Advertising Dates: Feb. 26, 2015 and Mar. 5, 2015

TIMBER FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ORAL AUCTION as hereinafter designated will be conducted by the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management at the COOS BAY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459-2000, on MARCH 27, 2015 for all timber marked or designated for cutting. Sale will commence at 10:00 a.m. 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 prospectus is available online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/timbersales/index.php. 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. DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2010-0001, Fairview NWFP Project was prepared for this sale and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been signed. These documents are available for review at the Coos Bay District Office or online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/index.php. This sale notice, first published on February 26, 2015, 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. In COOS COUNTY: OREGON: CBWR: ORAL AUCTION: SALE NO. ORC00-TS-2015-0004, STEELE 23 CT. All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in T. 27 S., R. 12 W., Section 23, W1/2, Will. Mer. estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 5662 MBF. No written bid for less than \$1,250,141.30 will be considered. Minimum deposit with written bid \$125,100.00.

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Coos Bay District Office

1300 Airport Lane
North Bend, OR 97459

Feb. 25, 2015

### TIMBER SALE NOTICE

1. Steele 23 CT 15-04 5662 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 **February 25, 2015**. 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 COOS BAY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon on

#### March 27, 2015

This sale will commence at 10:00 a.m. Oral bids will be received on Douglas-fir only with a \$0.50/bid minimum overcall on each bid.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS were prepared for these sales, and Findings of No Significant Impact have been documented. These documents are available for review as background for these sales at the Coos Bay District Office or online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/index.php.

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 independently, and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder.
- 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. "The BLM has revised the log export restrictions special provision to reduce the log branding and painting requirements. The new requirements include branding of one end of all logs with a scaling diameter of over 10 inches. All loads of 11 logs or more, regardless of the diameter of the logs, will have a minimum of 10 logs branded on one end. All logs will be branded on loads of 10 logs or less. One end of all branded logs will be marked with yellow paint. At the discretion of the Contracting Officer, the Purchaser may be required to brand and paint all logs. The Purchaser shall bear any increased costs for log branding and painting."

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 prospectus is available online at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/timbersales/index.php">www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/timbersales/index.php</a>.

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 analytical 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, offeror, 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 offeror does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on a basis of 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 offeror 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 UMPQUA RESOURCE AREA

SALE NO. ORC00-TS-2015.0004, STEELE 23 CT

COOS COUNTY: OREGON: CBWR: ORAL AUCTION: Bid deposit required: \$125,100.00

All timber designated for cutting on: T. 27 S., R. 12 W., Sec. 23, W1/2, Will. Mer.

Approx. No. Merch. Trees	Est. Vol. MBF 32' Log	Species	Est. Vol. MBF 16' Log	Appraised Price Per MBF	Estimated Vol. Times Appraised Price
29,051	4,874	Douglas-fir	5,447	\$227.40	\$1,238,647.80
186	60	grand fir	74	\$74.50	\$5,513.00
118	18	western hemlock	23	\$62.50	\$1,437.50
1,301	97	red alder	118	\$38.50	\$4,543.00
30,656	5,049	Totals	5,662		\$1,250,141.30

SALE DATE: March 27, 2015

SALE TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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 \$0.50 PER MBF. SCRIBNER BOARD FOOT VOLUMES (32 FOOT LOG) BY SPECIES ARE DISPLAYED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION</u>: All timber sales, including timber from Federal rights-of-ways, 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 5424 as amended.

<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 12.5 inches: the average gross merchantable log contains 42 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 5,930 thousand bd. ft.; and 95% recovery is expected. The average DBHOB for Douglas-fir is 12.5 inches; and the average gross merchantable log contains 42 bd. Ft The following cruise methods were used for volume determination:

<u>VARIABLE PLOT:</u> Timber volumes in the Special Cutting Area, Unit 1, and Unit 2 were based on a variable plot cruise. Using a 20 basal area factor (BAF), 290 plots were measured and 166 trees were randomly selected to be sampled. A portion of the sample trees have been felled, bucked, and scaled and a portion of the sample trees have been cruised and the volumes computed using form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16-foot logs. Volume from both methods is then expanded to a total stratum volume.

<u>3P</u>: The Douglas-fir in the right-of-way has been cruised using the 3P system to select 50 sample trees. The sample trees have been cruised and the volumes computed using form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16-foot logs.

<u>100% CRUISE</u>: The minor species timber volumes are based on a 100% cruise using form class tables for estimating board foot volume of trees in 16-foot logs.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u>: Two units totaling approximately 250 acres must be partial cut and 7 acres of road right-of-way must be clear cut. Acreage data was collected using a Trimble Geo XT Global Positioning System receiver. Acreage was calculated based on Global Positioning System traverse procedures including differential correction.

<u>ACCESS</u>: Access to the sale area is provided via: Oregon State highways, Coos County roads, Government and privately controlled roads. Gates restrict access to Units 1 and 2. Keys are available at the Coos Bay District Office. A refundable deposit of \$100 is required to obtain a key.

<u>DIRECTIONS TO SALE AREA</u>: From Coquille turn on West Central and travel approximately 1.0 miles to Fairview Road. Turn left onto Fairview Road and travel 8.7 miles. Turn left at the four way stop onto Fairview-Sumner Lane. Travel 0.5 miles and turn left onto Road No. 27-12-23.0. Refer to Exhibits A and A-1 for unit locations.

<u>ROAD USE & MAINTENANCE</u>: Purchaser shall pay a maintenance obligation to the Government totaling \$559.38. Purchaser shall pay a road use fee totaling \$11,324 and rockwear fees totaling \$3,307.85 to Coos County Sheep company as detailed in the License Agreement. Operator maintenance is required on 6.8 miles of road.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Road construction and improvement estimates include the following:

27.1 stations Class SN-12 road

61.95 stations Class SN-16 road

### Surfacing:

1349 cu. yds. of 1½-inch minus crushed hardrock

6150 cu. yds. of 3-inch minus crushed hardrock

500 cu. yds. of 6-inch minus crushed hardrock

### Drainage:

60 linear feet of 18-inch CPE culvert

80 linear feet of 24-inch CPE culvert

160 linear feet of 24-inch CMP culvert

### Special Structures:

2 Cattle Guards

<u>DURATION OF CONTRACT</u>: 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.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- 1. Directional felling is required away from roads, property lines, posted boundaries, orange-painted reserve trees, Stream Channels, and snags.
- 2. No-harvest zones will be maintained adjacent to Stream Channels. Corridor trees felled within the no-harvest zone shall be left on site.
- 3. Full-log suspension will be required over Stream Channels. Where full suspension cannot be achieved, yarding will occur during the dry season.
- 4. Within safety standards, harvest trees would be directionally felled away from any Stream Channels; however, trees that must be felled toward or parallel to the Stream Channel should be temporarily retained on site to provide bank armoring if other trees need to be yarded across the channel.
- 5. All snags are reserved from cutting. Snags that are felled for safety reasons will be left on site.
- 6. Cutting or yarding during high sap flow, March 31 through July 1, may be restricted by the Authorized Officer.
- 7. Hauling on dirt surfaced roads will be permitted between July 1 and October 15, unless dry conditions extend the hauling season.
- 8. In the Partial Cut Area, trees will be bucked to a maximum of 41-foot lengths.
- 9. In the Partial Cut Area, yarding shall be completed with cable-type equipment capable of lateral yarding 75 feet each side of the skyline road.
- 10. In the Partial Cut Area, one-end suspension is required. Lift trees and/or intermediate support trees may be necessary to achieve suspension.
- 11. The location and use of yarding roads in the Partial Cut Area shall be approved by BLM prior to use by the Purchaser.
- 12. Road building and logging equipment will be washed prior to moving into the Contract Area to minimize the spread of noxious weeds.
- 13. Slashing, lopping, and scattering of 4 acres is required in the Special Cutting Area.
- 14. BLM will assume supervisory responsibility for disposal of logging slash.
- 15. Pacific yew, western redcedar, and hardwood trees other than red alder are reserved from cutting, except within road right-of-ways.
- 16. Depending on winter haul conditions the Authorized Officer may require additional erosion control to prevent sediment from entering Stream Channels.
- 17. Purchaser must enter into a License Agreement with Coos County Sheep Company and pay appropriate road use and rockwear fees, prior to commencement of any operations.
- 18. Thirty days prior to the commencement of any operations adjacent to or under the power lines, onsite pre-work meetings shall be held with Pacific Power Corporation and with Bonneville Power Association representatives.
- 19. In Unit 1, all trees in the Special Cutting Area that pose a threat to the safe operation of the power lines as determined by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) are marked with blue paint for removal.
- 20. Prior to renovation or cattle guard installation near Fairview-Sumner Lane, contact Oregon Utility Notification Center (800-332-2344 or 811) for the location of buried line and cable.
- 21. Hauling on Road Nos. 27-12-28.0, 27-12-21.0, and 27-12-23.2 will be restricted to the dry season.
- 22. Seasonal restrictions will apply in the Seasonally Restricted Area.