

This Advertisement includes:

(Order of Auction)

1. Fortune Branch *SBA Set Aside

Date Mailed:

May 28, 2010

Sale Date:

June 24, 2010

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, June 24, 2010, at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon.

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 and Grants Pass Daily Courier newspapers on or about May 27th, 2010. 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 prior 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. 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 this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

Form 1140-4
(June 1974)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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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.

PROSPECTUS

***SBA SET-ASIDE SALE

GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # OR TS 10-16
June 24, 2010 (SQF)

#1. FORTUNE BRANCH, (5810 HD) Douglas County, O&C BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$2,100.00

All timber designated for cutting in E½SW¼, W½SE¼ Section 17, T.32 S., R.5 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
1,679	94	208	Douglas-fir	114	\$108.40	\$12,357.60
454	72	155	White fir	85	\$72.20	\$6,137.00
252	9	25	Incense-cedar	11	\$192.60	\$2,118.60
55	3	8	Ponderosa pine	4	**\$23.00	\$92.00
2,440	178	396	Totals	214		\$20,705.20

*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 Interagency Office.

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

***This is an SBA Set-Aside timber sale. Bidding is limited to small business concerns as defined by the Small Business Act, §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.

TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION – 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, June 24th, 2010.

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.

CRUISE INFORMATION – All species have been cruised using the 3-P sampling method to sample trees. 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 species in the Progeny Site and the Roadside Trees have 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. Approximately 0 trees which are considered to be nonmerchantable are designated for cutting. Approximately 0% of the sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 11.2 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 40 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is

approximately 230 M bd. ft; and 93% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 10.3 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 37 bd. ft.)

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS - All timber sold to the Purchaser under the terms of the contract, except exempted species, 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.

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.

CUTTING AREA – Two (2) units containing 29 acres of commercial thinning and commercial density management, and roadside trees along BLM road 32-5-17.1.

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

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via an existing BLM road.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - The Purchaser will be required to maintain 0.3 miles of existing BLM road 32-5-17.1. BLM will maintain 1.1 miles of road 32-5-20. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee total of \$201.37 for the use of these roads.

SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION - Pursuant to Section 25 of Form 5450-3, Timber Sale Contract and Section 41subparagraph B(4) of the Special Provisions, all ground based operations are restricted on the contract area between October 15 of one calendar year and May 15 of the following calendar year, both days inclusive. Purchaser may request in writing, a conditional waiver of this restriction. If soil moisture conditions are dry as determined by a soil moisture content of less than twenty (20) percent at a depth of four (4) inches, the Contracting Officer may approve a conditional waiver. If impacts to soil resulting from said conditional waiver are not acceptable as determined by the Authorized Officer, the waiver will be revoked.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS – Yarding tractor will not exceed 9 feet in width, must be capable of bull-lining 75 feet, and must be equipped with an integral arch. A tractor with a minimum 200 flywheel horsepower with mounted rippers having shanks and teeth for ripping requirements.

SLASH DISPOSAL - Slash disposal will consist of 29 acres lop and scatter, and 4 acres of machine piling, covering, and burning of landing piles.

CONTRACT TERMINATION - 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.

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. The metal tree id tags in the Progeny site may need to be pulled prior to cutting trees.
3. Landing size shall not exceed one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) acre. No new landings shall be constructed within one hundred ninety five (195) feet of streams, unless located within the road prism. No expansion of existing landings within seventy five (75) feet of streams.
4. Purchaser shall, prior to October 15 of the same operating season, winterize and rehabilitate landings, skidtrails, and other areas of exposed soil by properly installing and/or using water bars, berms, sediment basins, gravel pads, hay bales, small dense woody debris, seeding and/or mulching, to reduce sediment runoff as directed by the Authorized Officer.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Grants Pass take I-5 North to Barton road, exit #83. Turn left onto Barton road. Turn right onto county road 12 (Azalea-Glen road). Turn left onto Fortune Branch road (BLM road 32-5-20). Proceed 0.7 miles and merge left to stay on BLM road 32-5-20. Travel 0.1 miles to the Fortune Branch sale area.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - An environmental assessment (DOI-BLM-OR-M080-2009-0005-EA) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Medford Interagency Office.