This Advertisement Includes: Parcel 1 – Coastal Chrome

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

Date: August 17, 2023

TIMBER SALE ADVERTISEMENT SEALED BID

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 9:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time, Wednesday September 20, 2023 for all timber marked or designated for cutting. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 prior to the oral auction. The high bidder notified by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. 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.

IN TILLAMOOK AND YAMHILL COUNTY: OREGON: O&C, PD: SEALED BID AUCTION: COASTAL CHROME: All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in T. 4 S., R. 6 W., Sections 6, 7, 18, 19; T. 4 S., R. 7 W., Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, Sec. 24; T. 5 S., R. 7 W., Sections 11, 15; W.M. estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 16,883 M bd. ft. No sealed bid for less than \$1,757,594.50 will be considered. The minimum deposit with a sealed bid is \$175,800.00.

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 June 5th, 2023, referring to the Upper Willamina Forest Management Project, DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2021-0001-EA and the Coast Creek Timber Management Project, DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA. For the purposes of 43 CFR 5401.0-6 and 5430.0-6, this advertisement is being published on 08/23/2023 and 08/30/2023.

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, "ATTN: SEALED BID: COASTAL CHROME, and a contact name and phone number of the bidder.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT was prepared for each timber sale tract, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. These documents are available for inspection as background for each timber sale tract at the Northwest Oregon District Office. The Tillamook tracts are available at the Tillamook Field 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 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning each timber sale tract described herein is available at the above District Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the District Office. The prospectus for this/these sale(s) is also available online at: https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/timber-sales. 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 **SEALED BID**

Sale Date: September 20, 2023

NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT TILLAMOOK FIELD OFFICE COLUMBIA MASTER UNIT

TILLAMOOK AND YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON: O&C, PD: Sealed

CONTRACT NO.: ORN04-TS-2023.0402, Coastal Chrome Timber Sale, Lump Sum

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$175,800.00

All timber designated for cutting on: SE½SW¼, SW¼SE¾, Sec. 06; NW¼NE¼, Sec. 07; SW¼SW¼, Sec. 18; W½NW¼, Sec. 19, T. 4 S., R. 6 W.; SE¼SW¼, S½SE¼, Sec. 01; NE¼, E½NW¼, SW¼, SE¼, Sec. 12; NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, NW¼NW¼,SE¼NW¼, S½, Sec. 13; E½SW¼, NW¼SE¼, Sec. 14; NE¼, SE¼NW¼, N½SE¼NW¼, N½SE¼, Sec. 15; N½NE¼, NE¼NW¼, Sec. 23; NE¼, Sec. 24, T. 4 S., R. 7 W.; SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Sec. 11; NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Sec. 11; NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, SV½NW¼, SW¼, SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Sec. 15, T. 5 S., R. 7 W. WM., Oregon.

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. Merchantable Trees	Est. Vol. MBF 32' Log	Species	Est. Vol. MBF 16' Log	Appraised Price Per MBF	Estimated Volume Times Appraised Price
63,996	12,094	Douglas-Fir	15,025	\$111.40	\$1,673,785.00
2,685	1,397	Noble-Fir	1,711	\$45.90	\$ 78,534.90
85	59	Western Hemlock	72	\$46.30	\$ 3,333.60
1,445	41	Red Alder	63	\$25.80	\$ 1,625.40
299	9	Bigleaf Maple	12	\$26.30	\$ 315.60
68,510	13,600	Totals	16,883		\$1,757,594.50

^{*}Minimum Stumpage values were used to compute the Appraised Price/MBF (10% of Pond Value)

<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 prohibited from substitution of exported private timber.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u>: The timber volumes for the harvest units were based on a variable plot cruise for estimating the board foot volume of trees. Plots were measured using a 40 basal area factor (BAF) for regen units and thinning units with 16 MBF/ac. or greater. A 20 (BAF) was used in the rest of the thinning harvest units. Right of Way volume was 100% cruised. None of the total sale volume is salvage material. For merchantable Douglas- fir trees the average DBHOB is 15.0 inches; the average gross merchantable log contains 62 bf (board feet); the total gross volume is approximately 17,652 MBF; and 96% recovery is expected.

<u>CUTTING AREA:</u> Twenty-nine (29) units totaling approximately eight hundred eighty-three (883) acres, of which one hundred three (103) acres shall be regeneration harvest and seven hundred eighty (780) acres shall be partial cut harvest. These acres are inclusive of Patch Cut and Clump Areas as shown on Exhibit A. In addition, approximately eight (8) acres of right-of-way shall be cut. Acres shown on Exhibit A have been calculated based on Global Positioning System traverse procedures including differential correction.

<u>DURATION OF CONTRACT</u>: Contract length will be 48 months for cutting and removal of timber.