

5450-004 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 44

(A) Log Export Restrictions (LE)

LE-2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer, the Purchaser shall brand clearly and legibly one end of all logs on timber loads. One end of all branded logs to be processed domestically will be marked with a three (3) square inch spot of highway YELLOW paint. The purchaser will stop trucks for accountability monitoring at mutually agreed upon locations when notified by the Authorized Officer.

If multiple trailers (mule trains) are used, each bunked load shall be considered an individual load, and these guidelines will apply to each bunked load. If a flatbed stake trailer is used, each bundle will be treated as a separate load.

If contract area is within a State that maintains a log brand register, brands shall be registered with the State and Purchaser shall use assigned brand(s) exclusively on logs from this contract until the Authorized Officer releases the brand(s).

(B) Logging (L)

L-1 Before beginning operations on the contract area for the first time or after a shutdown of seven (7) or more days, the Purchaser shall notify the Authorized Officer in writing of the date they plan to begin operations. The Purchaser shall also notify the Authorized Officer in writing if he intends to cease operations for any period of seven (7) or more days.

L-2 Prior to commencement of operation the Purchaser shall obtain from the Authorized Officer written approval of a written operations and logging plan commensurate with the terms and conditions of the contract, which shall include measures needed to ensure protection of the environment and watershed. A pre-work conference between the Purchaser's authorized representative and the Authorized officer must be held at a location designated by the Authorized Officer before the logging plan is approved. All logging shall be done in accordance with the plan.

L-3 Stumps shall not be higher than twelve (12) inches measured from the ground on the uphill side of trees unless authorized by the Authorized Officer.

L-5 Boundaries

1. Do not cut or damage trees posted with 'Timber Cutting Boundary' tags or tagged with YELLOW signs along unit boundaries.
2. Reserve Areas: do not harvest or enter areas avoidance areas that are mapped and marked on the ground with ORANGE flagging and WHITE 'Timber Reserve Area' posters.
3. Unit Layout: Cable Yarding Units 9-3 & 9-4
 - a. Secure a signed Harvest Boundary Agreement (Exhibit H) prior to performing layout
 - b. Contract appraised for 14,520 feet of perimeter layout.
 - c. Boundaries of accessible cable yarding area to be flagged in ORANGE GLO colored flagging (BLM to provide 24 rolls of flagging).

- L-6** Unique Features of Project Areas - Unique features specific to each unit will be listed on project unit maps.
- L-8** Closed Fire Season - Failure to comply with fire season regulations and equipment standards shall be cause for suspension of work until the Contractor meets the requirements. Contract performance time will not be adjusted if work is suspended for this reason.
- L-9** Protection of Resources, Structures, and Improvements - The Contractor shall be held liable and is responsible for any damage caused by his/her personnel and/or equipment to Bureau resources including cultural, riparian, wildlife, fish, reserves, and reserve trees.
1. Cultural Resources: Inadvertent Discoveries (43 CFR 10.4) - If human remains are encountered, the BLM Ranger, county coroner or medical examiner and local law enforcement are to be notified immediately. If burials, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony are encountered, the BLM archaeologist and Border Field Office Manager shall be notified immediately. All activity is to cease in the location of the remains until the discovery can be assessed by the authorized official(s). On federal land, and in the case of Native American remains, the BLM would implement internal procedures for consulting with Tribes and complying with NAGPRA
 2. Natural Resources: Trees designated for cutting within one hundred (100) feet of streams shown on Exhibit A shall be felled away from the stream.
 3. Transportation: The Contractor shall adhere to all Stevens County load restrictions and use alternate routes to haul commercial forest products.
 4. Structures & Improvements: The Contractor shall be held liable and is responsible for any damage caused by his/her personnel and/or equipment to any existing structures or other improvements Repairs to these structures and other improvements shall be at the Contractor's expense, at no additional cost to the Government, and shall be accomplished in a timely manner. These include but are not limited to:
 - Historic cabins and structures
 - Existing culverts
 - Fences, gates, and cattle guards
 - Multiple powerlines and underground cables
 - Private structures
 - Posted monuments and corners
- L-10** If excessive stand damage occurs, all logs shall be completely limbed into thirty-three (33) foot logs prior to being yarded.
- L-11** Existing skid roads shall be used when possible.

Units 9-1 & 9-2 - In the entire contract area shown in Exhibit A, tractor yarding shall be done with rubber-tired skidders or crawler type equipment without bulldozers, angle dozers, or arches.

A harvester, feller-processor, or feller-buncher with purpose-built carriers with boom-mounted felling heads and a boom with a minimum lateral reach of twenty (20) feet may be used in the ground-based units.

Units: 9-3 & 9-4 - Orient linear features created by logging operations, such as skid trails and cable rows, across slope to the maximum extent possible to inhibit any creation of new channels.

- L-12** Operations and hauling should not impede vehicle traffic. During logging operations, the Purchaser shall keep roads open for public travel. These roads shall be signed to alert personnel/public during times of operation; these roads shall be clear of trees, rock, dirt, and other debris so far as is practicable.
- L-13** Skid Roads - Before cutting and removing any trees necessary to facilitate logging in the cutting area shown on Exhibit A (Contract Area Map), the Purchaser shall identify the location of the skid roads on the ground so that they are spaced at a minimum of **one hundred (100) feet apart**.
- L-14** Purchaser's operation shall facilitate BLM's safe and practical inspection of Purchaser's operations and BLM's conduct of other official duties on Contract Area. Purchaser has all responsibility for compliance with safety requirements for Purchaser's employees, contractors, and subcontractors.

If the Authorized Officer identifies a conflict between the requirements of this contract or agreed upon methods proceeding hereunder and State or Federal safety requirements, the contract may be modified. If the cost of such contract modification is of a substantial nature (\$2,000.00 or more), the Purchaser may request in writing an adjustment in the Total Purchase Price specified in Section 2 of the timber sale contract, as amended, to compensate for the changed conditions.

(C) ROAD CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE (R)

- R-1** The Purchaser shall construct and decommission newly constructed roads as shown on Exhibit C (Road Reconstruction, Construction, & Maintenance. Any required construction or renovation of structures and roads shall be completed and accepted, in accordance with Section 18, prior to the removal of any timber, except right-of-way timber, over that road.
- R-2** The Purchaser shall perform any required road repair and maintenance work on roads used by them, under the terms within Exhibit C - Road Renovation-Reconstruction, Construction, & Maintenance,

(D) Environmental Protection (E)

- E-1** The Purchaser shall immediately discontinue specified construction or timber harvesting operations upon written notice from the Authorized Officer that affect:
1. threatened, or endangered plants or animals protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, may be affected by the operation, and a determination is made that consultation or re-initiation of consultation is required concerning the species prior to continuing operation, or;
 2. when to comply with the Endangered Species Act the Authorized Officer determines it may be necessary to modify or terminate the contract, or;

3. federal proposed, federal candidate, Bureau sensitive or State listed species protected under BLM Manual 6840 - Special Status Species Management - have been identified, and a determination is made the continued operations would affect the species or its habitat, or;
4. other active raptor or owl nests have been discovered, and a determination is made that continued operations under this contract would adversely affect the present use of the discovered nesting area by the raptor or owl.
5. when to comply with a court order, the Contracting officer determines it may be necessary to modify or terminate the contract, or:
 - (a) species have been discovered which were identified for protection through survey and manage and/or protection buffer standards and Guidelines established in the ROD and RMP, and the Contracting Officer determines that continued operations would affect the species or its habitat, or;
 - (b) when protecting species which were identified through survey and manage and/or protection buffer standards and guidelines established in the ROD and RMP, the Contracting Officer determines it may be necessary to modify or terminate the contract.

Discontinued operations may be resumed upon receipt of written instructions and authorization by the Contracting Officer. During any period of suspension, the Purchaser may withdraw performance and payment bond coverage aside from that deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer to secure cut and/or removed timber for which the Bureau of Land Management has not received payment, and/or unfulfilled contract requirements associated with harvest operations that have already occurred and associated post-harvest requirements.

In the event of a suspension or a combination of suspension periods that exceed a total of 30 days, the First Installment held on deposit may be temporarily reduced upon the written request of the Purchaser. For the period of suspension extending beyond 30 days, the First Installment on deposit may be reduced to five percent of the First Installment amount listed in Section 3.b. of the contract. Any First Installment amount temporarily reduced may be refunded or transferred to another BLM contract at the request of the Purchaser. However, if the Purchaser has outstanding debt owed to the United States, the Contracting Officer must first apply the amount of the First Installment that could be refunded to the debt owed in accordance the Debt Collection Improvement Act, as amended (31 USC 3710. et seq.). Upon Purchaser's receipt of a bill for collection and written notice from the Contracting Officer lifting the suspension, the Purchaser shall restore the First Installment to the full amount shown in Section 3.b. of the contract within 15 days after the bill for collection is issued, subject to Section 3.j. of the contract. The Purchaser shall not resume contract operation until the First Installment amount is fully restored.

In the event of a suspension period or a combination of suspension periods that exceed a total of 30 days, the unamortized Out-of-Pocket Expenses for road or other construction required pursuant to Exhibit C of the contract shall be refunded or transferred to another BLM contract at the request of the Purchaser. Upon written notice from the Contracting Officer lifting the suspension, the Purchaser shall reimburse the Government the amounts refunded or transferred. The Purchaser may choose to pay this reimbursement at once or in installments payable at the same time as payments are due for the timber under the contract and in amounts approximately equal to the expenses associated with the timber for which payment is due.

In the event that operating time is lost as a result of the incorporation of additional contract requirements, or delays due to Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, or court injunctions, the Purchaser agrees that an extension of time, without reappraisal, will constitute a full and complete remedy for any claim that delays due to the suspension hindered performance of the contract or resulted in damages of any kind to the Purchaser.

The Contracting Officer may determine that it is necessary to terminate cutting and removal rights in this contract to comply with the Endangered Species Act, protect species that have been discovered which were identified for protection through survey and manage and/or protection buffer standards and guidelines established in the ROD and RMP or comply with a court order. Following the issuance of a written notice that cutting and removal rights will be terminated, the Purchaser will be permitted to remove timber cut under the contract, if allowed by the Endangered Species Act, or court order requirements necessitating the termination.

In the event cutting and removal rights are terminated under this subsection, the Purchaser agrees that the liability of the United States shall be limited to the actual cost incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area. This calculation of liability shall utilize actual Purchaser costs and Government estimates of timber volumes. At the Authorized Officer's request, the Purchaser agrees to provide documentation of the actual costs incurred in the performance of the contract. In addition, the Purchaser shall be released from the obligation to pay the contract price for any timber which is not authorized to be removed from the contract area.

The Purchaser specifically and expressly waives any right to claim damages, other than those described in the preceding paragraphs, based on an alleged breach of any duty to the Purchaser, whether express or implied, regarding the way the Government defended the litigation which resulted in the court order affecting the operation of the contract. The waiver also extends to any claims based on effects on the operation of the contract that arise from litigation against another agency. Furthermore, the Purchaser specifically acknowledges and agrees that a court ruling that the Government violated the administrative procedures Act cannot be interpreted to mean that the Government did not act reasonably regarding its duties to the Purchaser under this contract.

E2 To avoid the spread of noxious weeds, all equipment will be washed prior to arrival at the operational unit. The Timber Sale appraisal provides allowances for weed washing five (5) pieces of heavy equipment.

(E) Fire Prevention and Control (F)

F-1 Primarily for purposes of fire prevention and control, the Purchaser shall, prior to the operation of power-driven equipment in construction or logging operations under this contract during the closed fire season or periods of fire danger, prepare a fire prevention and control plan to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer.

Primarily for purposes of fire prevention and control, the Purchaser shall comply with the following provisions:

1. Provide and maintain in good repair, in the contract area, the following equipment for use during closed fire season or periods of fire danger:
 - (a) Two (2) back-pack pumps at each landing and one (1) at each tail block, all to be kept full of water and in good operating condition.
 - (b) A serviceable chemical fire extinguisher of at least eight (8) ounces minimum capacity shall be carried during the closed fire season or period of fire danger by each member of the falling crew and each buckner using a power saw on the contract area. Such fire extinguisher shall be filled and in effective operating condition and shall always be immediately available to the operator when the saw is being fueled or the motor of the saw is running.
 - (c) Any fueling of a power saw shall be done in an area which has first been cleared of all flammable material. Power saws shall be moved at least twenty (20) feet from the place of fueling before the engine is started.
 - (d) A shovel in good condition with not less than a three (3) foot handle and a blade not less than seven and three-quarters (7 3/4) inches wide shall be within fifty (50) feet of any power saw when in operation.
 - (e) Where blocks and cables are used on the contract area during periods of fire danger, the Purchaser shall remove all flammable material at least ten (10) feet from the place where the tail or any other block will hang when the cable is tight. Such clearings shall be kept free of flammable material.
 - (f) The Authorized Officer may require additional fire tools and fire equipment as the fire danger may warrant. Such additional tools and equipment shall include but not be limited to the following items:

Portable pumps, tank truck or portable tank, bulldozer, headlight for each man in the woods-crews, and a pair of headlights for each bulldozer.

- F-2** Serviceable cell phone or radio-telephone equipment able to provide prompt and reliable communication between the contract area and emergency services. Such communication shall be available during periods of operation including the time watchman service is required.
- F-3** A pair of headlights capable of being quickly attached to each bulldozer used on the contract area. The headlights shall be adequate to provide illumination sufficient to allow use of the bulldozers for firefighting and construction of fire trails at night.
- F-4** A headlight for each person in the woods crew adequate to provide sufficient illumination for night firefighting. A headlight shall be of the type that can be fastened to the head to allow independent use of the hands. It shall be equipped with a battery case so designed that it can be either carried in the hip pocket or fastened to the belt. The head of the light and the battery case shall be connected by insulated wires. At least one extra set of batteries shall be provided for each such headlight.

F-5 Fire-fighting tools shall be kept at each landing or at such other places as the Authorized Officer shall designate whenever people are working on the contract area. All fire-fighting tools shall be kept in a sturdily constructed box which shall be painted red and lettered on the front or top in large letters, "For Fire Only." The box shall have a hinged lid and a hasp by which the lid can be sealed. One box may serve two landings.

F-6 Also see Exhibit F - BLM Fire Protection Requirements

(F) Slash Disposal (SD)

SD-1 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION - In addition to the requirements of Sec. 15 of this contract, and notwithstanding the Purchaser's satisfactory compliance with State laws and regulations regarding offsetting or abating the additional fire hazard created by this operation and the State's willingness to release the Purchaser from liability for such hazard, the Purchaser shall remain responsible to the Government for performance of the following hazard reduction measures required by this contract:

Prior to the commencement of any operation, a slash disposal and pre-work conference between the purchaser's representative and the Authorized Officer must be held at a location designated by the Authorized Officer. All slash disposals shall be done in accordance with the plans developed at this pre-work conference. A post-logging assessment shall be conducted to confirm or change slash treatment needs in all units.

Slash shall mean all material (brush, limbs, tops, unmerchantable stems, root wads, and chunks) severed or knocked over from Purchaser's operation under terms of this contract.

1. SD-1a Treatment of Slash

- (a) To reintroduce organic matter into the burned forest, landing debris and yarding slash should be dispersed into the unit below as practicable, not exceeding seventeen (17) tons per acre per Unit.
- (b) Excessive slash and debris above 17 tons per acre per unit shall be piled.
- (c) Decommission **all landings and skid trails by subsoiling the ground.**
- (d) Severed slash, harvesting debris, excess breakage shall
- (e) Slash falling outside the project area shall be moved completely into the project area.
- (f) All severed slash requires a fifteen (15) foot pullback from the edge of all access roads within and adjacent to unit boundaries of units. Pullback shall be completed simultaneously with cutting operations.
- (g) Unmaintained roads and skid or cat roads used as unit boundary lines shall be kept clear of slash for a width of six feet as measured from the edge of the road. Roads shall be kept clear of slash concurrently with cutting.
- (h) Slash lodged in leave trees shall be dislodged or removed as it occurs. **Maintain a twenty-five (25) foot distance from the edge of landing piles and leave trees.** No clearing and grubbing debris shall be left lodged against standing trees.
- (i) Pile all landing slash. Slash may be piled by hand, machine, or a combination. **Finished piles shall be tight and free of earth.**