

This Advertisement includes:

Date Mailed:
November 27, 2013

(Order of Auction)

1. Windy Bear Decks ORM07-TS-14-02 (*SSTS Scale Sale)
2. Dad's Decks ORM07-TS-14-03 (*SSTS Scale Sale)
3. Upper Decks ORM07-TS-14-04 (*SSTS Scale Sale)

Sale Date:
December 19, 2013

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, attached. Written and oral bids will be received by the District Manager, or his representative, at the Bureau of Land Management Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Ave. Grants Pass, Oregon, telephone (541) 471-6500. The timber sale will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Ave 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 by close of business December 16, 2013. 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 first published in the Medford Mail Tribune on or about November 28, 2013 and Grants Pass Daily Courier on or about November 29, 2013. 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 5430-30, 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-070-2013-011-CX was prepared for Windy Bear Decks, Dad's Decks, and Upper Decks timber sales and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

PROSPECTUS

****SSTS SCALED-SALE****

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # ORM07-TS-14-02
December 19, 2013 (DC)

#1. Windy Bear Decks, Curry and Josephine Counties, O&C BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$6,600.00

All timber designated for cutting in SE¼SW¼ Section 31., T. 33S. R. 9W., Lot 3 Section 6., T. 34S. R. 9W., Willamette Meridian.

Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
Douglas-fir	192	336.40	\$64,558.80
Incense-cedar	1	242.20	242.20
Western red-cedar	1	394.30	394.30
Western Hemlock	1	245.80	245.80
White Fir	1	245.80	245.80
Ponderosa Pine	1	138.00	138.00
Sugar Pine	1	130.00	130.00
Totals	198		\$65,984.90

*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.

**This is a special salvage timber sale set aside for preferential bidding by small business concerns having 25 or fewer employees, as defined by the Small Business Administration.

TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION – The timber auction will be held at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Ave., Grants Pass, OR, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

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 timber within the timber sale, are based on ocular estimates which must be taken into consideration if comparisons are made with volume predictions based on other standards. Total quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking will be determined by scale.

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 – One (1) unit containing one acre (1). Timber to be removed consists of log decks located in the harvest area. See Exhibit A for details.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 12 months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via public roads to the contract area: from Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on 7th street and continue on to the I-5 freeway North. Take Merlin exit 61 and continue down the off ramp, turn left onto Merlin Road, travel under the freeway and continue on Merlin Road, which will turn into Galice Road at the railroad crossing. Travel Galice Road to (MP 9.5), the junction of Galice Access Road 34-8-36 is on the left. Take the left onto Galice Access Road 34-8-36. Continue on Road 34-8-36 to the junction of Forest Service Road 23 on the left (MP12.30). Stay to the right and continue on Road 34-8-36 until reaching MP 17.32, which is the junction of Long Gulch Road 34-9-21. Take Long Gulch Road 34-9-21 and travel for 6.63 miles and the decked logs are on the right side of the road in a rock quarry.

Any equipment over legal highway load of 40 tons, or 80,000 GVW will require authorization prior to mobilization to cross the Hellgate Bridge at MP 5.8 of the Galice Road and the Galice #2 bridge at MP 2 on the Galice Access Road 34-8-36.

See Exhibit A, Windy Bear Timber Sale Location Map, and Grants Pass Resource Area transportation maps for more detailed information on road locations.

ROAD MAINTENANCE – All maintenance on this sale will be performed by the BLM. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance fee of \$0.65 per MBF for the use of BLM roads shown in Section 42(C)(2), for the use of BLM roads shown in Section 42(C)(1).

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION – This contract will require no purchaser road renovation, road construction, or road decommissioning. Additional information is available in the timber sale prospectus.

SLASH DISPOSAL – Appraised slash disposal consists of machine lop and scatter any debris remaining in landing pile.

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 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. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move in of equipment onto federal lands.
3. Cleaning of equipment and vehicles is required prior to move in onto federal lands. Other measures as necessary to control spread of Port-Orford root disease, 42(D)(10).

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on I-5 to Exit 61 Merlin, Oregon. Turn left onto Merlin-Galice road. Bear left onto Galice road. Travel west 11.4 miles on Galice road. Turn left onto Bear Camp road (BLM 34-8-36). Travel west on Bear Camp road approximately 7.5 miles. Bear right on BLM 34-8-36 at the dead end sign. Follow BLM 34-8-36 to BLM 34-9-21. Turn left on BLM 34-9-21. Follow BLM 34-9-21 to the sale area.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – A categorical exclusion DOI- BLM-OR-070-2013-011-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 Interagency Office.

PROSPECTUS

SSTS SCALED-SALE

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # ORM07-TS-14-03
December 19, 2013 (DC)

#1. Dad's Decks, Douglas County, O&C

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$1,300.00

All timber designated for cutting in E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9., NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15., NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21., T. 32S. R. 7W., Willamette Meridian.

Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
Douglas-fir	36	\$139.21	\$11,944.80
Sugar Pine	1	\$140.20	\$140.20
Ponderosa Pine	1	\$147.70	\$147.70
Incense-cedar	1	\$257.20	\$257.20
White Fir	1	\$252.60	\$252.60
Totals	40		\$12,742.50

*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.

**This is a special salvage timber sale set aside for preferential bidding by small business concerns having 25 or fewer employees, as defined by the Small Business Administration.

TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION – The timber auction will be held at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Ave., Grants Pass, OR, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

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 timber within the timber sale, are based on ocular estimates which must be taken into consideration if comparisons are made with volume predictions based on other standards. Total quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking will be determined by scale.

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 – This sale consists of an area of approximately eleven (11) acres in eleven (11) separate areas. Timber to be removed consists of log decks located in the harvest area. See Exhibit A for details.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 12 months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via public roads to the contract area: from Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on 7th Street and continue onto the I-5 freeway North. Take Glendale exit 80 and continue down the off ramp. Turn left onto Glendale Valley Road towards Glendale, which is approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Pacific Avenue, then left on Mt. Reuben Road approximately 5 miles, to Cow Creek Road 33-7-2. Travel Cow Creek Road 4.36 miles to the junction of BLM road 32-7-21 Dad's Creek road. Turn onto Dad's Creek road and follow to the beginning of the decks. Continue on Cow Creek road to MP 5.08 to the junction of BLM road 32-7-20.1 Susan Creek road. Take Susan Creek road to the beginning of the decks.

See Exhibit A, Dad's Decks Timber Sale Location Map, and Grants Pass Resource Area transportation maps for more detailed information on road locations.

ROAD MAINTENANCE – All maintenance on this sale will be performed by the BLM. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance fee of \$0.65 per MBF for the use of BLM roads on BST surfaces and a maintenance fee of \$1.13 per MBF for the use of BLM roads on all rocked surfaces shown in Section 42(C)(3).

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION – This contract will require no Purchaser road renovation, road construction, or road decommissioning. Additional information is available in the timber sale prospectus.

SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION - Pursuant to Section 26 of Form 5450-4, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not conduct any haul on natural surface and rocked roads 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 the Authorized Officer determines that hauling would not result in road damage or the transport of sediment to nearby stream channels based on soil moisture conditions or rain events, Contracting Officer may approve a conditional waiver for hauling. If soil moisture conditions or rain events are anticipated to cause impacts to roads or stream water quality resulting from said conditional waiver are not acceptable as determined by the Authorized Officer, the waiver will be revoked.

SLASH DISPOSAL – Appraised slash disposal consists of three (3) acres of hand and/or machine pile, cover, and burn and six (6) acres of lop and scatter.

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 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. Seasonal operating constraints. (See Special Provisions L-18, L-18a).
3. Slash treatment concurrent with logging.
4. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move in of equipment onto federal lands.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on I-5 to Exit 80 Glendale, Oregon. Turn left onto Glendale Valley road. Turn right onto Azalea-Glen road. Turn left onto County road 27 (Cow Creek/ North Reuben road). Travel west on county road 27 for approximately 9 miles. Turn right onto Dad's creek road (BLM 32-7-21) to reach deck number 15. To locate the rest of the decks see Exhibit A.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - A categorical exclusion DOI- BLM-OR-070-2013-011-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 Interagency Office.

PROSPECTUS

SSTS SCALED-SALE

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale # ORM07-TS-14-04
December 19, 2013 (DC)

#1. Upper Decks, Douglas, Josephine and Curry Counties, O&C BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$4,300.00

All timber designated for cutting in SW¼SE¼ Section 29., NW¼NE¼ Section 35., T. 32S. R. 8W., NW¼SE¼ Section 13., NE¼NW¼ Section 24., NE¼NE¼ Section 33., T. 32S. R. 9W., SW¼SW¼, SW¼SE¼ Section 2., Lot 3 Section 3., SE¼NW¼ Section 4., NW¼SW¼ Section 5., NW¼SW¼ Section 13., S½NE¼, NW¼SE¼ Section 17., E½NE¼ Section 20., E½NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Section 23., Lot 2, NW¼NW¼ Section 25., T. 33S. R. 8W., Willamette Meridian.

Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
Douglas-fir	153	\$275.20	\$42,105.60
Incense-cedar	1	\$186.40	\$186.40
Sugar Pine	1	\$70.30	\$70.30
Ponderosa Pine	1	\$78.40	\$78.40
Western hemlock	1	\$185.60	\$185.60
White Fir	1	\$185.60	\$185.60
Totals	158		\$42,811.90

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CRUISE INFORMATION - All timber within the timber sale, are based on ocular estimates which must be taken into consideration if comparisons are made with volume predictions based on other standards. Total quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking will be determined by scale.

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.

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CUTTING AREA – This sale consists of an area of approximately seventeen (17) acres in seventeen (17) separate areas. Timber to be removed consists of log decks located in the harvest area. See Exhibit A for details.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 12 months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via public roads to the contract area: from Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on 7th street and continue on to the I-5 freeway North, take exit 80 Glendale and continue down the off ramp, turn left onto Glendale Valley Road toward Glendale approximately 3 miles, turn right onto Pacific Avenue, then left on Mt Reuben Road approximately 5 miles, to Cow Creek Road 33-7-2, access to log decks continues via existing BLM roads as shown on Exhibit A Maps.

Access to other decks on this sale are accessed via I-5 freeway exit 71 Sunny Valley, turn right onto Lariat Drive, turn left on Leland Road, and right on Lower Graves Creek road, stay left on Lower Graves Creek road to the junction of BLM road 34-8-1 Mt Reuben Road, access to log decks continues via existing BLM roads as shown on Exhibit A Maps.

See Exhibit A, Upper Decks Timber Sale Location Map, and Grants Pass Resource Area transportation maps for more detailed information on roads locations.

ROAD MAINTENANCE – All maintenance on this sale will be performed by the BLM. The Purchaser will be required pay a maintenance fee of \$0.65 per MBF for the use of BLM roads on BST surfaces, a maintenance fee of \$1.13 per MBF for the use of BLM roads on all rocked surfaces, and a maintenance fee of \$0.62 per MBF for the use of BLM roads on natural surface, as shown in Section 42(C)(1).

SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION - Pursuant to Section 26 of Form 5450-4, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not conduct any haul on natural surface and rocked roads 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 the Authorized Officer determines that hauling would not result in road damage or the transport of sediment to nearby stream channels based on soil moisture conditions or rain events, Contracting Officer may approve a conditional waiver for hauling. If soil moisture conditions or rain events are anticipated to cause impacts to roads or stream water quality resulting from said conditional waiver are not acceptable as determined by the Authorized Officer, the waiver will be revoked.

SLASH DISPOSAL – Appraised slash disposal consists of twelve (12) acres of hand/machine pile, cover, and burn and one (1) acre of lop and scatter.

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 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. Seasonal operating constraints. (L-18).
3. Slash treatment concurrent with logging.
4. Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move in of equipment onto federal lands.
5. Cleaning of equipment and vehicles is required prior to move in onto federal lands that will be using BLM Road # 34-8-1. Other measures as necessary to control spread of Port-Orford root disease, 42(D)(10).

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – Access to the sale area is available via public roads to the contract area: from Grants Pass, Oregon travel North on 7th street and continue on to the I-5 freeway North, take exit 80 Glendale and continue down the off ramp, turn left onto Glendale Valley Road toward Glendale approximately 3 miles, turn right onto Pacific Avenue, then left on Mt Reuben Road approximately 5 miles, to Cow Creek Road 33-7-2, access to log decks continues via existing BLM roads as shown on Exhibit A Maps.

Access to other decks on this sale are accessed via I-5 freeway exit 71 Sunny Valley, turn right onto Lariat Drive, turn left on Leland Road, and right on Lower Graves Creek road, stay left on Lower Graves Creek road to the junction of BLM road 34-8-1 Mt Reuben Road, access to log decks continues via existing BLM roads as shown on Exhibit A Maps.

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