

(Attachment II, Sample letter to Purchasers)

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5400
(Company Name)
CO100-TS08-04
Mole's Return CT
September 24, 2009

(Purchaser)
(Company Name)
1646 East Shore Drive
Chance, CO 80707

REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear (Purchaser)

Please refer to your timber sale contract No. CO100-TS08-04, Mole's Return CT.

The Secretary of Interior has determined that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and timber contract purchasers may, on a case-by-case basis, agree to mutual cancellation of all or portions of existing timber sale contracts when in the interest of both parties. Mutual cancellation would relieve existing purchasers' of their duty to perform under a contract, while allowing the BLM to reoffer some sales at prices reflecting current market conditions. The BLM is ready and willing to discuss this opportunity with individual purchasers where such an approach makes sense.

The BLM will extend to the holders of all timber sale contracts, sold under the 43 CFR 5400 regulations, on or before September 15, 2009, that have not yet been terminated, the opportunity to request cancellation of the purchaser's obligations under the timber sale contract concerning the harvest and payment of uncut timber. Please be aware that the BLM will consider each request to cancel, but the BLM may not agree to cancel every requested sale. Each timber sale contract will present its own unique set of circumstances. The contracting officer will consider these unique circumstances when determining if they are interested in negotiation on a contract. Please also be aware that the BLM will not agree to a cancellation without a waiver of claims against the government.

In order for you to qualify for this opportunity, an officer authorized to sign Bureau of Land Management timber sale contracts must submit a written request describing the circumstances of your contract and your reasons for requesting mutual cancellation to the Field Manager, _____ Field Office, within 60 days of your receipt of this letter. If you choose to request cancellation of your timber sale contract, please prepare to engage in negotiation with the BLM to come to mutual agreement on the terms that would be contained in your specific cancellation agreement. These terms may include completion of operations typical to termination of timber sale contracts such as slash disposal, final road maintenance, and other work.

Please refer to the Secretary's letter, the Instruction Memorandum from the Assistant Director of the BLM to the several BLM State Directors, and the Waiver of Damages, which are attached.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact _____, XXX-XXX-XXXX, at the _____ Field Office.

Sincerely,

(Insert Field Manager)
_____ Field Manager

Attachment:

Secretary response to Congressional Representatives
Instruction Memorandum
Waiver of Claims