

**TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS**

<b>Sale Name :</b>	Flat Roundwood	<b>Type of Sale :</b>	Scaled
<b>National Forest :</b>	Idaho Panhandle	<b>Ranger District :</b>	Wallace
<b>Bidding Method :</b>	Sealed Bid	<b>Bid Guarantee :</b>	\$4,700.00

**Location of Bid Opening :** Forest Supervisor's Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

**Date :** 10/26/2004

**Time :** 09:30

**1. INTRODUCTION.** This prospectus furnishes prospective bidders with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable bidders to decide whether or not to further investigate the sale. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a sale. The contract does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data in this prospectus, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale and make their own estimates. Timber sale Contract 2400-6 will be used. Inspect the sale area and the sample contract before submitting a bid. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the timber, and conditions of sale and bidding at Forest Service offices listed above and in the named attached advertisement.

**2. BIDDING.** This is a Sealed Bid sale. Bidders must submit sealed bids on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the attached advertisement. The forms include instructions for bidding and submission of the required certifications. A bid guarantee must be included with the bid in the form of cash, a bid bond on form FS-6500-13 (4/82) or later, certification of annual bid bond allocation on form FS-6500-13a (4/82) or later, an irrevocable letter of credit, a certified check, bank draft, cashiers check, official bank check, or bank or postal money order payable to the Forest Service, USDA in the amount specified above and in the bid form. The bid guarantee shall be returned to each bidder whose bid is not accepted.

**Total Sale Value Bidding:**

Prospective purchasers must submit bids in terms of the minimum acceptable total sale value. The bid form states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total sale value. The advertised minimum acceptable total sale value is only for the biddable species, as listed on the bid form in the upper section of block 14. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed in the lower section of block 14 titled "Required Removal at Fixed Rate. Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The bidder should enter the offer on the bid form only in terms of the total sale value. The Forest Service shall establish bid rates by species in the contract by multiplying each species' minimum acceptable bid rate by the bid increase percentage. Such rates will be rounded to the nearest cent. The bid increase percentage is the bidder's total sale value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total sale value. The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

**3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER.** Refer to the sample contract and sale area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of sale area, location of subdivisions, location of cutting units, the acreage of sale area, and the cutting unit acreage.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE SALE AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

The timber sale area is located in several small face drainages of the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, approximately 1 mile south of Big Hank Campground within a portion of section 4, T51N, R3E, and a portion of sections 32 and 33, T52N, R3E, Boise Meridian, Shoshone County, Idaho. The sale contains 4 harvest units. Units 1 and 2 are individual leave tree marked (LTM). Leave trees are marked with an Orange bole and Orange stump mark. Unit 3 is designated by spacing. All larch, white pine, and cedar are to be retained

and spaced off of unless they are marked with blue paint. Trees of all species with Blue paint are to be cut. The spacing standard for all live trees (other than larch, white pine, and cedar) is 20 feet, less 5 feet to retain the largest tree to a maximum spacing of 25 feet where trees are available. Should a conflict arise between removing trees within 15 feet of the largest leave tree or exceeding the maximum spacing of 25 feet, then leaving no trees within 15 feet of a leave tree will override. Unit 4 is designated by species and diameter. All white pine and larch are to be retained unless marked for cutting with Blue paint. All hemlock less than 11.0 inches stump diameter, grand fir less than 12.0 inches stump diameter, and cedar less than 10.0 inches stump diameter are designated for cutting, except if leave tree spacing will exceed 25 feet. Dead trees are to be retained for wildlife trees in all units. Boundaries for the harvest unit are designated by Orange stripes. The sale area is accessed from the Fernan Ranger Station by proceeding east on I-90 to the Kingston exit. Proceed north on FH9 for approximately 23.1 miles to the Prichard junction. Proceed up river on the #208 road for approximately 17.5 miles to the #1518 road. Turn left to the gate. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER'S WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A KEY FROM THE FERNAN RANGER STATION TO DRIVE A VEHICLE BEHIND THIS GATE. Proceed for approximately 0.3 miles to arrive at unit 1.

**4. TIMBER QUANTITIES AND RATES.** The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, bidders are urged to examine the timber sale area and make their own estimates.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED BID FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

**Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates  
per Unit of Measure**

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Combined Species	Sawtimber	Ton	2,067.00	8.8	\$14.85	\$1.40	\$6.31	\$0.74
<b>Required Removal at Fixed Rates</b>								
Combined Species	Non-Saw	Ton	1,068.00	5.9	\$14.85	\$1.40	\$6.31	\$0.74
	<b>TOTAL</b>	Ton	3,135.00				\$19,781.85	\$2,319.90

The minimum acceptable total sale value bid for advertised timber is \$30,694.95. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed on the bid form in the lower section of block 14 titled "Required Removal at Fixed Rate. Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

The bid rate for species and unit of measure are assigned under procedures for average bid premium bidding, as noted in this prospectus. This rate has been established by appraisal, with a cost allowance for the roads specified by the contract, if any. Required deposits for slash disposal and road maintenance are in addition to the advertised rates for timber.

**5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT.** The normal operating season covers the period between 06/01 and 10/31. Contract termination date is 08/31/2006. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the purchaser has met specified conditions.

If an appeal or lawsuit is filed challenging the decision to award this contract or upon determination by the Regional Forester that conditions existing on this timber sale are the same as, or nearly the same as, conditions existing on other timber sale(s) in appeal or litigation, Contracting Officer may delay award or reject all bids. If delay in award is for 30 days or more during Normal Operating Season after bid opening, Contracting Officer shall, upon award, adjust the contract term to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the time award is delayed during Normal Operating Season.

The purchaser must submit a general operating plan to the Contracting Officer for approval before operations begin or within 60 days of sale award, whichever is earlier. The plan must show how the purchaser plans to complete the contract by the termination date. In

addition to the general operating schedule, the purchaser must submit an annual schedule of operations before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual schedule of operations does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

**6. PAYMENT.** Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. Purchaser may provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. Payment for required deposits must be a cash payment. The purchaser shall make advance deposits in accordance with B(T)(P)4.212 - Advance Deposits.

The high bidder whose bid is accepted shall, at the time the contract is signed and returned by the bidder, make a downpayment pursuant to Title 36, Section 223.49, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Contracting Officer will notify the high bidder of the amount necessary to make this payment. In no case shall the downpayment be less than 10 percent of the total advertised value and 20 percent of the bid premium. After receipt of the downpayment and a satisfactory performance bond and upon execution of the timber sale contract, the Forest Service will return the bid guarantee. A cash bid guarantee may be applied to the downpayment at the request of the purchaser. The purchaser cannot apply the amount deposited as a downpayment to cover other obligations due on the sale until stumpage value representing 25 percent of the total bid value of the sale has been charged and paid for on the statement of account.

By the midpoint between award date and the termination date, the purchaser shall have paid for, or in lieu thereof, deposited cash in the greater amount of: (1) 50 percent of the total estimated bid premium, or (2) 35 percent of the total estimated sale value at bid date, exclusive of required deposits, rounded up to the next \$100.

**7. PERFORMANCE BOND.** A performance bond is required. The penal sum of the bond will be 10 percent of the total bid value of the sale, rounded up to the nearest \$100 when the total bid value is \$10,000 or less; and rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 when the total bid value exceeds \$10,000 or \$5,000.00 whichever is greater. If an irrevocable letter of credit is used to secure the performance bond, the termination of the letter of credit must be at least 6 months past the contract termination date.

**8. SPECIFIED ROADS.** Not Applicable.

**9. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Purchaser shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with purchaser's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by purchaser in connection with this sale. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the purchaser's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in Section 4 and in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

**10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**12. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.** Not Applicable.

**13. SET-ASIDE SALES.** Not Applicable.

**14. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS.** The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The bidder, by signing the bid for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, *et seq.*) with each bid.

**15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW.** If the total bid value plus required deposits for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the high bidder to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

**16. AWARD.** The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of bidder responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To determine a purchaser to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The purchaser has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The purchaser is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The purchaser has a satisfactory performance record on timber sale contracts. A prospective purchaser that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the purchaser's control and were not created through improper actions by the purchaser or affiliate, or that the purchaser has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a purchaser is not a responsible contractor. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;
- d. The purchaser has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- e. The purchaser has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for logging the timber and for meeting the resource protection provisions of the contract;
- f. The purchaser is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that, to the best of bidder's knowledge the bidder will meet the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101,

determination of purchaser responsibility, and, if awarded this contract, that bidder will complete the timber sale contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber.

**17. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT.** Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that they are aware that bidder is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

**18. DAMAGES.** This contract shall be terminated for breach pursuant to paragraph 16, 19, and/or 21 of the bid form and the terms of the sample contract if: 1) bidder fails to execute a timber sale contract, furnish a downpayment, or furnish a satisfactory performance bond within 30 days of the award letter's date; or 2) bidder is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the bid form including not meeting purchaser responsibility requirements, and bidder has made a false statement. The bid guarantee shall be retained, in whole or in part, by the Forest Service to satisfy any damages that may be assessed.

**19. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION.** Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017).

These rules require each timber sale purchaser, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when bidding on sales. The bidder must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the bid form. The bidder, by signing the bid form, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the bidding. Also, as a timber sale purchaser enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with bid forms. Purchaser must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested.

The certification forms and instructions for subcontractor transactions are provided as an addendum to the bid form.

## **20. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) LOGGING REGULATIONS.**

Conduct of operations on this timber sale is subject to inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266 by OSHA. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist

## **21. GENERAL.**

This sale is designed for mechanized felling and grapple skidding. The average yarding distance is 700 feet with a maximum distance of approximately 1500 feet. Approximately 0.2 miles of temporary road may be constructed, as described under provision C5.102#, to access a landing location. This roadway will be required to be obliterated after use under provision C6.632#.

Under provision C5.31# - purchaser will be responsible for road maintenance on the #1518 roadway.

Under provision C5.312# - purchaser will be required to recondition the #1518 road per road logs.

Under provision C5.41# - purchaser will be required to close the gate on the #1518 road at the end of daily activities provided the road is posted closed and blocked so the public cannot get past the sale area. Purchaser will also be required to construct drivable waterbars on the #1518 roadway at conclusion of use.

Under provision C6.10 - prior to commencement of work, a pre-work conference will be held to discuss contract terms and work performance requirements.

Under provision C6.351# - purchaser will be required to wash off-road equipment prior to moving into the sale area.

Under provision C6.316# - log haul and road maintenance operations will be prohibited on all forest roads during weekends and holidays. This restriction will be in effect at 4:00 pm on the day prior to the weekend or holiday. No purchaser operations from 12/1 to 3/31 during the winter recreational period.

Under provision C6.601# - purchaser will be required to seed and fertilize landings.

Under provision C6.7 - purchaser will be required to slash submerchantable trees over 10 feet in height. Purchaser will be required to yard timber with limbs and tops attached. Purchaser will be required to pile and burn landings.

In accordance with C8.13, the purchaser acknowledges and accepts that there is no express or implied warranty provided by the Forest Service that the purchaser will be able to complete the removal of the products sold under this contract. The purchaser accepts that this contract is subject to interruption or termination as a result of litigation associated with the environmental documentation process used by the Forest Service in the planning of this timber sale contract. If this contract is interrupted or terminated as a result of litigation, the purchaser agrees to accept as full compensation for such interruption or termination, the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses as defined in B6.02.