

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Coeur d'Alene District
Coeur d'Alene Field Office
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

TIMBER SALE NOTICE AND PROSPECTUS

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer for sale BLM timber as described below.

This prospectus does not contain all contract provisions and exhibits. Contract items listed below are a summary only of certain contract provisions and do not contain the exact wording as shown in the contract. A copy of the timber sale contract, along with all exhibits, is available for inspection upon request by calling (208) 769-5028. All bidders should inspect these documents prior to bidding on this sale.

The Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale timber as described below. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this supplement.

Sale Name: BLUE CREEK EAST TIMBER SALE

Contract Number: IDC01-TS-2020.0001

Notice Date: August 18, 2020

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- 1. DATE, PLACE AND TYPE OF SALE:** Sealed bids will be opened at the Bureau of Land Management's Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on **September 16th**. Bids will **ONLY** be accepted by MAIL and must be received by 10:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at the designated location on or prior to the advertised bid open date. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to ensure that the BLM has received their bid on or before bid opening. BLM is not responsible for bids that have not been received by the time of bid opening. The high bidder will be notified by phone and mail.

To qualify for sealed bidding, the bidder must submit a bid in a sealed envelope that includes:

- A. Two (2) copies of the bid written on Deposit and Bid for Timber/Vegetative Resource (Form 5440-9) available online or at the Coeur d'Alene Field Office. No bids for less than the advertised appraised price on a price per product or species and total price will be considered.
- B. **Appraised sale price is \$257,932.73.** The required minimum bid deposit of twenty-five thousand eight hundred dollars (**\$25,800.00**) shall be required. Bid deposit must be in the form of cash, bid bond, money order, bank draft, cashier's or certified check. (Personal checks will not be accepted.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BLM

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked that it is a "Bid for Timber", together with the identifying sale name Blue Creek East Timber Sale and contract number IDC01-TS-2020.0001.

Bidding will be restricted to those persons complying with Instructions to Bidders (Form No. 5440-9).

The unsuccessful bidder(s) bid deposit and bid form will be returned within ten calendar days of the bid opening date.

All timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber.

2. LOCATION OF TIMBER: Kootenai County, Idaho. Boise Meridian, T. 49 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 1, lots 1, 2, 5, and 6; T. 49 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 6 lot 4; T. 50 N., R. 2 W., section 31, W2NESW, SESW, and lots 5 thru 8; and T. 50 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 35 lot 4. Approximately 11 miles east of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. See attached timber sale location map, Exhibit A & C. The total contract area is 295 acres. Slopes range from 0 to 60+%. Average elevations range from 2,140 feet to 3,800 feet. The project area is located within the Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area at Blue Creek Bay. This is a popular recreation area and sale area will be utilizing a network of old logging roads/skid trails, many of which have been converted into the current trail system.

3. CUTTING AND YARDING:

- Approximately 85 percent (250 acres) will require ground-based tractor system. Approximately 15 percent (45 acres) will require an off-road Jammer (short cable) system.
- The timber harvest boundary is designated with orange paint and Timber Cutting Boundary Posters and/or by county roads.
- Trees that meet the utilization standards are designated by description (DxD).
- All trees seven (7) inches and greater in D.B.H. marked for reserve with orange and/or red paint, are reserved from cutting.
- Whole tree yarding to a loading point with merchantable products removed as described in Exhibit B, II. All species 7.5 inches in D.B.H. and larger, and mandatory biomass/pulp removal minimum is five (5) inches in D.B.H.
- All existing downed wood in decay classes 4 and 5 are reserved from harvesting. No "snapped off" leave tree timber inside the logging unit may be severed unless determined to be a safety hazard.
- "Snapped off" leave tree timber inside the logging unit may not be severed.

4. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT: The volumes listed are estimates only. Volume has been determined by individual tree measurement from a sample cruise conducted in 2015.

THIS IS A SCALE SALE

All loads presented for weight scaling shall be weighed on scales currently certified by the State in which weighed. Each load shall be weighed as a single unit with the gross and tare weights stamped and recorded by an automatic recording device on the scales. The timber volume by weight measurement shall be paid to the Government at the prices per measurement unit as set forth in Exhibit B. Sale Statistics are attached.

5. TIMBER TYPE, ESTIMATED VOLUME, AND APPRAISED VALUES:

PRODUCT	VOLUME (TONS)	STUMPAGE (\$/TON)	CONTRIBUTED FUNDS (\$/TON)	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BLM (\$/TON)
All Species	14,440	\$17.45		\$17.45
Pulp/Other Products		\$2.00	\$0	\$2.00

6. DURATION OF CONTRACT:

Duration of the contract will be twenty (24) months for cutting and removal of timber. Extensions will not ordinarily be granted. The contract will contain special stipulations regarding logging, road construction/renovation, road use and maintenance, fire prevention, log export and substitution, cultural resource protection, and sensitive, threatened, or endangered plants or animals.

7. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS:

The number of installment payments required to be paid at any one time will be determined by the BLM. Installments will not be less than ten (10) percent of the total purchase price.

8. BONDS: See Form 5440-9, Deposit and Bid for Timber, Items 7, 10 and 11 for information on bid deposit and bonds. A performance bond in an amount not less than twenty (20) percent of the total contract purchase price will be required. In addition to the basic performance bond required for the purchase of timber, this basic performance bond will be increased to cover weed control.

9. ACCESS: The project can be accessed from Coeur d’Alene by travel on Interstate 90 and county maintained roads. From Coeur d’Alene (I-90) travel to East Mullan Trail (Exit 17). Turn left onto E. Mullan Trail Road for 1.7 miles; turn left onto E. Sunnyside Road 2.4 miles; slight left onto E. Yellowstone Trail approximately 1.1 miles.

The main haul roads will be E. Yellowstone Road and E. Sunnyside Road due to poor road conditions near Wolf Lodge Exit 22 on E. Yellowstone Road.

10. SLASH DISPOSAL: Whole tree yarding to approved landing(s) and roadsides shall be required throughout the unit.

Purchaser responsibilities: (Appraisal allowance to perform work)

- For a distance of 200 feet from the perimeter of each landing, all logs more than six (6) inches diameter at the large end and longer than eight (8) feet in length shall be decked or windrowed at the location designated by the Authorized Officer except logs removed from the contract area. If a log or a piece of a log meeting or exceeding the above specifications is bucked all portions of that log shall be yarded and decked at the above described location. In areas where the residual slash is less than fifteen (15) tons per acre, a lop and scatter approach will be incorporated.
- Grapple piling shall be required within 100 feet of roadsides and shall be piled in piles no larger than 15’ X 15’ in size.

- Post-harvest. In areas with large concentrations of small diameter non-merchantable trees (approximately 45 acres), the reduction of live standing trees greater than 2 feet in height but not over 7 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) shall be masticated to favor the best leave trees with crowns greater than 40% and with good form, using a 16-20 foot spacing. Stumps and stobs created will be less than 6 inches in height. Trees favored would include ponderosa pine, western larch, and western white pine. All hardwoods and brush shall be exempt from mastication.

- 11. WEED CONTROL:** To prevent the potential for introduction of noxious weeds to the contract area, the Purchaser shall, prior to moving in motorized equipment to be used in logging and road renovation operations, clean all such equipment to remove all dirt, plant parts and materials that may carry noxious weed seeds. All equipment shall be inspected by the Authorized Officer prior to moving said equipment to the contract area. All constructed, renovated, disturbed roads and landing areas within the timber sale unit will be seeded with Moisture Control seed mix or similar mix.

The Purchaser will also be required to pay five thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars (**\$5,970**) of contributed funds for noxious weed control. Note: That the amount of contributed monies is included in the total amount bid for timber (an allowance has been made in the appraisal for this fee).

- 12. ROAD RENOVATION:** Road renovation, opening and maintenance for hauling will be required on approximately 3.2 miles of existing road. Approximately 200 feet of new construction and culvert installation shall be required for the Yellowstone Trail approach in order to provide adequate swing for log trucks. The Purchaser will also be required to apply 300 cubic yards of 3" minus base material at the approach off Yellowstone Trail prior to logging activities. The Purchaser will be required to work with the Eastside Highway district on seasonal dust abatement control, this could include the application of Magnesium Chloride on approximately 2 miles of county road(s) (E. Yellowstone Rd/Sunnyside Rd) shown on Exhibit C.

13. SPECIAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

The contract will contain special provisions regarding logging practices, erosion control, slash disposal, fire protection and road construction. Bidders should take note of the following items that are part of the contract. The exact clauses as they will appear in the contract may be reviewed at the Coeur d'Alene Field Office.

Prior to the commencement of operations, the Purchaser shall provide a written operations and logging plan which shall be approved prior to operations. A pre-work conference will be required.

- A. The Purchaser shall purchase and install one new 16' gates and will be required to remove one gate. All gates shall be closed at the end of each operational period. Detailed locations and gate specifications are described in Exhibit C.
- B. The purchaser shall purchase and apply the following aggregate products: 300 cubic yards of pit-run rock (3" minus) to the landing area to the approach of Yellowstone Trail Road identified on Exhibit C.
- C. The purchaser shall purchase and install a 40' x 18" culvert pipe as shown on road specifications map (Exhibit C).
- D. All landing piles will be no greater than thirty feet wide by thirty feet tall (30' x 30') without

prior approval from the Authorized Officer.

- E. All pulp products (meeting **other products** merchantability specifications as described in Exhibit B) yarded to and processed on landings/ roadsides will require **mandatory removal** from the contract area.
- F. The use of Feller Bunchers is permitted on slopes up to 45%. Forwarders are permitted in the areas designated for Tractor Skidding.
- G. Trees harvested within fifty (50) feet of the main haul road will be severed at ground level to reduce the impacts of stumps following logging operations.
- H. Immediately following the conclusion of harvest activities, the Purchaser shall be responsible for rehabilitation of haul roads shown in Exhibit C.
- I. No trees may be felled into the power line corridor designated on Exhibit A. Lines or cables shall be attached to all trees within one hundred (100) feet of the power line corridor prior to felling, and such trees shall be pulled away from the power line corridor during felling. Avista Utilities can be available, upon written request, for felling operations which include but are not limited to removal of hazard trees within close proximity to existing powerlines located within or adjacent to the sale. (See Exhibit E).
- J. No log decking and/or loading log trucks below transmission lines.
- K. The Purchaser shall be required to call 811 prior to skidding across utility corridors.
- L. All trees designated for cutting which are within one hundred (100) feet of the unit boundary shall be felled away from, and perpendicular to, the unit boundary. Directional felling is required away from roads, property lines, posted boundaries, orange-painted reserve trees, stream channels, and snags.
- M. All trees, except those reserved, shall be felled insofar as topography and lean permit, diagonally towards or away from marked centerline of skid trails.
- N. To reduce adverse impacts to migratory bird species, vegetation cutting and piling will not occur between April 1st and July 15th.
- O. Snags that are felled for safety reasons shall be left on-site regardless of decay class.
- P. Logging activities will cease within the vicinity of any raptor nests that are found by loggers and reported to the Authorized Officer. Nest will be buffered and no activity will be permitted within the buffer until after the nesting attempt is complete. Additional information can be found in Section 42.G.5.
- Q. An emphasis will be placed on retaining approximately (4) standing dead trees (snags) greater than or equal to (14) inches in diameter at breast height per acre, except those snags that must be felled to permit safe working operations. Snags may be left as individuals scattered throughout the harvest unit or left in unharvested patches of varying sizes within units.
- R. Road building and logging equipment will be washed prior to moving into the Contract Area to minimize the spread of noxious weeds.

- S. The purchaser shall purchase and apply to roads and skid trails areas, approximately 1600 pounds of grass seed containing a mixture similar to the Erosion Control Mix or Dry Stie Mix available at Pineview Horticultural Services, Plants of the Wild and/or other supplier.
- T. Areas of resource concern are buffered and are identified with orange flagging and paint.
- U. All Pacific yew and hardwood trees other than red alder are reserved from cutting, except within road right-of-ways.
- V. The Purchaser will be responsible for any damage to existing infrastructure (utility boxes, benches, kiosks, vault toilets, etc.) created by logging operations.
- W. The Purchaser shall post warning signs regarding hauling and logging operations along roads and at access road junctions and at other locations requested by the Authorized Officer.