This Advertisement includes:

(Order of Auction)
1. Elk Valley Roadway OR110-TS11-07

Date Mailed: March 30, 2011

Sale Date: April 28, 2011

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
District 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 Bureau of Land Management Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, telephone (541) 471-6500. This is not a public meeting and is an invitation to bid only. Therefore, only those persons bidding on timber sales will be allowed to attend this auction. The timber sale will commence at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon.

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. 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 and Grants Pass Daily Courier newspapers on or about March 31st, 2011. 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.

*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. The Form 5430-1, Self Certification Statement, must be completed prior to awarding the contract. The successful bidder will be required to sign SBA Form 723, 'Small Business Certification Required on all Preferential Sales of Set-Aside Timber' at the time he signs the timber sale contract.

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 Grants Pass Interagency Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the Medford District Office as well the Grants Pass 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 <u>prior</u> to use and are subject to certain limitations. Contact the District 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. <u>Individuals</u>

- 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 this sale at the Grants Pass 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.

<u>Prospectus</u>

GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale #OR110-TS 11-07 April 28, 2011 (SQF)

#1. Elk Valley Roadway, Douglas County, O&C, PD

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$7,400.00

All timber designated for cutting in Lot 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1$

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
6,572	476	1,141	Douglas-fir	582	\$121.90	\$70,945.80
291	19	50	Ponderosa Pine	26	**\$23.70	\$616.20
372	20	49	White Fir	24	\$71.30	\$1,711.20
146	5	12	Incense-cedar	6	\$87.00	\$522.00
7,381	520	1,252	Totals	638		\$73,795.20

^{*}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.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Ave. Grants Pass, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

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.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> - The Douglas-fir has been cruised using the 3-P sampling method to select sample trees. Maps showing the location and description of these sample trees are available at the Medford District Office.

The sample trees have been measured, utilizing the VOLT system of measurement, and the volume expanded to a total sale volume.

The volume of all other species in this sale has been derived from individual tree measurements taken during 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 tree is 11.7 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 37 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is

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

approximately 681 M bd. ft; and 94% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 11.8 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 37 bd. ft.)

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u> - All timber sold to the Purchaser under the terms of the contract, except exempted species, is restricted from export under the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

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.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Twenty three (23) right-of-way units containing seventy four (74) acres of roadway clearing.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be twenty four (24) months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via an existing BLM road; via Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-605 with Plum Creek Timberlands, LP.; via Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-700 with Roseburg Resources, Co.; and via Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-868B with Fruit Growers. Among other conditions, agreement M-605 requires payment of a road maintenance and surface replacement fee of \$2,005.67 and completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and Permitee. Among other conditions, agreements M-700 and M-868B require completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and Permitee.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - The Purchaser will be required to maintain all of the roads which he constructs plus 30.55 miles of existing BLM and private roads. BLM will maintain the 32-8-1.01A, 32-8-1.01B1, 32-8-1.01B2, 32-8-1.01C, 33-7-2.00A, and 33-7-2.00C roads. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance fee of \$8,791.07 for the use of these roads. The Purchaser will be required to pay a total maintenance and rockwear fee of \$7,192.70 for the use of roads 31-8-19.00, 31-8-30.00A1, 31-8-30.00A2, 31-8-31.01A1, 31-8-31.01A2, 31-8-31.01B, 31-8-31.02A, 31-8-31.02C, 31-8-31.03, 31-9-21.00B, 31-9-23.00, 31-9-23.02, 31-9-23.03, 31-9-25.00, 31-9-25.01A, 31-9-25.01C, 31-9-25.01E, 31-9-25.02, 31-9-25.03A, 31-9-25.03B, 31-9-25.04, 31-9-25.05, 31-9-26.00B, 31-9-27.00A, 31-9-36.00A, 31-8-1.01D1, and 32-8-4.00.

<u>ROAD CONSTRUCTION</u> – The contract will require the Purchaser to improve 109.77 stations of road. Additional information is available in the timber sale prospectus.

<u>SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION</u> - 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 in all Units (except portions of Units 31-9-23, 31-9-23.1, 31-9-25.4, 32-8-4 as shown on Exhibit A) between October 15th of one calendar year and May 15th of the following calendar year, both days inclusive. Purchaser may request in writing, a conditional waiver of this restriction. If moisture conditions on the road are deemed acceptable and do not result in continuous mud splash or tire slide, fines being pumped through road surfacing from the subgrade, road drainage causing a visible increase in stream turbidities, surface rutting, or any condition that would result in water being chronically routed into tire tracks or away from designed road drainage during precipitation events, Contracting Officer may approve a conditional waiver. If moisture conditions on the road resulting from said conditional waiver are not acceptable as determined by the Authorized Officer, the waiver will be revoked.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS - Ability to fully suspend logs during inhaul. Capable of cutting

and processing trees up to twenty four (24) inches at diameter breast height. Capable of reaching and cutting vegetation up to fifteen (15) feet slope distance from road surface. Ability to masticate vegetation from the edge of the road to the blue mark (cut tree) line or ten (10) feet slope distance, whichever is greater if needed. Ability to grind or remove selected stumps remaining on the road surface.

<u>BIOMASS</u> – The harvest treatments will create approximately eight hundred thirty (830) tons of biomass material. Approximately forty four (44) percent or three hundred seventy (370) tons of this biomass material will come from the tops of trees and be of pulp quality. This biomass material will be sold at a price of \$0.10/ton which added \$0.14 to the stumpage price of the Douglas-fir.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Cut vegetation created from the roadway treatment will be removed as pulp logs and/or dirt-free biomass. Any remaining vegetation will be scattered to a maximum depth of one (1) foot vertical height. Alternatively, other methods may be used to treat vegetation by prior written agreement with the Authorized Officer.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - A revised 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:

- 1. Comply with the Endangered Species Act, or;
- 2. Comply with a court order, or;
- 3. Protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP), or;
- 4. 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.

<u>PERFORMANCE BOND</u> - 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 thirty (30) days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. In the harvest units, all trees designated for cutting which are within fifteen (15) feet of the road shall be felled within the road prism.
- 3. All harvest units shall be treated with the roadway daylighting specifications found in Exhibit C-9 of this contract. The roadway daylighting treatment shall follow the blue mark (cut tree) line within the harvest units or shall extend ten (10) feet slope distance from the edge of the road surface, whichever is greater. Following is a summary of these roadway daylighting specifications: On the roadway running surface and in areas designated as B and D in Exhibit C-6, all vegetation shall be cut to a maximum height of one (1) inch above the ground, and cuts shall be parallel to the ground line or running surface and sharp pointed ends will not be permitted in these areas. In areas designated as C and E of Exhibit C-6, all vegetation shall be cut to a maximum height of twelve (12) inches above the ground.
- 4. Conifer tops and limbs, hardwoods, and brush resulting from daylighting operations shall be removed as pulp logs and/or dirt-free biomass. Any remaining vegetative debris shall be scattered to a maximum depth of one (1) foot vertical height in a discontinuous pattern over fill slopes into the forest stands. No debris will be allowed within roadways, drainage ditches, or within channel bottoms or streams.
- 5. All stumps designated by the Authorized Officer and that would interfere with normal

Motor Patrol Blading within the ditchline and road surface (including turnouts) shall be removed. Stumps seven (7) inches and less shall be removed in such a way as to not cause damage to drainage ditch or road. Stumps larger than seven (7) inches shall be ground down to a minimum of three (3) inches below ground or road surfacing level, unless a prior written agreement is in place with the Authorized Officer.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From I-5 take Glendale Exit 80, proceed down Glendale Valley Road (Hwy. 313) toward Glendale. Turn right onto Azalea-Glen Road, then turn left onto Reuben Road (Hwy. 27). Proceed for 15 miles and take a left onto Cow Creek Road. Follow Cow Creek Road for 0.2 miles and turn left onto West Fork Road, which will become BLM Road #32-8-1.1. All units can be accessed from BLM Road #32-8-1.1.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> - A Categorical Exclusion Review (DOI-BLM-OR-M080-2010-0006-CX) was prepared for this sale, and it was determined that the proposed action is in accordance with the approved land use plan. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

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