



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
GUNNISON FIELD OFFICE  
2500 East New York Avenue  
Gunnison, CO 81230



## WEST FORK RIDGELINE TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

Sale Number: COS06-TS-2026-0001

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale timber as described herein for sealed bid.

All timber sale administration will follow the Bureau of Land Management's 'Forest Product Sale Procedure Handbook Series'. Information regarding bidding and payment has been summarized below to better inform potential purchasers.

### Date and Place of Sale:

A written sealed bid on Form 5450-6 at not less than appraised price and required minimum bid deposit will be received by Ken Smothers, Forester with Bureau of Land Management, 2500 East New York Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado 81230, prior to 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time on January 29, 2026. A bid received after 10:00 a.m. on, January 29, 2026 either by mail or in person will not be accepted.

### Location of the Timber:

Gunnison County

Parts of Section: 13, 24, Township. 46 North, Range 3 West, NMPM

Parts of Section: 18,19,30 Township. 46 North, Range 2 West, NMPM

Vehicle access to the West Fork Ridgeline Timber Sale area is gained from Highway 149 to BLM Road Number 3033 or (Indian Creek Road). See vicinity map for vehicle access and log truck haul route.

### Bid Information:

1. Qualification of Bidders: In addition to the bid and bid deposit, the bidder must be able to provide a financial statement and be at least 18 years of age.
2. Bid Amount: No bids will be accepted for less than the price per unit sawlog, biomass and the total appraised price of \$ 1,164.85.

3. Bids and Bid Form: Sealed bids must be submitted in duplicate on Form 5450-6. Bids must be in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked "Bid For Forest Product" together with identifying sale name, legal description, and time and date of sale. The high bidder will be required to confirm their sealed bid on bid forms "Independent Price Determination Certificate," (Form 1140-6) and sign the "Export Determination," (Form 5450-17) available at the above mentioned website. All timber shall be subject to restrictions related to export and substitution of unprocessed timber from the United States in accordance with P.L. 94-165 and 43 CFR 5400 and 5420, as amended.

4. Deposit with the BLM: this timber will be sold by sealed bid to the highest qualified bidder. A bid deposit of \$116.49 in the form of cash, money order, bank draft, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Bureau of Land Management, or a bid bond of a corporate surety shown on the approved list of the United State Treasury must accompany the bid. If you are not the successful bidder your deposit will be refunded to you.

5. A copy of the timber sale contract and all associated forms is available at the Gunnison Field Office.

#### Sale Information:

The purpose of this project is to reduce the trees per acre to help thin the trees to reduce the effect of wildfire, while removing dead and dying trees that are infested with Spruce Bud Worm and Mountain Pine Beetle to promote forest health, and to establish natural reproduction of primarily Ponderosa Pine.

The timber has been cruised by government personnel and plot information processed through USFS cruising software. Cutting unit acreage was determined by GPS travers and GIS aerial imagery for quality control, the area is 808 acres.

#### Merchantability Specification:

Sawlogs are 8 inches in DBH and greater with 6 inch top, at least 8 feet long plus trim and 33 1/3 sound. Biomass is 6 inches in diameter to 4 inches in diameter, at least 8 feet long plus trim and 33 1/3 sound.

Volume:

Sawlogs will be offered on a per MBF measurement. Biomass must be purchased, removal is optional and will be sold by the ton. If biomass is not removed it must be piled as slash (see Special Terms C14). A CF to pounds conversion factor of 42.15 will be utilized to determine the volume removed from the sale area. Section III of Form 5450-6 will not be part of this contract. In lieu of scaling the purchaser will be required to weigh all log truck loads on state certified scales. The following tables are supplied to allow for informed bidding.

Table 1. Volume Summary.

MMBF	Ave. BA	Est. # of trees	Ave. DBH	Ave. Height	Appraised Value	Price
<b>Sawtimber: 1.1</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>32,180</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$1.00/MBF</b>	<b>\$1,164.85</b>

Appraisal Summary

The appraised price for the sawtimber is based on the sale appraisal completed by the United States government personnel. The sawtimber volume was calculated from 211 fixed plots using a 20 BAF. trees 8.0 inches DBH and greater were cruised as sawtimber.

Duration of Contract:

Timber sale operations shall cease 3 years from the date of approval of the contract by the Authorized Officer of the Bureau of Land Management. The 3 years shall include no-operational periods, such as elk calving restrictions and wet season limitations.

Performance Bond:

A performance bond of **\$200.00** or letter of credit shall be required for this contract. If the total bid price exceeds the appraised price of \$1,164.85, then 20 percent of the bid price rounded to the next highest \$100.00 shall be required for this contract.

Payment for Timber:

Payment for the Timber Sale is a Lump Sum bid any offer less than **\$1,164.85** will not be accepted for the West Fork Ridgeline 808 acre Timber Sale

1. The first installment shall be paid prior to or at the time the Contracting Officer signs the contract. One half of this deposit shall be applied to the final payment under the contract and one half will be released to be applied against the purchase price when 60 percent of the total purchase price has been paid, or road construction required by the contract has been completed, the value of which, when added to installment payments made under the contract, equals 60 percent of the total purchase price.
2. Cutting and yarding / removal of timber before payment shall be allowed if the Purchaser secures a payment bond in an amount equal to one or more installment payments. Cutting and/or removal is permitted up to a value level equal to the value of the payment bond. The Purchaser is encouraged to file a bond of sufficient penal amount to cover the equivalent of two months anticipated cutting and removal to avoid contract violation situations. Cutting and/or removal in advance of payment is not permitted until the Contracting Officer approves, in writing, the payment bond. The following types of payment bonds are acceptable:
  - a. Payment bond for Single Contract (Form 5450-11)
  - b. Blanket Payment Bond (Form 5450-20)
  - c. Deposit of Negotiable Securities of the United States Payment Bond (Form 5450-15)
  - d. Cash Payment Bond (Form 5450-21) supported by Irrevocable Letter of Credit-Payment bond.
  - e. Cash Payment Bond (Form 5450-21) supported by an Assignment of Surety for Payment Bond

3. The Purchaser shall be billed monthly for the forest products skidded or yarded to a loading point or removed from the contract area during the preceding month. Payment is due within 15 days of the billing date shown on the billing form.
4. In the case of all contracts with a term 19 months or longer, the Purchaser is required by the first anniversary date to either:
  - a. Pay no less than 20 percent of the total purchase price, or;
  - b. Complete road construction required under the contract the value of which when combined with payments made for material cut and/or removed is equal to 20 percent of the total purchase price.
5. In the case of all contracts with a term of 27 months or longer, the Purchaser is also required by the second anniversary date to either:
  - a. Pay no less than 40 percent of the total purchase price or,
  - b. Complete road construction required under the terms of the contract the value of which when combined with payments made for material cut and/or removed is equal to no less than 40 percent of the total purchase price. For the purpose of these computations, value of road construction completed will be based on BLM appraisal allowances.
6. The Purchaser may reduce the amount of the payment bond to a value equal to the amount of "cut" forest products for which payment has not been received when operations cease for a period of 60 days or more. Before operations resume under this option, the bond must be increased to an amount equal to one or more installments as per IV.B2c(2). The Purchaser may elect to use or discontinue use of the payment bond procedure at any time during the term of the contract, provided that the contract is in good standing.
7. Payment in full of the total purchase price must be made prior to expiration of time for cutting and removal set forth in the contract.

Application of Bid Deposits:

1. Cash Deposit: When the bid deposit is submitted in the form of cash, money order, or cashier's check, the entire bid deposit will be retained until such time that the contract is approved by the Contracting Officer and applied toward payment requirements of the contract. If, after approval of the contract, the Purchaser so requests, any amount of the bid deposit in excess of one installment may be refunded to the purchaser.
2. Bid Bond or Cash Bid Bond: When a corporate surety bid bond or cash bid bond (with irrevocable letter of credit or Assignment of Surety) has been used by a Purchaser to qualify for bidding, the bond will be retained by the Contracting Officer until all requirements for contract approval have been met. When the contract has been approved these documents are to be returned to the Purchaser, in case of a corporate surety bid bond, and to the issuing bank, in the case of an ILC or an Assignment of Surety.