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## BLM SELLS TIMBER IN BENTON AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES

*Salem, Ore* -- Approximately 11,898 thousand board feet (MBF) of timber was offered for sale at oral auction by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District on Wednesday, August 24. Two of the three timber sales offered were sold for a total of \$2,776,966.

The Trigger Finger Timber Sale of 3,592 MBF, located in Columbia County, was purchased by Boise-Cascade for \$1,159,547.60. The timber was appraised at \$833,409.60. There were 3 other bidders on the parcel.

The Buck Roberts Timber Sale of 7,254 MBF, located in Benton County, was purchased by Interfor-Pacific for \$1,617,418.20. The timber was appraised at \$1,066,313.80. There were 6 other bidders on the parcel.

There were no bidders on the 1,052 MBF Cruiser Fly Timber Sale in Tillamook County.

*About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.*

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