TIMBER FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. ORAL AUCTION OR SEALED BIDS as hereinafter designated will be received by the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Grants Pass Inter-agency office located at 2164 NE Spalding Ave. Grants Pass, Oregon at 9am on Thursday June 24th, 2010, 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 appraised prices 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. This sale notice, first published on May 27th, 2010, constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests and appeals under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 -Administrative Remedies. BLM must receive protests of any sale listed below within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. 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. As such the original signed protest must be received by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on the 15th day of the protest period. SBA SET-ASIDE TIMBER SALES: Bidding on set-aside timber sales is limited to small business concerns as defined by the Small Business Act, Section 3, 72 Stat. 384, 15 U.S. Code 632, and the regulations of the Small Business Administration, Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121, as amended. IN DOUGLAS COUNTY: OREGON: O&C: SBA SET-ASIDE: ORAL AUCTION: FORTUNE BRANCH TIMBER SALE: All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in E½SW¼, W½SE¼, Sec. 17 T. 32S., R. 5 W., Will. Mer., estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 214 M bd. ft. No written bid for less than \$20,705.20 will be considered. The minimum deposit with written bid is \$2,100.00. This timber sale is in conformance with the Medford District 1995 Resource Management Plan, as amended. The Fortune Branch project is consistent with court orders relating to the Survey and Manage mitigation measure of the Northwest Forest Plan, as incorporated into the Medford District Resource Management Plan, including Judge Pechman's Order from October 11, 2006, stipulating four exemptions. This project meets one of the specified exemptions. Specific project details can be found in the related NEPA documents.