the terms of solicitations involving awards of contract exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.					
In accordance with 41 CFR 60, as amended May 19, 1967, and Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, this notification will be included in all notices of invitations for bid, lease, offers, and requests for proposal where prospective nonexempt contracts may exceed \$10,000.						
	Form 1140-4 (June 1974)					

COOS BAY DISTRICT OFFICE MYRTLEWOOD RESOURCE AREA SOUTH COAST

SALE DATE: November 30, 2007 SALE TIME: 10:00 a.m.

SALE NO. 08-35, ELK CREEK CT

COOS COUNTY: OREGON: CBWR: ORAL AUCTION: Bid deposit required: \$18,500.00

All timber designated for cutting on: T. 28 S., R.10W., Sec. 23, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Sec. 25, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, T. 28 S., R.11W., Sec. 7, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Sec. 17, NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 19, SW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 23, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Sec. 35, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, Will. Mer.

Approx.	Est. Vol.		Est. Vol.	Appraised	Estimated Vol.
No. Merch.	MBF		MBF	Price	Times
Trees	32' Log	Species	16' Log	Per MBF	Appraised Price
29141	2715	Douglas-fir	3394	\$41.80	\$141,869.20
6050	204	Port-Orford-cedar	255	\$119.90	\$30,574.50
2488	201	western hemlock	251	\$30.40	\$7,630.40
356	42	grand fir	53	\$30.60	\$1,621.80
686	37	red alder	46	\$42.00	\$1,932.00
256	4	misc. hardwoods	5	\$15.10	\$75.50
64	2	western red cedar	3	\$256.30	\$768.90
39041	3205	Totals	4007		\$184,472.30

THIS TIMBER SALE HAS BEEN CRUISED, APPRAISED, AND ADVERTISED BASED UPON SCRIBNER BOARD FOOT MEASURE (16 FOOT LOG). THE MINIMUM BID FIGURES SHOWN BY SPECIES ARE DOLLARS PER THOUSAND BOARD FEET (MBF). THE MINIMUM BID INCREMENT WILL BE \$0.10 PER MBF. SCRIBNER BOARD FOOT VOLUMES (32 FOOT LOG) BY SPECIES ARE DISPLAYED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u>: Excepting Port-Orford-cedar, all timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from being used as a substitute for exported private timber.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u>: With respect to merchantable trees of all species in all cruise strata: the average DBHOB is 11.1 inches: the average gross merchantable log contains 32 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 4266 m. bd. ft.; and 94% recovery is expected. The average DBHOB for Douglas-fir is 11.4 inches; and the average gross merchantable log contains 33 bd. ft. None of the total sale volume is salvage material. The following cruise method was used for volume determination:

<u>VARIABLE PLOT</u>: Timber volumes were based on a variable plot cruise using the Behres volume equation or form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16-foot logs. Two hundred eighty-six (286) plots were measured using a twenty (20) basal area factor (BAF). One hundred seventy-four (174) trees were randomly selected to be cruised.

CUTTING AREA: Twelve (12) units totaling approximately three hundred four (304) acres must be partial cut.

<u>ACCESS</u>: Access to the sale area is provided via: Oregon State highways, Coos County roads, Government controlled roads, and privately controlled roads.

DIRECTIONS TO SALE AREA: For Units 1-10: From Myrtle Point travel east on Sitkum Lane for approximately 7.9 miles; Units 4-7: Turn left on Gravelford Road and travel for 1.5 miles. Turn right on BLM road # 28-12-24.0, Wimer Creek Rd.. Units 1-3: Continue on Sitkum Lane for approximately 2.7 miles. Turn left on BLM road # 28-11-20.0, Yankee Run Rd.. Units 8-10: Continue on Sitkum Lane for 2.3 miles. Turn Right on BLM road # 28-11-29.0, Elk Creek Rd.. For Units 11 & 12: From Myrtle Point travel east on State Hwy. 42 for approximately 17.6 miles. Turn left on Sandy Creek County Road and travel north for 4.0 miles. Turn left on BLM road # 28-10-15.0, Sandy Creek Mainline and travel for 6.1 miles. Turn right on BLM road # 28-10-9.4, Weaver Road. Refer to Exhibits A and A-1 for unit locations.

<u>ROAD USE & MAINTENANCE</u>: Refer to Exhibit E Summary attached. Operator maintenance required on 17.5 miles of road. Fee Maintenance required on 12.3 miles of road (Weaver Rd., Elk Creek Rd., and Sandy Creek Mainline).

DURATION OF CONTRACT: Will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber. The contract will contain special stipulations regarding logging, road construction, road use and maintenance, fire prevention, hazard reduction and logging residue reduction, log export and substitution, optional scale check of lump sum sales, equal opportunity in employment, cultural resource protection, and sensitive, threatened, or endangered plants or animals.