

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
2 Butte Drive
Cottonwood, Idaho 83522-5200

TIMBER SALE NOTICE AND PROSPECTUS

The Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale 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 at the above office. All bidders should inspect these documents prior to bidding on this sale.

SALE NAME: OFF THE RAIL

CONTRACT NUMBER: IDCO-TS-2025.0001

NOTICE DATE: March 20, 2025

The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this supplement.

1. **DATE, PLACE AND TYPE OF SALE:** Sealed bids will be received by the Field Manager or his representative until **4:00 p.m.**, Pacific Daylight Time, on **April 4th, 2025** at the Bureau of Land Management's Cottonwood Field Office, 2 Butte Drive, Cottonwood, Idaho 83522. Sealed bids will be opened at **8:00 a.m.** on **April 7th, 2025** at this office location. 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 at the Cottonwood Field Office. No bids for less than the advertised appraised price per product or species and total price will be considered.
 - b. **Advertised sale price is \$1459.00 One-Thousand Four-Hundred and Fifty-Nine and 0/100 dollars or 1\$/ton.** The required minimum bid deposit of **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** shall be required. Bid deposit must be in the form of cash, bid bond, money order, bank draft, cashier's check or certified check only. (Personal checks will not be accepted.)
2. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - BLM**
 - a. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked that it is a "Bid for Timber", together with identifying sale name OFF THE RAIL Timber Sale and contract number IDCO2-TS.2025.0001.

- b. Bidding will be restricted to those persons complying with Instructions to Bidders form 5440-09 (page 3.), and form 1140-1, Notice of Requirement for Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities enclosed in the Timber Sale contract package.
- c. The successful bidder, as a condition of award, will be required to sign Form 5460-16, Certificate as to Nonsubstitution and The Domestic Processing of Timber, and form 5460-17 Export Determination.
- d. The unsuccessful bidder(s) bid deposit and bid form will be returned within ten calendar days of the bid opening date.
- e. All timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber.

3. **LOCATION OF TIMBER:** Idaho County, Idaho. Within portions of Bureau of Land Management lands in Section 18 of T. 28 N. R. 1 E., Boise Meridian. See attached timber sale location and vicinity map, "Exhibit A" - Sale Contract Map. The total contract area is approximately ± 26-acres, total harvest area is approximately ± 23-acres.

Prospective bidders can access the entire Eastern boundary of the project area in a full-size vehicle. *Current snow conditions may restrict access, an over snow vehicle may be required to reach the contract area.*

3. **YARDING:** The entire ± 23 acres will require a ground-based tractor system.

4. **METHOD OF MEASUREMENT:** The volumes listed are estimates only. Volumes were derived using Sample Tree Cruising method in which one out of every five Ponderosa Pines and one out of every three Grand/Douglas Firs were measured. The tract was Leave-Tree-Marked (LTM) February of 2025.

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

SPECIES	VOLUME (Tons)	STUMPAGE (\$/TON)	CONTRIBUTED FUNDS (\$/TON)	TOTAL AMT DUE BLM (\$/TON)
All species (sawlogs)	1442	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Nonsaw (DF Firewood)	17	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00

6. **DURATION OF CONTRACT:** Duration of the contract will be approximately **Eighteen (18)** months for development, cutting, removal of timber and completion of all contract requirements and will expire **October 9th, 2026**. Extensions will not ordinarily be granted.

7. **ACCESS:** Travelling Highway 95 South from Grangeville, Past White Bird and Confluence gas station turn right onto Old HWY 95, travel approximately .9-mile then turn left on Doumecq Road, immediately cross the Salmon River bridge staying on Doumecq Road for approximately 9.6 miles, turn left onto Joseph Road and travel approximately 3.4 miles, take the left fork onto Camp Howard Road (unmarked dirt road) and travel approximately 1.0-mile, the tract will be on the left immediately adjacent to the road. Access on the Camp Howard Road may be limited due to snow conditions. *From this point on an over snow vehicle may be required. See attached maps, "Exhibit A" – Sale Contract Map and "Exhibit E" – Vicinity Map for route information to the sale area.*

8. **SLASH DISPOSAL:** Whole tree yarding to approved landing(s) and roadsides shall be required in this unit.

Purchaser responsibilities: (Appraisal allowance to perform work)

- Using grapple equipment, pile all created slash at landings and roadsides.
- Landing Development, excavation of jump-up and landing to keep log landing and loading operations free and clear of road access and use by public
- Scarify and Rehab landings and skid trails, *i.e. recontour, scarify, erosion control, etc.*
- Final Road Grading, final blade will be required on Camp Howard Road to the intersection of Joseph Rd.
- Seeding and Fertilizing, will be required of purchaser to furnish and/or complete grass seeding and fertilizing for landings and skid trails.

Allowance = 6.54/ton See Sale Package "Exhibit G" – Allowance Summary.

9. **BONDS:** See Form 5440-09, 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 **five hundred (\$500.00)** will be required.

10. **ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION:** Purchaser to perform pre-haul road preparation/maintenance on approximately 1 mile of existing road starting in and comprising the Eastern boundary of the project area. Including right-of-way clearing on BLM right-of-way, blading if needed on other portions of road. *If right-of-way clearing is deemed necessary for hauling and/or safety reasons on other portions of the road not owned by the BLM a subsequent permit and agreement will have to be acquired from the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) for any timber removed.*

Purchaser will be required to maintain the road open and public access on the Camp Howard Road during all operations. An excavated jump-up and landing has been accounted for as an allowance to help accommodate this requirement. See "Exhibit A" – Sale Contract Map.

11. **SPECIAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS:** To reduce 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.

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 is required.**

Within the Off the Rail Timber Sale project all trees marked with a horizontal **YELLOW** band and subsequent stump mark shall be left on-site, live and standing. All other trees eight (8) inches D.B.H. and larger either marked with a horizontal **BLUE** band and stump mark or all trees not marked shall be felled and whole tree yarded to an approved landing with merchantable products removed as described in "Exhibit B" and as shown on "Exhibit A" – Sale Contract Map.

All slash material accumulated on landings shall be piled greater than 30 feet away from leave/reserve trees and shall be compact, free from earth and other non-burnable material. Slash piles will be placed on landings and along roadsides approved by the Authorized Officer.

Excavated Skid Trail(s) and/or shovel logging may be necessary on southern portions of unit due to slopes greater than 40%, see "Exhibit A" – Sale Contract Map.

There is a small portion of the unit which requires skids of up to 1200' to reach the designated landing area.

The Purchaser shall purchase and apply 70 pounds of grass seed, and 125 pounds of water-soluble commercial fertilizer, applied to critical road, landing and skid trail areas as directed by the Authorized Officer.

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 an Interior Board of Land Appeals stay or remedy or; (3) Protect species which were identified for protection in accordance with management direction established in the ROD and RMP.