This Advertisement Includes: Parcel 1 – Laurel Mountain

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Northwest Oregon District Office 1717 Fabry Road, S.E. Salem, Oregon 97306

Date: May 29, 2019

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, in the timber sale room at the Northwest Oregon District Office, 1717 Fabry Road, S.E., Salem, Oregon. Written bids and deposits will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the timber sale oral auction will commence at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

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 decision document was published on February 20, 2019 in the Itemizer Observer.

A CATERGORICAL EXCLUSION was prepared for this timber sale tract. This document is available for inspection as background for this timber sale contract at the Northwest Oregon District Office.

A WRITTEN BID on Form 5440-9 at not less than the advertised appraised price on a unit basis per species and the required minimum bid deposit shall be required to participate in oral bidding.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, as a condition of award, will be required to sign Form 5430-011, Independent Price Determination, which is 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. Form 5450-17, Export Determination, must be completed by the successful bidder. To expedite procedure, this form should be completed and submitted with the written bid.

THE VOLUMES LISTED herein are estimates only. The sale volumes listed are 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 advertised appraised price. The Purchaser shall be liable for the total purchase price, without regard to the amount bid per unit, even though the quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking is more or less than the estimated volume or quantity so listed.

THIS TIMBER SALE has been cruised based upon Eastside Scribner board foot measure. The minimum bid figures shown by species are dollars per thousand board feet (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

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. 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 SBA 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 SBA and may be contingent on availability of funds. Applicants for such loans shall notify BLM of their intention to apply for a loan.

PRE-AWARD QUALIFICATIONS. The high 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 fifteen (15) 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.

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 5420, 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. 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.

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 to prevent incidental take of northern spotted owls in accordance with management direction in the Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP), 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 or management direction established in the ROD and RMP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning each timber sale tract described herein is available at the above District Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the District Office. The prospectus for this sale is also available online at: https://www.blm.gov/or/resources/forests/index.php. The prospectus includes maps and tables that cannot be made Section 508 compliant. For help with its data or information, please contact the Northwest Oregon District Office at 503-375-5646.

TIMBER SALE NOTICE

SALE DATE: June 26, 2019

NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT MARYS PEAK FIELD OFFICE ALSEA-RICKREALL MASTER UNIT

CONTRACT NO. ORN02-TS-2019.0201, LAUREL MOUNTAIN

POLK COUNTY, OREGON: O&C: ORAL AUCTION: BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$16,100.00

All timber designated for cutting on SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4; Section 29, T.7S., R.7 W., W.M.

THIS TIMBER SALE HAS BEEN CRUISED BASED UPON EASTSIDE SCRIBNER MEASURE.

Minimum bid figures shown by species are dollars per thousand board feet (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

Approx. No.	Est. Vol.		Est. Vol.	Appraised	Estimated
Merchantable	MBF		MBF	Price	Volume Times
Trees	32' Log	Species	16' Log	Per MBF	Appraised Price
8,992	501	western hemlock	592	\$94.50	\$55,944.00
4,661	370	noble fir	458	\$99.70	\$45,662.60
2,973	271	Douglas-fir	333	\$176.10	\$58,641.30
16,626	1142	Totals	1,383		\$160,247.90

<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 also prohibited from substitution of exported private timber.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u>: The timber volumes were based on 3P cruise method in the Partial Cut Areas, 100% cruise in the Right-of-way areas and in the Salvage areas for estimated board foot volumes of trees in 16-foot logs. Approximately 5% of the total sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all species; the average tree is 11.3 inches DBHOB; the average log contains 34 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 1,490 MBF; and 93% recovery is expected.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u>: Two units totaling approximately 65 acres shall be partial cut and approximately 4 acres of Right-of-Way shall be cut. Acres shown on Exhibit A have been computed using a Trimble R1 Global Positioning System receiver. Acreage was calculated based on Global Positioning System traverse procedures including differential correction.

<u>DURATION OF CONTRACT</u>: Will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber.

<u>LOCATION</u>: The Laurel Mountain Timber Sale is located approximately 7 air miles northwest of Falls City, Oregon. From the Black Rock mainline, turn right at approximately the 8.5 mile marker onto BLM road 8-7-6.2. Drive approximately ³/₄ of a mile and turn right onto BLM road 7-7-31. See general vicinity map and Exhibit E for details.

*NOTE: Access to the sale is through locked gates. Prospective bidders may obtain a Y16 key from Andy Frazier (503) 315-5979.