

[Template letter for Timber Sale Bidders]

5420 (MTxxx)

[Bidder Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Dear [Bidder Name]:

The log export market has revived over the past year. Meanwhile, the community of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) timber sale purchasers has changed over the years since the last boom in the export market. We want to remind firms and individuals who bid on the BLM timber sales that Congress restricted the export of Federal timber and the substitution of Federal timber for private timber shipped abroad.

Some bidders may not know or understand the restrictions on export and substitution. We call your attention to the following paragraph that appears in the BLM timber sale notices.

“LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION: All timber sales, including timber from Federal rights-of-ways, shall be subject to the restrictions relating to the export and substitution of unprocessed timber from the United States in accordance with P.L. 94-165 and 43 CFR 5400 and 5424, as amended.”

In addition, the BLM timber sale contracts include a clause in Section 41 that specifies the prohibition of export and substitution of unprocessed timber and identifies what qualifies as processed timber. Any violation of the log export and substitution restrictions in the BLM contracts would constitute a material breach of contract and could result in contract cancellation and debarment from purchasing BLM timber. In addition, violation of Federal export restrictions could also subject a timber purchaser to Federal prosecution.

The BLM timber sale administrators will devote increased vigilance to assure fair enforcement of export regulations. We ask you, as a potential or successful bidder on BLM timber, to honor the export restrictions incorporated in our timber sale contracts.

If you have questions about export and substitution restrictions, please contact [NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF FIELD OFFICE CONTACT].

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Name]  
Field Manager

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