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(Order of Auction)

1. Reeves Creek Salvage (\*SSTS Scale Sale)

Sale Date:  
April 23 2015

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](http://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, attached. Written and oral bids will be received by the District Manager, or his representative, at the Bureau of Land Management Interagency Office, Grants Pass, Oregon, telephone (541) 471-6500. The timber sale will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 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 Grants Pass Daily Courier and the Medford Mail Tribune on or about March 26, 2015. 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.

\*FOR SSTS 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.**

**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 5430-11, 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 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, including timber from Federal rights-of-ways, 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 5424 as amended.**

**LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS: Excepting Port-Orford-cedar, all timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from being used as a substitute for exported private timber.**

**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 Medford 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.**

A Categorical Exclusion (DOI-BLM-OR-M070-2015-0003-CX) was prepared for Reeves Creek Hazard, and a Decision Record has been documented for these projects. These documents are available for inspection as background for these sales at the Medford Interagency Office and Grants Pass Interagency Office.



# PROSPECTUS

DxP SCALED SALE

\*\*SSTS Set-Aside

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA  
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # ORM07-TS-15-07  
March 26, 2015 (LS)

#1. Reeves Creek Salvage, Josephine County, O&C

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$2,900.00

All timber designated for cutting S½SE¼ Section 23, T. 38 S., R. 8 W., Willamette Meridian. Timber to be removed is comprised of Merchantable Timber and Other (Biomass) as defined below.

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
947	125	Douglas-fir	154	\$174.00	\$26,796.00
71	14	Sugar pine	17	\$25.50	\$433.50
12	3	Ponderosa pine	3	\$25.50	\$76.50
1	1	Incense-cedar	1	\$129.60	\$129.60
1,031	143	<b>Sub Totals</b>	175		\$27,435.60
<b>Biomass</b>		<b>Species</b>	<b>Est. Tons</b>	<b>Appr. Price Per Ton*</b>	<b>Est. Tons Times Appraised Price</b>
		All Species	250	\$2.80	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL APPRAISED PURCHASE PRICE</b>					<b>\$28,135.60</b>

\*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.

\*\*This is an SSTS Set-Aside timber sale.

**TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION** – The timber auction will be held at the Medford Inter-agency Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

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

CRUISE INFORMATION - The Timber has been cruised using the PCMTRE sampling method to select sample trees.

The sample trees have been measured, utilizing the VOLT system of measurement, and the

volume expanded to a total sale volume.

Maps showing the location and description of these sample trees are available at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

All 175 mbf of the sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 15.7 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 212 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 225 bd. ft.; and 78% recovery is expected. With respect to merchantable DF trees: the average tree is 15.5 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 186 bd. ft.; and 78% recovery is expected.

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS - 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.

CUTTING AREA – One (1) unit containing fifteen (15) acres of mortality salvage.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be twelve (12) 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 all of the roads which he constructs plus 2.01 miles of existing BLM road. The Purchaser will be required to pay a rockwear fee of \$0.49 per MBF per mile for the use of these roads.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION – N/A

SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION - Pursuant to Section 26 of Form 5450-26, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not conduct cable yarding, ground-based yarding, or skid trail and landing rehabilitation in the Timber Sale Unit 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 the inability of a soil sample taken at four (4) to six (6) inches to maintain form when compressed and by the inability of soil moisture at the surface to be readily displaced, causing ribbons and ruts along equipment tracks, 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.

Pursuant to Section 26 of Form 5450-26, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not haul on natural surface or rocked roads in the sale 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 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, surface ribboning, 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 – A cable yarder or yoder capable of spanning three hundred twenty (320) feet slope distance and a carriage that can maintain a fixed position on the skyline during lateral yarding with lateral yarding capability of seventy five (75) feet with one end suspension of logs during inhaul. A yarding tractor that does not exceed nine (9) feet in width; has an integral arch; and must be capable of bull-lining seventy five (75) feet. A bucket-mounted winged ripping device or a minimum two hundred (200) flywheel horsepower tractor with mounted rippers no more than thirty six (36) inches apart and capable of ripping to a depth of eighteen (18) inches will be required for decommissioning skid roads and landings.

SLASH DISPOSAL - Slash disposal within the harvest units will consist of a combination of lop and scatter, yum yarding hardwoods, hand pile and cover, hand pile burn, machine pile and cover landing decks, and landing pile burn as described in SD-5 of the Special Provisions. Hand pile and cover slash located within one hundred (100) feet of roads 38-8-23.3 and 38-8-27.0 where the road coincides with a harvest unit boundary. A post logging assessment shall be conducted to determine treatment needs in all units. The initial appraisal prescribed thirteen (13) acres of lop and scatter, two (2) acres of hand pile and cover hand piles, and four (4) acres of pile, cover, and burn landing piles.

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. 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. All leave trees will be selected by the Purchaser through Designation by Prescription (DxP) criteria as outlined in Exhibit E.
3. Delivered log lengths shall not exceed 41 feet.
4. Hardwoods 8"-16" will need to be yum yarded to landings. See Special Provision L-25M.
5. Sale and removal of biomass from landings will be allowed. See Exhibit B.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Grants Pass, take Redwood Hwy 199S heading towards Cave Junction. Continue past Selma and take a left onto Reeves Creek Road. Go approximately 1.6 miles, then take a left onto the 38-8-27.0 road. The sale area is approximately 1.6 miles down the 38-8-27.0 road.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - An environmental assessment DOI-BLM-OR-M070-2015-0003-CX 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 District Office.