

This Advertisement includes:

**Date Mailed:
October 21st, 2009**

(Order of Auction)

1. Bald Lick

**Sale Date:
November 19th, 2009**

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Medford Interagency Office
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, Oregon 97504
www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/timbersales/index.php**

TIMBER SALE NOTICE

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 Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, telephone (541) 618-2200. The timber sale will commence at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

THIS TIMBER SALE NOTICE does not 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. The regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than a signed, written hard copy that is delivered to the physical address of the advertising BLM office. (No e-mail or fax protests will be accepted.) It is anticipated that the decision document will be published in the Medford Mail Tribune newspaper on or about October 22, 2009. 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 newspapers to ensure accurate knowledge of the exact publication date.

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.

APPRAISED PRICES are determined by analytical appraisal methods unless otherwise noted on individual timber sale notices.

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 offeror independently, and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder or offeror.
2. Form 1140-7, Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Program Representation, for all contracts over \$10,000.00.
3. Form 1140-8, Equal Opportunity Compliance Report Certification.
4. Form 5450-17, Export Determination.

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 a loan 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 such 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 Medford Interagency Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the Interagency 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 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.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS may be authorized for sales of \$500 or more. Required installments will be determined by BLM. For sales under \$500,000, installments will not be less than 10% of the total purchase price. For sales of \$500,000 or more, installment payments shall be \$50,000.

A **SALE DEPOSIT** equal to an installment is required prior to approval of the contract. This deposit must be made in cash or by check payable to the Department of Interior - BLM.

AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT (ILC) may be used in place of bid bonds, performance bonds, and payment bonds. ILC 's must be approved by the Authorized Officer prior to use and are subject to certain limitations. Contact the Interagency Office for further information.

THE PURCHASER is given no authority to enter upon or cross any private lands or to use any privately-owned property or improvements unless such rights are specifically covered in the contract stipulations. If the Purchaser desires to make any use of private property which is not specifically authorized by the contract, they must make the necessary prior-arrangements for such use with the landowner.

PRIOR TO STARTING any operations, the Purchaser or their designated representative will be required to meet with the Authorized Officer or their representative and the Contract Administrator for a prework conference. If a subcontractor is to be involved in the operation, the subcontractor must also be represented at the conference. If more than one subcontractor is to be involved in the operation, it may be necessary to have more than one prework conference unless all subcontractors can be present at one conference.

PRIOR TO THE AWARD of any timber sale, the Bureau of Land Management may require the high bidder to furnish such information as is necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the obligations of the contract. The following information is required for first time high bidders bidding as:

1. **Individuals**
 - a. A Citizenship Affidavit, Form 5450-9.
 - b. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.
2. **Partnerships or Unincorporated Associations**

- a. A Citizenship Affidavit, Form 5450-9, for each member of the partnership or association.
- b. A copy of the partnership agreement, or if no formal partnership agreement, a letter showing the nature of the business conducted by the partnership, the partnership term, and the name of the partner or partners authorized to execute timber sale contracts and performance bonds on behalf of the partnership.
- c. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.

3. **Corporations**

- a. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation and by-laws.
- b. A certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors authorizing the officers to sign timber sale contracts and performance bonds on behalf of the corporation.
- c. An original certificate from the Corporation Commissioner authorizing the corporation to transact business in the State of Oregon.
- d. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.

Those bidders who have demonstrated poor performance, including recent contract defaults, may be required to provide additional performance assurances in the form of advanced payment and/or an increased performance bond as a condition for award of contract. These extraordinary requirements may be required on a case-by-case basis.

PREAWARD QUALIFICATIONS. The higher 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 five (5) 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.

OTHER. 43 CFR Chapter 11 (10-1-92 Edition), Subpart 5442 - Bidding Procedure. § 5442.3 Rejection of Bids; Waiver of Minor Deficiencies. When the Authorized Officer determines it to be in the interest of the Government to do so, he may

reject any or all bids and may waive minor deficiencies in the bids or the timber sale advertisement. (38 FR 6280, March 8, 1973).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS 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 Medford Interagency Office.

Form 1140-4
(June 1974)

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 Non-segregated 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.

ASHLAND AREA
JACKSON MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # 10-10
November 19, 2009

#1. BALD LICK (5900), Jackson County, O&C

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$4900.00

All timber designated for cutting in S½NE¼, NW¼, NE¼ SW¼, SE¼, Sec. 17; NE¼, E½SW¼, NE¼SE¼, Sec.19; SW¼NW¼, W½SE¼, SE¼SE¼, Sec. 20; SE¼ SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Sec. 21; NW¼NE¼, NW¼, N½SW¼, Sec. 28; NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, NE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼, Sec. 29, T. 39 S., R. 1 W., Willamette Meridian

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Est. Volume CCF	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
12,595	1,259	2,921	Douglas-fir	1,550	\$30.40	\$47,120.00
34	2	5	White fir	3	\$18.50	\$55.50
788	40	99	Ponderosa pine	55	\$22.50	\$1237.50
75	2	4	Incense-cedar	2	\$274.30	\$548.60
13,492	1,303	3,029	Totals	1,610		\$48,961.60

*Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Additional information concerning the appraised price is available at the Medford District Office.

**Minimum stumpage values were used to compute the appraised price (10% of pond value).

CRUISE INFORMATION - The timber volumes were based on a 100% cruise using form class tables for estimating board foot volume of trees in 16-foot logs. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average trees is 13.3 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 50 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 1,749 M bd. ft; and 92% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 13.5 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 50 bd. ft.)

Bidders will be restricted to bidding on a unit (MBF) rate of the Douglas-fir volume. All other species will be sold at appraised price per unit (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS - All timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

CUTTING AREA – Twenty five (25) units containing 346 acres must be partial cut.

CUTTING TIME – Contract duration will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via existing BLM roads; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-660B with Fred Robertson; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-660 with Meriwether Southern Oregon Land and Timber, LLC; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement with U.S. Forest Service. Among other conditions, these agreements require completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and Permittee.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - BLM will maintain 8.61 miles of the roads listed in Section 41(C)(1). The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance fee of \$3.07 per MBF or a total of \$4,949.52 for the use of these roads as shown in RC-2C. The Purchaser will be required to maintain 11.78 miles of BLM roads.

SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION - Pursuant to Section 25 of Form 5450-3, Timber Sale Contract, the

Purchaser shall not operate or cause to have operated on the contract area any tractor-type logging equipment when soil moisture content exceeds twenty (20) percent by weight. The Purchaser shall construct waterbars on tractor skid trails, and block main skid trails where they intersect haul roads.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS - LOGGING: A ground-based machine less than 8½ feet wide, equipped with a winch, integral arch, and at least a 75 foot skidding line. A skyline yarder capable of one-end suspension with a minimum lateral yarding capability of seventy-five (75) feet while maintaining a fixed position during inhaul.

SLASH DISPOSAL - Section 41(G)(1) defines the slash disposal and site preparation work that may be required under this contract. Because of the significant uncertainty as to the appropriate level of slash disposal and site preparation that may be needed during the life of the contract the BLM has defined the treatment costs in Section 41(G)(2)(a) but has only appraised for a small portion of the work that might be required in Section 41(G)(1). The BLM, in accordance with Section 41(G)(2)(c), will unilaterally modify the contract to accomplish all of the necessary slash disposal and site preparation, beyond that which was appraised, using the menu of prices defined in Section 41(G)(2)(a). Appraised slash disposal consists of 10 acres of slashing undesirable vegetation, 10 acres of hand piling/covering, and 10 acres of hand pile burning.

CONTRACT TERMINATION - A 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 comply with a court order, or protect species which were identified for protection through survey and manage and/or protection buffer standards and guidelines established in the ROD and RMP. 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.

PERFORMANCE BOND - A performance bond in the amount of 20% of the total purchase price will be required.

OTHER -

1. No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
2. A BLM logging plan was prepared for the appraisal and is available for review. The logging plan estimates harvest systems to be 12% ground-based, and 88% skyline, (calculated by acres), and 11% ground-based, and 89% skyline (calculated by volume).
3. In skyline cable yarding units, to maintain canopy and to protect advanced conifer reproduction, corridors would be perpendicular to the slope, kept to a minimum number per landing, as operationally feasible, and width shall be kept as narrow as possible (max. 15 feet). Cable landings should be spaced one hundred fifty (150) feet apart where feasible.
4. BLM haul roads and harvest operations are seasonally restricted. Some variations of the restricted dates are possible depending on weather conditions.
5. Artificial anchors needed for four landings.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – from Talent, Oregon, take Wagner Creek Road south approximately two miles, turn right on Anderson Creek Road. Go west approximately six and one-half miles to the junction with BLM roads 38-2-24 and 39-1-18 (Section Line Gap).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - An Environmental Assessment (EA-OR116-05-01) was prepared for this project, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Medford District Office.

THIS IS A SALE PROSPECTUS ONLY – Attachments may not include all exhibits referred to in the contract. The complete contract, including all exhibits is available for inspection at Medford District Office