This Advertisement includes:

Date Mailed: September 3, 2008

- 1. Lower Down Salvage **Scale Sale
- 2. Blown A Round Salvage *SBA Set-Aside **Scale Sale
- 3. Windy Salt Salvage *SBA Set-Aside **Scale Sale

Sale Date: September 25, 2008

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/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, September 25, 2008.

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 newspaper on or about September 4, 2008. 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 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.

**SCALE SALES. The estimated volume listed herein, in 16-foot logs, is based on sample plots of the salvage area, comparable stand types, and aerial photos. The estimate of volume is used solely as an administrative aid for determining when payments are due, value of timber subject to any bonding provisions, timber sale appraisal, and other purposes specified in various sections of the contract. Sale volumes will be scaled, graded and determined by a certified third party scaling organization (TPSO) scaler. The scaling rules will be according to the Northwest Log Rules Eastside Log Scaling Handbook, as amended, or supplemented by BLM before the first advertisement date of the sale and as specified in the contract. BLM scale varies significantly from the official log scaling and grading rules used by Columbia River Scaling Bureau and other Bureaus. Payment for timber sold under these contracts will be based on units times the price per measurement unit as shown on Exhibit B together with the terms and conditions listed therein, and may be more or less than the total bid purchase price. For further information see the Timber Sale Prospectus.

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 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. <u>Partnerships or Unincorporated Associations</u>
 - 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. <u>Corporations</u>
 - 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 <u>Rejection of Bids; Waiver of Minor Deficiencies</u>. 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 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 provides that he will not maintain such certification also 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.

SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION REQUIRED ON

ALL PREFERENTIAL SALES OF SET-ASIDE TIMBER

The purchaser certifies, at the time of executing timber sale Contract No. to which this statement is annexed, that in accordance with the Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 121) of the Small Business Administration (SBA):

1. His firm (a) is primarily engaged in the logging or forest products industry; (b) is independently owned and operated; (c) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (d) employs, together with its affiliates, 500 or fewer persons.

2. (a) He agrees not to sell and/or exchange more than 30 percent (50 percent in the case of Alaska) of the timber of log volume from this preferential sale to concerns not meeting SBA's small business size standard. Such timber and log volume comprises logs, bolts and pieces that are suitable for manufacture into lumber dimension and/or veneer and normally appraised as such. Timber and log volume of the preferential sale includes the contract rights, standing and down trees or portions thereof.

(b) Whenever he does sell and/or exchange timber or logs from this preferential sale, records of such transactions will be maintained for a period of three years showing the name, address, and SBA size status (i.e., whether large or small) of each concern to whom the timber or logs were sold or disposed and the species, grades and volumes involved. In the event of such sale or sales, purchaser shall also require other purchasers to maintain similar records for a period of three years (OMB Approval No. 0596-0021). A signed certificate similar to this one will be obtained from each party buying such timber and will be retained for review in event of investigation.

(c) If his concern is purchased by, becomes controlled by, or merged with a large business, so much of such timber and log volume from this preferential sale as is necessary will be sold (not bartered) to one or more small businesses for compliance with the 30 percent (50 percent in the case of Alaska) restriction.

3. He agrees that if he utilizes log volume from this preferential sale in the manufacture of a product, such manufacture will be done with his own facilities or those of another concern that qualifies as a small business.

4. He understands that in addition to other penalties which may be imposed for violating the foregoing, he may be declared ineligible to participate in future Federal timber sales.

Signed

Date

Form 5430-1 (May 1965) (formerly 4 - 1560)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SELF CERTIFICATION CLAUSE BIDDERS STATEMENT							
The bidder represents that he is is not a small business concern as defined by Title 13, Chapter 1,							

Part 121 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

(Date)	(Signature of Bidder)						
Title 18 USC, sec. 1001, makes it a crime for any person know	vingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the						
United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.							
INSTRUCTIONS							
In order to qualify for a set-aside sale, all bidders must	the Self Certification Clause will be immediately returned,						
certify to being a small business concern by submitting an	with the deposit, to the unsuccessful bidders but may be re-						
executed Self Certification Clause.	submitted to qualify for other set-aside sales offered on the same date.						
The date on the Self Certification Clause and the sale date							
must be the same.	The Self Certification Clause submitted by the successful bidder will be retained by the Bureau of Land Manage-						
A Self Certification Clause <i>must</i> accompany the deposit to	ment.						
qualify for each set-aside sale. After a sale award is made,							
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THIS IS A SCALE SALE

BUTTE FALLS AREA JACKSON MASTER UNIT Medford Sale #08-30 September 25, 2008 (NM)

#1. LOWER DOWN SALVAGE (5900) Jackson County, O&C and P.D.

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$52,800.00

All timber designated for cutting in E½SW¼, W½SE¼ Section 13, S½SW¼, SE¼ Section 35, T. 33 S., R. 2 E.; NE¼NE¼ Section 13, NE¼NE¼, E½NW¼, SE¼SE¼ Section 25, T. 34 S., R. 1 E.; Lots 3 and 4, S½NW¼, N½SW¼, N½SE¼ Section 2, Lots 1, 6, and 7, S½NE¼, E½SW¼ Section 3, SW¼SW¼ Section 7, SE¼NE¼, N½SE¼, SE¼SE¼ Section 8, E½NE¼, S½SW¼ Section 9, NW¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼ Section 10, SW¼SW¼ Section 12, NE¼NE¼ Section 14, Lot 4, E½NE¼, NE¼NW¼ Section 15, S½NE¼, N½NW¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼, SE¼SE¼ Section 16, SW¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼ Section 17, Lot 3 Section 18, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, E½SW¼ Section 19, SE¼ Section 29, SW¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼ Section 33, SE¼NE¼, NW¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼ Section 14, Lot 2, 35 S., R. 1 E.; Lots 1 and 3, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Section 3, SE¼SW¼, SW¼SE¼ Section 17, N½NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Section 17, N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, NW¼SE¼ Section 17, N½NE¼, SE¼SE¼ Section 11, NW¼NE¼ Section 12, T. 35 S., R. 1 E.; Lots 1 and 3, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Section 3, SE¼SW¼, SW¼SE¼ Section 17, N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼ Section 19, T. 35 S., R. 2 E., 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	
9,586	3,202	6,234	Douglas-fir	3,932	\$ 102.	10 \$	401,457.20	
3,604	1,285	2,463	White fir	1,571	\$ **32.	70 \$	51,371.70	
635	447	784	Ponderosa pine	547	\$ **31.	20 \$	17,066.40	
240	233	416	Sugar pine	283	\$ **33.	90 \$	9,593.70	
500	173	334	Incense-cedar	212	\$ 225.	40 \$	47,784.80	
14,565	5,340	10,231	Totals	6,545		\$	527,273.80	

*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).

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the Medford Interagency Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> – The timber volumes were based on fixed plots of the salvage area using form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16 foot logs. All of the sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 21 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 132 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 8,204 M bd. ft.; and 80% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 20 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable DF log contains 123 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.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u> - 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.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Fifty-three (53) units containing one thousand one hundred nine (1,109) acres must be salvaged.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be twenty-four (24) months for cutting and removal of timber. If the purchaser of this timber sale contract has one or more existing approved BLM green tree timber sale contracts, 43 CFR § 5473.4(d) authorizes the BLM to grant a contract extension on the approved green tree sales. A request for extension of the green tree timber sale contracts may be submitted to the State Director. The duration of the extension shall not exceed the time necessary to meet the salvage objectives of this sale. The State Director may waive reappraisal for such extensions. 43 CFR § 5473.1 states that: "In order to be considered, written requests for extension shall be delivered to the appropriate BLM office prior to the expiration of the time for cutting and removal".

<u>ACCESS</u> - Access to the sale area is available via a public road through the contract area; an existing BLM road; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Plum Creek; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Coast Range Resources; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-660 with Meriwether; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Indian Hill; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Silver Butte. Among other conditions, these agreements require completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and Permittee.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The Purchaser will be required to maintain 66 miles of existing BLM roads. BLM will maintain 1.49 miles of road(s). The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee of \$0.80/MBF/mile for the use of these roads.

<u>ROAD CONSTRUCTION</u> – The contract will require the Purchaser to construct 46.75 stations and renovate 3,572.97 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 any tractor-type logging equipment when soil moisture content exceeds twenty-five (25) percent by weight as determined by the oven-dry method.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> - A yarding tractor not greater than 9¹/₂ feet in width and equipped with a winch system capable of lining logs at least 75 feet. A tractor equipped with winged-toothed rippers. A skyline yarder capable of one end suspension of logs during in-haul and with a minimum lateral yarding capability of 75 feet while maintaining a fixed position of the carriage during lateral in-haul. A helicopter equipped with a dropline with a minimum length of 150 feet and capable of lifting logs vertically to a height above adjacent trees without horizontal movement.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of lop and scatter in 20 units; hand piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up on 5 units. Additionally, as designated by the Authorized Officer, units would require slashing damaged trees less than 6" in diameter; excavator piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - 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 occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (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 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. Various seasonal restrictions are placed on this sale.
- 3. There is a 44 foot log length restriction of trees over 24" DBH.
- 4. Purchaser is required to designate 120 linear feet of coarse woody debris for retention in 35 units.
- 5. The Government (at its option) may designate additional standing timber for cutting and removal prior to harvest of individual units.
- 6. Directional falling is required.
- 7. Hand Piling must be completed within 8 weeks of notification by BLM in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 8. Excavator piling shall be completed within 30 days of completion of yarding in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 9. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move-in of equipment onto federal lands.
- 10. Designated skid roads are required on tractor units.
- 11. Ripping of tractor skid roads is required in 20 units.
- 12. Dust abatement is required.
- 13. Purchaser should be aware that Logging residue reduction costs listed under SD-5 are in addition to costs assessed under SD-4. Refer to the appraisal for total assessed costs of logging residue reduction.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From White City proceed north on Hwy. 62 approximately 8.25 miles to the Butte Falls Hwy. (821). The Butte Falls Hwy. passes through the center of the sale area. The following main arterial roads lead to the individual units and/or the secondary road systems that access the individual units.

- McNeil Creek Rd. (9.9 miles from the Hwy. 62 junction) McNeil Creek road leads North to BLM road 34-1E-26 which accesses Units 25-2, 25-3, and 25-4. A key will be made available at the Medford Interagency Office to pass through the gate on road 34-1E-26.
- 2. Additional arterial roads include; Cobleigh Road (12.7 miles from the Hwy. 62 jct.), Obenchain Road (13.7 miles from the Hwy. 62 jct.), and the Fredenburg Road which is 0.5 miles up the Prospect Hwy. (County Road 992) from the Butte Falls fish hatchery.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> - An Environmental Assessment (EA-OR115-08-02) was prepared for this sale, and has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Medford Interagency Office.

THIS IS A SCALE SALE ***SBA SET-ASIDE SALE

BUTTE FALLS AREA JACKSON MASTER UNIT Medford Sale #08-32 September 25, 2008 (TG)

#2. BLOWN A ROUND SALVAGE (5900), Jackson County, O&C and P.D.

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$81,900.00

All timber designated for cutting in the S½SE¼ Section 13; NE¼, E½NW¼, SW¼NW¼, S½ Section 15; NE¼, E½SE¼ Section 21; All portions of Section 23; All portions of Section 25; S½NE¼, S½SW¼ Section 26; E½, NW¼, N½SW¼, SE¼SW¼ Section 27; NE¼, SE¼NW¼ Section 29; Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S½NE¼, NW¼NE¼, E½NW¼, NE¼SW¼, N½SE¼ Section 31; Lots 3, 4, E½NE¼, N½SE¼ Section 33; N½, NE¼SW¼, N½SW¼ Section 35, T. 33 S., R. 2 E.; Lots 1, 2, E½NW¼, NE¼SW¼ Section 5, T. 34 S., R. 2 E., 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	
3,761	3,434	5,803	Douglas-fir	4,100	\$	166.60	\$	683,060.00
5,607	1,450	2,863	White fir	1,780	\$	33.70	\$	59,986.00
490	188	378	Incense-cedar	236	\$	242.50	\$	57,230.00
58	167	257	Sugar pine	193	\$	85.70	\$	16,540.10
185	38	71	Ponderosa pine	46	\$	**28.10	\$	1,292.60
10,101	5,277	9,372	Totals	6,355			\$	818,108.70

*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).

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the Medford Interagency Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> – The timber volumes were based on fixed plots and 100% cruises of the salvage area using form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16 foot logs. All of the sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 23.9 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 205 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 8,995 M bd. ft.; and 71% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 29.5 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable DF log contains 307 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.

^{***}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.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u> - 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.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Fifty-seven (57) units containing nine hundred nine (909) acres must be salvaged.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be twenty-four (24) months for cutting and removal of timber. If the purchaser of this timber sale contract has one or more existing approved BLM green tree timber sale contract(s), 43 CFR § 5473.4 (d) authorizes the BLM to grant a contract extension(s) on the approved green tree sale(s). A request for extension(s) of the green tree timber sale contract(s) may be submitted to the State Director. The duration of the extension(s) shall not exceed the time necessary to meet the salvage objectives of this sale. The State Director may waive reappraisal for such extension(s). 43 CFR § 5473.1 states that: "In order to be considered, written requests for extension shall be delivered to the appropriate BLM office prior to the expiration of the time for cutting and removal".

<u>ACCESS</u> - Access to the sale area is available via public roads and through the contract area using existing BLM roads and Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreements M-2000 with Plum Creek, Coast Range, and Silver Butte. Among other conditions, this agreement requires completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and the Permittees.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The purchaser will be required to maintain all the roads which he constructs plus 35 miles of existing BLM and Private roads. BLM will maintain 1.49 miles of road 33-1E-25. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee of \$0.80/mbf/mile, or an estimated total of \$6,245.02 for the use of BLM roads and \$0.55/mbf/mile or an estimated total of \$40,439.32 for the use of Private roads.

<u>ROAD CONSTRUCTION</u> – The contract will require the Purchaser to construct 24 stations and renovate 1,847.99 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 any tractor-type logging equipment when soil moisture content exceeds twenty-five (25) percent by weight as determined by the oven-dry method.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> - A yarding tractor not greater than 9¹/₂ feet in width and equipped with a winch system capable of lining logs at least 75 feet. A tractor equipped with winged-toothed rippers. A skyline yarder capable of one end suspension of logs during in-haul and with a minimum lateral yarding capability of 75 feet while maintaining a fixed position of the carriage during lateral in-haul.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of lop and scatter in 37 units; hand piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up on 4 units. Additionally, as designated by the Authorized Officer, units would require slashing damaged trees less than 6" in diameter; excavator piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - 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 occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (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 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. Various seasonal restrictions are placed on this sale.
- 3. There is a 44 foot log length restriction of trees over 24" DBH.
- 4. Purchaser is required to designate 120 linear feet of coarse woody debris for retention in 40 units.
- 5. The Government (at its option) may designate additional standing timber for cutting and removal prior to harvest of individual units.
- 6. Directional falling is required.
- 7. Hand Piling must be completed within 8 weeks of notification by BLM in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 8. Excavator piling shall be completed within 30 days of completion of yarding in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 9. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move-in of equipment onto federal lands.
- 10. Designated skid roads are required on tractor units.
- 11. Ripping of tractor skid roads is required in 32 units.
- 12. Dust abatement is required.
- 13. Purchaser should be aware that Logging residue reduction costs listed under SD-5 are in addition to costs assessed under SD-4. Refer to the appraisal for total assessed costs of logging residue reduction.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Shady Cove, proceed north on Hwy. 62 approximately 11.0 miles to Laurelhurst cutoff road (approximately 3.3 miles past Casey State Park). Turn right on to Laurelhurst cutoff road and proceed approximately 1.4 miles to the Medco "A" road. Follow the "A" road to the sale area.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> - An Environmental Assessment (EA-OR115-08-02) was prepared for this sale, and has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Medford Interagency Office.

THIS IS A SCALE SALE ***SBA SET-ASIDE SALE

BUTTE FALLS AREA JACKSON MASTER UNIT Medford Sale #08-31 September 25, 2008 (MK)

#3. WINDY SALT SALVAGE (5900), Jackson County, O&C and P.D.

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$89,300.00

All timber designated for cutting in $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$, $W\frac{1}{2}$ Section 27, $E\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29, $E\frac{1}{2}$, $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, $NW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, $S\frac{1}{2}$ Section 11, $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 12, all of Section 13, $NW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 14, $E\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, $N\frac{1}{2}$ Section 25, T. 36 S., R. 2 E.; all of Section 7, $E\frac{1}{2}$ Section 19, $S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 20, all of Section 29, T. 36 S., R. 3 E., 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	
11,836	4,424	8,687	Douglas-fir	5,466	\$ 125.30	\$684,889.80	
5,065	1,874	3,718	White fir	2,330	\$ 36.50	\$85,045.00	
966	1,138	1,897	Ponderosa pine	1,365	\$ 36.80	\$50,232.00	
621	189	391	Incense-cedar	237	\$ 249.70	\$59,178.90	
66	138	216	Sugar pine	160	\$ 81.80	\$13,088.00	
18,554	7,763	14,909	Totals	9,558		\$892,433.70	

*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.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the Medford Interagency Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> – The timber volumes were based on fixed plots and 100% cruise of the salvage area using form class tables for estimating board foot volumes of trees in 16 foot logs. All of the sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 21.5 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 143 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 11,536 M bd. ft.; and 83% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 20.6 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable DF log contains 131 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.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u> - 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.

***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. <u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Sixty-five (65) units containing one thousand five hundred fifty-two (1,552) acres must be salvaged.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be twenty-four (24) months for cutting and removal of timber. If the purchaser of this timber sale contract has one or more existing approved BLM green tree timber sale contracts, 43 CFR § 5473.4(d) authorizes the BLM to grant a contract extension on the approved green tree sales. A request for extension of the green tree timber sale contracts may be submitted to the State Director. The duration of the extension shall not exceed the time necessary to meet the salvage objectives of this sale. The State Director may waive reappraisal for such extensions. 43 CFR § 5473.1 states that: "In order to be considered, written requests for extension shall be delivered to the appropriate BLM office prior to the expiration of the time for cutting and removal".

<u>ACCESS</u> - Access to the sale area is available via public roads and through the contract area using existing BLM roads and Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreements M-2000 with Plum Creek, Indian Hill and M-660 with Meriwether. Among other conditions, these agreements require completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and the Permittees.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The purchaser will be required to maintain all the roads which he constructs plus 35.15 miles of existing BLM and Private roads. BLM will maintain 15.88 miles of roads 36-2E-7 and 36-2E-26. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee of \$0.80/mbf/mile, or an estimated total of \$33,869.96 for the use of BLM roads and \$0.55/mbf/mile or an estimated total of \$1,818.18 for the use of Private roads.

<u>ROAD CONSTRUCTION</u> – The contract will require the Purchaser to construct 3.70 stations and renovate 2,694.39 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 any tractor-type logging equipment when soil moisture content exceeds twenty-five (25) percent by weight as determined by the oven-dry method.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> - A yarding tractor not greater than 9¹/₂ feet in width and equipped with a winch system capable of lining logs at least 75 feet. A tractor equipped with winged-toothed rippers. A skyline yarder capable of one end suspension of logs during in-haul and with a minimum lateral yarding capability of 75 feet while maintaining a fixed position of the carriage during lateral in-haul. A helicopter equipped with a dropline with a minimum length of 150 feet and capable of lifting logs vertically to a height above adjacent trees without horizontal movement.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of lop and scatter in 39 units; hand piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up on 1 unit. Additionally, as designated by the Authorized Officer, units would require slashing damaged trees less than 6" in diameter; excavator piling of slash and brush, covering of piles, burning of piles, and mop-up.

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OTHER -

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- 2. Various seasonal restrictions are placed on this sale.
- 3. There is a 44 foot log length restriction of trees over 24" DBH in all tractor and cable yarding units.
- 4. Purchaser is required to designate 120 linear feet of coarse woody debris for retention in 48 units.
- 5. The Government (at its option) may designate additional standing timber for cutting and removal prior to harvest of individual units.
- 6. Directional falling is required.
- 7. Hand piling must be completed within 8 weeks of notification by BLM in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 8. Excavator piling shall be completed within 30 days of completion of yarding in each unit where piling of slash is required.
- 9. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move-in of equipment onto federal lands.
- 10. Designated skid roads are required on tractor units.
- 11. Ripping of tractor skid roads is required in 22 units.
- 12. Dust abatement is required.
- 13. Purchaser should be aware that logging residue reduction costs listed under SD-5 are in addition to costs assessed under SD-4. Refer to the appraisal for total assessed costs of logging residue reduction.

<u>NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA</u> – From White City proceed east on Hwy. 140 approximately 12.3 miles to the Salt Creek Road (36-2E-7). Turn left and follow this road to the sale area. Salt Creek Road and its spurs pass through the sale area providing access to T. 35 S., R. 2 E., Sections 27, 29, 33, & 35 and T. 36 S., R. 2 E., Sections 1, 2, 3, & 11.

To access the Wasson Canyon portion of the sale area continue on Hwy. 140 for approximately 5.6 more miles to the Wasson Canyon Road (36-2E-36). Turn left and follow this road to access T. 36 S., R. 2 E., Section 25 and T. 36 S., R. 3 E., Sections 9, 20, & 29 of the sale area. Road 36-2E-7 also ties into this road approximately 2 miles from highway 140 providing access to T. 36 S., R. 2 E., Sections 13 & 23 and T. 36 S., R. 3 E., Section 7.

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