PROSPECTUS

BLM, High Plains District- Newcastle Field Office

#WYP08-TS-2025.0001

June 24, 2025

Stateline Timber Sale; <u>Weight sale</u> Weston County, WY

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$<u>16,600.00</u> <u>If awarded</u> Performance bond required \$<u>33,200.00</u> <u>If awarded</u> First installment required \$<u>17,000.00</u>

All timber designated for cutting by prescription on PD forestland in Sec. 20; Lot 3,4,5,6,7,10,11 and Sec. 27 Lot 2,3,4, Sec. 33 Lot 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, Sec 34 Lot 1,2,3,4, of Township 45N, Range 60W and Sec. 04 Lot 5 of Township 44N Range 60W, both of the Sixth principal meridian.

Species	Est. Volume Green Tons	Appr. Price Per Green Ton*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
Ponderosa pine	16,564	\$10.00	\$165,640.00
Total Appraised			\$165,640.00

*Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Along with appraised road maintenance package.

**If the Purchaser chooses to purchase POL/biomass/firewood outside merchantability specifications outline in Exhibit B to help BLM maximize utilization and decrease material to burn, a negotiated modification maybe executed to awardee of this Sawlog sale. However, if it is determined that Purchaser has not been following merchandising specifications for sawlogs, or logs not properly decked and sorted between Sawlog sort and POL during processing/hauling, in order to create non-sawlog product Purchaser may forfeit performance bond and be held liable for sawlog contracted cost per ton.

⁺Minimum Stumpage values were used to compute the Appraised Price/ton

This will be a weight/scale sale and sealed bid, with a bid opening of **August 8th**, **2025**, **at 11:00 AM**. <u>All</u> bids must be received via mail or hand delivered 30 minutes before bid opening to the Newcastle field office.</u> Unsuccessful bids deposits will be returned to potential bidders either certified mail or in person at opening.

BLM Newcastle field office 1101 Washington Blvd. Newcastle, WY 82071

This is a prospectus only. Attachments may not include all exhibits referred to in the final contract. The complete contract, including all exhibits, is available online at https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/timber-sales/wyoming.

This timber sale will be offered weight sale, and all costs or risks associated with this prospectus should be incorporated into potential purchaser's bid.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> – The volume is an estimate based on variable plot 10 BAF prism and prescription goals. Purchaser is responsible for due diligence and highly encouraged to verify estimate thru cruising.

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u> - All timber sold to the Purchaser under the terms of the contract, except exempted species, is restricted from export under the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported Private timber.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Total acres approximately 651 acres, Six units:

• Unit 1 (97 acres)- Thin down to 20 BA

Reduce average basal area of unit to an average of 20 basal area per acre. Trees selected for retention and to be counted as meeting 20 BA will be >5" dbh, should be healthy with no signs of insect infestation, no damage or chlorotic, of good form and full crowns greater than 35% crown ratio; (green crown height/total tree height= crown ratio%).

Retention trees preferred size is 8" to 20" dbh and Purchaser is expected to variably select within these parameters for retention. Two trees per acre of poor form that lack merchantability can be counted towards average 20 BA for wildlife trees.

• Unit 2 (67 acres)- Thin down to 10 BA Seed tree

Thin to seed tree density BA 10 of >9". Trees selected for retention, should be healthy with no signs of insect infestation, no damage or chlorotic, of good form and full crowns greater than 35% crown ratio

• Unit 3 (136 acres) Random selection thinning down to an average of 30 BA.

Reduce average basal area of unit to an average of 30 basal area per acre. Trees selected for retention and to be counted as meeting 30 BA will be >5" dbh, should be healthy with no signs of insect infestation, no damage or chlorotic, of good form and full crowns greater than 35% crown ratio: green crown height/total tree height= crown ratio%.

Retention trees preferred size is 8" to 20" dbh and purchaser is expected to variably select within these parameters for retention. Two trees per acre of poor form and lack merchantability can be counted towards average 30 BA for wildlife trees.

• Unit 4 (53 acres)- Random selection commercial thinning down to a minimum 40 BA

Reduce average basal area of unit to an average of 40 basal area per acre. Trees selected for retention and to be counted as meeting 40 BA will be >5" dbh, should be healthy with no signs of insect infestation, no damage or chlorotic, of good form and full crowns greater than 35% crown ratio: green crown height/total tree height= crown ratio%.

Retention trees preferred size is 8" to 20" dbh and purchaser is expected to variably select within these parameters for retention. Two trees per acre of poor form and lack merchantability can be counted towards average 40 BA for wildlife trees.

• Unit 5 (292 acres) Commercially thin down to 10 BA seed tree

retaining the biggest and best form/crown ratio PP trees mimicking a very open Pine woodland/savannah at a 10 BA.

• ELZ unit (5.5 acres)***SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS***

Equipment limitation zone for resource protection, no decking or piling, all logs whole tree skidded west out of ELZ. Minimize buncher travel with priority to max boom out, herring bone pattern, heel up skidder to minimize drag, buncher rows and skidder trails should be minimized through herring bone. Existing road thru ELZ maybe used for equipment and truck travel. Cut, skid process all >8" DBH PP merchantable trees (min 8' log to 4"). Buncher can boom out and get any merchantable trees on east of road, but no off-road tracking off-road to east. Skid all whole trees removed from east of road, down road, heel up-minimize drag weight, deck and process outside of ELZ and within other units to south or north

Contract Administrator or BLM staff will conduct audits of meeting prescription throughout timber sale contract, poor performance or not meeting prescription could result in contract cancellation and/or retention of performance bond, or purchaser having to paint leave trees to prescription at purchasers' cost and labor and no fault of government.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be Thirty-six (36) months for cutting and removal of timber.

<u>ACCESS</u> - The BLM has permitted access to haul across USFS roads outlined in haul map overview in Exhibit C map. Purchaser may use all BLM surface roads within project area. The BLM has easement across private parcel between project area and USFS roads in SD as outlined on haul map overview. Outside of this road easement on private surface BLM assumes NO responsibility or authority for access across private lands, or other agencies and is not responsible to reimburse the Purchaser for any costs or extra work required by the private landowner or other agency for access privileges. <u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> – Purchaser is required to maintain BLM and USFS road across haul route to pre-haul or better condition. Haul should be when dry or frozen to minimize impacts to road systems. Maintenance grading maybe required based on haul impacts to BLM roads and summit ridge road on USFS.

Purchaser needs to factor in the purchase and haul of 30CY of 3/4"- clean rock for emergency spot rock needs of USFS permit along full haul route of both Summit ridge and Boles canyon roads. If not needed by BLM AO, then rock will be placed on BLM road system soft spots at conclusion of sale at BLM discretion and prior to close out.

Purchaser chooses to winter log, all plowing and snow removal is on the purchaser. Care must be taken to not lose excessive rock during snow removal on USFS system roads. Two-tracks and skidder trails on BLM surface will be maintained to WY State Forestry BMP's and returned to min. or original condition detailed specifications can be found in Exhibit C.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Stateline TS Roadwork (reference Exhibit C roadwork map)

All roadwork included below as part of contract will be completed, inspected and improved prior to timber sale cutting.

New-Construction Admin

New segment of road will be constructed to connect two current BLM surface road systems for this project and future management. This new segment is approximately 1,672' long will be native surface and utilized for this project when dry or frozen, and seeded with native seed post project completion.

Road notes as follows:

Segment 1

Re-construct 790' of existing orphaned roadbed by blading off vegetation and organics, shape road prism and cut fill material back to 10' driving surface, in-slope without sloped drivable dips for runoff control approximately every 100'-150'.

Segment 2

New Construction 491' of cut fill to an overall drive slope of less than 5% and drive width averaging 10'.

Segment 3

New construction 770' of steep side slope road. Culvert crossing and turn radius will need to be filled to bring approach in switch back to 5-7% with a 48"x40' culvert installed in dry channel to drain any future high flow events thru large fill of crossing and radius turn of switch back. Max drivable slope over individual 100' station<14%, average overall across all stations of this segment 8-10% drivable slope, in-slope road 2-5% crossroad slope without sloped drivable dips for runoff control approximately every 100'-150'.

Segment 4

New construction 1,478' of Cut/fill, drivable dips in low spots.

New construction Temp spur

New construction approximately 275' cut-fill, Max drivable slope over individual 100' station<10%, average overall across all stations of this segment 5-10% drivable slope, in-slope road 2-5% crossroad slope without sloped drivable dips for runoff control approximately every 100'-150'. Operator can adjust centerline for best lay for loaded truck on whole of spur layout and specifically adjust design for lowering slope% to build initial speed for trucks from landing.

**All segments no stumps or organics in fill material of roadbed, vegetation and organics should be scraped prior to cut fill. Side cast and fill shall be free of organic material, such as stumps, logs etc. All stumps and logs and woody material from road lay construction and pioneering road shall be pilled and as free from dirt material as reasonably possible, i.e. piles constructed with loader/shovel/excavator, skidder or dozer with brush blade to keep piles free from dirt pushes. Any temporary skidder trails or jump spurs constructed on BLM surface must be to WY State Forestry BMP's, fully abandoned to WY State Forestry BMP's and any specifications found in Section 44 SP.

<u>SOIL/EROSION DAMAGE PREVENTION</u> – Active operations should be conducted when ground is frozen, firm or reasonably dry. No trucking operations during spring break-up purchaser must also follow any county restrictions in route to any destination during thaw/breakup and any damage to county roads is sole responsibility of purchaser. All maintenance and construction outlined in this prospectus and further and fully quantified in contract example and exhibits must also be adhered to, and if any damage is incurred it is the responsibility of purchaser to bring condition back to original condition at start of contract in the case of maintenance requirements, and/or the final construction condition outlined in roads section Exhibit C.

WY Forestry BMP's must be employed to minimize impacts to soil resource. If WY state Forestry BMPs are not employed or conditions deteriorate, and operator does not self-police based on conditions in units for logging or haul and adhere to WY State Forestry BMP's. BLM will shut down operations until conditions improve and/or depending on damage with-hold performance bond and/or require repair of damage at no cost to the government.

OTHER -

No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements. Also, no extension beyond contract time in terms (36 months) will be granted that are not explicitly outlined in contract.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> – EA, FONSI and Decision Record, Newcastle Field Office FY 2024 Timber Sales DOI-BLM-WY-P080-2024-0034-EA was prepared for this sale. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Newcastle Field office or online thru BLM's NEPA database <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/eplanning</u>.