UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Northwest Oregon District Office 1717 Fabry Road, S.E. Salem, Oregon 97306

Date: February 23, 2022

SEALED BID TIMBER SALE NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale timber as described herein for sealed bid, pursuant to Instructions to Bidders, as stated on Form No. 5440-9 attached. Sealed bids will be received by the District Manager, or representative, at the Northwest Oregon District Office, 1717 Fabry Road, S.E., Salem, Oregon until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Please call 503-375-5646 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from 8am - 4pm, M-F. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. All bidders will be notified via phone call after all bids have been opened and a high bidder declared. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids, including appraised prices per species, should be obtained from the above District Manager, or designated representative. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this advertisement and to reject any or all bids. The United States reserves the right to waive any informality in bids received whenever such waiver is in the interest of the United States.

A WRITTEN BID on Form 5440-9 at not less than the appraised price on a unit basis per species and the required minimum bid deposit shall be required to participate in sealed bidding.

TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION in a sealed bid sale, the bidder must submit a bid in a sealed envelope for each tract offered that includes:

- 1. Two copies of the bid written on Form 5440-9, Deposit and Bid For Timber/Vegetative Resources. No bid for less than the advertised appraised price on a unit basis per species and total price can be considered.
- 2. The required minimum bid deposit specified in the timber sale notice for the tract.
- **3.** A properly executed Independent Price Determination Certificate, Form 5430-11. A certification that the bid was arrived at by the bidder or offeror independently, and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder or offeror.
- 4. A completed Form 5450-17, Export Determination.
- 5. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked that it is a "Bid for Timber" together with the sale name and number, the time and date of sale and a contact name and phone number of the bidder.

THIS TIMBER SALE NOTICE does <u>not</u> constitute the decision document for purposes of appeal of a forest management decision. Consistent with 43 CFR Subpart 5003.2(b), the date the BLM posts the forest management decision on the BLM's ePlanning website establishes the effective date of the decision for purposes of an administrative appeal. The decision was posted to the BLM's ePlanning website on 02/09/2022, referring to the Evans Mountain Salvage, DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2021-0017-CX.

For the purposes of 43 CFR 5401.0-6 and 5430.0-6, this advertisement is being published on 02/25/2022 and 03/04/2022.

A CATERGORICAL EXCLUSION was prepared for this timber sale tract. This document is available for inspection as background at the Northwest Oregon District Office.

THE VOLUMES LISTED herein are estimates only. The sale volumes listed are based on 16-foot taper breaks which must be taken into consideration if comparisons are made with volume predictions based on other standards. The volumes based on 32-foot taper breaks are shown for comparison purposes. No sale shall be made for less than the advertised appraised price. The Purchaser shall be liable for the total purchase price, without regard to the amount bid per unit, even though the quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking is more or less than the estimated volume or quantity so listed.

THIS TIMBER SALE has been cruised based upon Eastside Scribner board foot measure. The minimum bid figures shown by species are dollars per thousand board feet (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

A PERFORMANCE BOND in an amount not less than 20 percent of the total purchase price will be required for all contracts of \$2,500 or more. A minimum performance bond of not less than \$500 will be required for all installment contracts less than \$2,500.

PRE-AWARD QUALIFICATIONS. The high bidder may be required to furnish information to determine the ability to perform the obligations of the contract. If the high bidder is determined not qualified, responsible or refuses to respond within fifteen (15) days of a request for information pertaining to qualifications, the contract may be offered and awarded for the amount of the high bid to the highest of the bidders who is qualified, responsible, and willing to accept the contract.

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 5420, as amended.

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS: Excepting Port-Orford-cedar, all timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and is prohibited from being used as a substitute for exported private timber. The BLM has revised the log export restrictions special provision to reduce the log branding and painting requirements. The new requirements include branding of one end of all logs with a scaling diameter of over 10 inches. All loads of 11 logs or more, regardless of the diameter of the logs, will have a minimum of 10 logs branded on one end. All logs will be branded on loads of 10 logs or less. One end of all branded logs will be marked with yellow paint. At the discretion of the Contracting Officer, the Purchaser may be required to brand and paint all logs. The Purchaser shall bear any increased costs for log branding and painting.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION: A revised Special Provision has been added to the contract which enables the Contracting Officer to suspend the contract to facilitate protection of certain plant or animal species, and/or to modify or terminate the contract when necessary to: (1) Comply with the Endangered Species Act or to prevent incidental take of northern spotted owls in accordance with management direction in the Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP), or; (2) Comply with a court order, or; (3) Protect species which were identified for protection through survey and manage and/or protection buffer standards and guidelines or management direction established in the ROD and RMP.

The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the 2020 fires in the Northwest Oregon District, Cascades Field Office resulted in a salvage program of sufficient magnitude to warrant the extension of time for cutting and removal without reappraisal of qualifying existing green timber contracts so that harvest operations can be expedited on the salvage timber. Therefore, Contract No. ORN01-TS-2022.0107, Evans Mountain Salvage has been approved for the offer of extension credits. The purchase of this salvage timber entitles the Purchaser to volume-for-volume and contract term-for-contract term extensions without reappraisal of qualifying BLM contracts for green timber held by the Purchaser.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning this timber sale tract is available at the above District Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the District Office. <u>The prospectus for this/these sale(s) is also available online at: https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/timber-sales</u>. The prospectus includes maps and tables that cannot be made Section 508 compliant. For help with its data or information, please contact the Northwest Oregon District Office at 503-375-5646.

TIMBER SALE NOTICE SCALE SALE

NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT CASCADES FIELD OFFICE

SALE DATE: March 23, 2022

CONTRACT NO. ORN01-TS-2022.0107, EVANS MOUNTAIN SALVAGE

MARION COUNTY, OREGON: O&C: SEALED BID: BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$94,100.00

All timber designated for cutting on: E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, Section 24, T 8 S., R 3 E.; N¹/₂, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, Section 25, T 8 S., R 3 E.; Lot 4, Section 19, T 8 S., R 4 E.; Lots 1 and 2, Section 30, T 8 S., R 4 E., W.M.

THIS TIMBER SALE HAS BEEN CRUISED BASED UPON EASTSIDE SCRIBNER MEASURE. Minimum bid figures shown by species are dollars per thousand board feet (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

Approx. No.	Est. Vol.		Est. Vol.	Appraised	Estimated
Merchantable	MBF	Species	MBF	Price	Volume Times
Trees	32' Log	-	16' Log	Per MBF	Appraised Price
4,075	3,738	Douglas-fir	4,672	\$191.80	\$896,089.60
4,423	1,229	western hemlock	1,536	\$28.60	\$43,929.60
n/a	n/a	Biomass	1 Green Ton	\$5.00	\$5.00
8,498	4,967	TOTALS	6,208 MBF		\$940,024.20

<u>LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS</u>: All timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and also prohibited from substitution of exported private timber.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u>: The timber volumes were based on variable plot cruise in the Salvage Area and Danger Tree Removal Area, for estimated board foot volumes of trees in 16-foot logs. Approximately 100% of the total sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all species; the average tree is 22.7 inches DBHOB; the average log contains 143 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 7,246 MBF; and 84% recovery is expected. This cruise information is given for informational purposes only and the contract price and volume will be determined by a scale using eastside scribner.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u>: Four (4) units of complete salvage totaling approximately 178 acres shall be cut. Approximately 32 acres of Danger Tree Removal shall be cut. Unit acres shown on Exhibit A have been computed using a Trimble R1 Global Positioning System receiver. Acreage was calculated based on Global Positioning System traverse procedures including differential correction.

DURATION OF CONTRACT: Will be 24 months for cutting and removal of timber.

<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: The sale is located approximately 20 air miles East of Stayton, Oregon. From the Oregon Highway 22 East-bound, turn left onto North Fork Road SE, at milepost 23. Drive approximately 13.9 miles and turn left onto Fawn Creek Rd./BLM road 8-4E-31.0 to the LOCKED GATE. Continue on BLM Road 8-4E-31.0 for approximately 2.0 miles into the sale area. See Exhibits A and E for details. Contact Northwest Oregon District Office at 503-375-5646 for a key.