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Sale Date

Darlene Fire Salvage
Name of Sale

DARLENE FIRE SALVAGE TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer for sale timber as described below for SEALED BID pursuant to instructions to bidders on reverse side of DEPOSIT AND BID FOR VEGETATIVE RESOURCE (lump sum sale and suitable for use on **weighed/scaled sales**) form 54409, attached. SEALED BIDS will be received by the Field Office Manager or his representative until 4:30 p.m., on Friday, November 19th at the Deschutes Field Office, 3050 NE 3rd Street., Prineville, OR 97754. Sealed bids will be opened on Monday, November 22nd at the Deschutes Field Office. Information on bidding may be obtained after 2 p.m. The high bidder will be notified by phone and mail.

DARLENE FIRE SALVAGE TIMBER SALE: IN DESCHUTES COUNTY; OREGON; PUBLIC DOMAIN PUBLIC LAND; SEALED BIDS: Minimum Bid deposit required is \$3,200, (representing a approximately 10% of the appraised value). All timber designated for cutting within portions of T. 22 S., R. 10 E., Sections 24, 25, and within portions of T. 22 S., R. 11 E., Section 30. Sale estimate is 586 MBF of ponderosa pine sawlogs, which will be **scaled** and paid for on a bi-weekly basis. In addition, 500 tons of biomass (non-sawlog material, firewood, post and pole) will be sold **LUMP SUM** for no less than \$1.00 per ton. The duration of this sale for removal of timber is **12 months**.

General Bid information: The project area is located on Public Lands in Deschutes County, a approximately 3 miles southeast of La Pine, OR. The project is located within the Darlene Fire burn scar, which started on BLM land on July 13th, 2021.

The government has not done a formal economic appraisal to determine stumpage values. Prospective purchasers are urged to make their own appraisals. **A tour of the sale area is not scheduled.** All prospective bidders are encouraged to visit the contract area and look at the harvest unit prior to bidding. Questions regarding access can be directed to BLM Forester Austin Tschida prior to visiting the contract area. He can be reached at both 541-416-6700 and 458-231-3575.

Two hundred twenty-seven (227) acres will be contractually required for harvesting with the unit being conventional tractor.

Unit	Acreage	Net Volume for Sawtimber (MBF)	Gross Volume for Biomass (tons)	Type of Harvest Method
Unit 1	227	586	500	Tractor

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

The following information pertains to merchantable trees: Timber volumes were based upon the PCMTRE method with a 20 BAF. A 19.67% sampling error was achieved. The ponderosa pine tree quadratic mean diameter is 18.3" DBH. The ponderosa pine has been cruised to a 9" top diameter.

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Product	Estimated Total Quantity (MBF sawlog) (ton biomass)	Minimum Unit Price	Total Minimum Price
Ponderosa pine sawtimber (per unit bid item)	586 MBF Net volume	\$54/MBF	\$31,644
Biomass all species (lump sum bid item)	500 Tons Net volume	\$1.00/Green Ton	\$500
Total	586 MBF Sawtimber 500 Tons Biomass	—	\$32,144

The volume listed above is an estimate and is not guaranteed. Cruise information is on file and available for inspection at the BLM, Deschutes Field Office. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale to make their own estimates. No sale shall be made for less than the total appraised price.

This sale is being sold based on the scaled volume for sawlogs and lump sum for biomass. Minimum price and bid price are on a per MBF basis for sawlogs and per ton basis for biomass. **Bids should only include one line item for each product.** Price may vary by product. Billing will be based on net MBF and gross weight for biomass. A scale report from a certified third-party scaling bureau is required for each load of sawlogs hauled. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for each load hauled of biomass.

Day-to-day access to the sale area is via Finely Butte Road and then south on Darlene Way for approx. 1.4 miles followed by a turn east at the 4-way intersection. The sale area is located approx. 0.2 miles down the unnamed road once you reach the fire perimeter. Access is through county and BLM roads.

The Purchaser will submit a "Plan of Operations" for approval prior to beginning operations. The plan shall include (but not be limited to) a logging plan and measures needed to assure protection of the environment, watershed, structures, and mitigation of safety hazards in the area.

A final blading of the 2.7 the BLM roads used during hauling will be required following contract completion and was factored into the appraisal. In addition, any improvements (roads, culverts, drainage features, and fences) will be required to be in as good, if not better shape than they were prior to contract implementation.

The location of temporary roads may be adjusted at the time of contract implementation. However, distances should not vary by more than 1/10th of a mile and all ground is on slopes of less than 20%. This will allow the Purchaser to have input into locations to improve efficiency.

Notable Contract Provisions:

The BLM contract contains many special provisions including, but not limited to the following:

1. The operating seasons are as follows:
 - a. The authorized operating seasons for the beginning of the timber sale are **November through December 31st** with **special provisions** for the month of **December**. Operations may occur until December 31st unless there is a snow event resulting in ≥ 24 " of snow. If this occurs, activities will pause to reduce stress to wintering elk until snow levels recede to ≤ 12 ", unless a waiver is requested and granted by an authorizing official. If additional work is needed after December 31st, an exception request must be approved by an authorizing official before work continues. In this case, exception requests can only be granted for 7-14 days at a time, pending BLM monitoring of habitat conditions and condition of elk (if applicable). If work is needed to continue on the back end of the elk winter range stipulation period (March/April), exception requests can be requested and must be approved by an authorizing official. These can only be granted for 7-14 days at a time, pending BLM monitoring of habitat conditions and condition of elk (if applicable).

May 1st through November 30th operations may resume without the need for exception requests and no operations will be allowed the following December 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023.

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Exception requests are intended to be utilized for the expedited facilitation of commercial saw log removal and are **not guaranteed**.

2. Contract activity will be restricted to periods of dry, frozen or snow-covered ground. Woods operations are prohibited during wet periods that would result in damage to soils.
3. Skid trails and landing locations will be designated by the Purchaser and approved by the Authorized Officer prior to use.
4. All heavy equipment and any other off-road equipment with the exception of log trucks and personal vehicles shall be power washed to reduce the potential for transporting noxious/invasive weeds.
5. Prior to contract termination all skid trails, landings, **temporary roads/trails** will be reclaimed/rehabilitated after use to the standards described (below).
 - a. Pull fill material including stumps and other woody debris back onto road prism and coarsely spread to meet the top of the cut;
 - b. All berms removed;
 - c. Travel way/landing may be ripped/scarified;
 - d. Woody debris and other native vegetation mixed into the soil and spread within the original travel way;
 - e. Water diversions as designated
6. The contract will require the purchaser to reconstruct approximately 1.2 miles of existing roads and trails. **However, most road reconstruction can be accomplished during normal logging operations.** Most of the road reconstruction could be accomplished by simple brushing and removal of small trees that have grown into existing roads.
7. Final road maintenance on all existing roads authorized for use under the terms of this contract will be required to be done with a motor patrol grader following completion of logging.
8. Prior to contract **approval** a performance bond in the amount of the 20 percent of the total purchase price (rounded up to the nearest \$100) along with a first installment of not less than 10% of the purchase price (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000) will be required. Prior to **cutting and removal** of any timber an additional installment of not less than 10% (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000) of the purchase price will be required.

This timber sale notice and prospectus is provided to furnish sufficient information to enable prospective bidders to decide whether further investigation of the sale is warranted. Descriptions, estimates, and other data in this prospectus are not part of the contract unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus and attachments is in error or contradicts the contract, the contract governs.

A copy of the timber sale contract form along with all exhibits and pertinent information is available for inspection at the Deschutes Field Office, 3050 NE 3rd Street., Prineville, OR 97754. For additional information, please contact Austin Tschida at (541) 416-6765 (office) or (458) 231-3575 (cell).

Attachments: Form 5440-9..... Deposit and Bid Form
 Form 5450-17..... Export Determination
 Form 5460-17..... Substitution Determination
 Cutting Unit Map