This Advertisement includes:

Date Mailed: August 30, 2006

#2. Caboose

#3. Healthy Murph

#4. Chew Choo - *SBA Set-Aside

#7. Rum Creek – *SBA Set-Aside

Sale Date: September 21, 2006

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
District Office
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, Oregon 97504

TIMBER SALE NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale timber as described herein for oral auction, pursuant to Instructions to Bidders, as stated on Form No. 5440-9 and subject to Notice of Requirement for Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities, Form No. 1140-4, attached. Written and oral bids will be received by the District Manager, or his representative, at the Bureau of Land Management Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, telephone (541) 471-6500. This is not a public meeting and is an invitation to bid only. Therefore, only those persons bidding on timber sales will be allowed to attend this auction. The timber sale will commence at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon.

THIS TIMBER SALE NOTICE does not constitute the decision document for purposes of protest and appeal of a forest management decision. Consistent with 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies, the notice of a timber sale, when published as a legal ad in a newspaper of general circulation shall constitute the decision document for purposes of protest and appeal. Protests may be filed with the Contracting Officer within 15 days of the publication of the aforementioned decision document in the newspaper. The regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than a signed, written hard copy that is delivered to the physical address of the advertising BLM office. (No e-mail or fax protests will be accepted.) It is anticipated that the decision document will be published in the Medford Mail Tribune, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and Roseburg News Review newspapers on or about August 31, 2006. BLM does not warrant publication on this exact date. All parties considering protest of the timber sale decision document are encouraged to review the aforementioned newspapers to ensure accurate knowledge of the exact publication date.

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 oral bidding for each tract.

*FOR SET-ASIDE TRACTS, the bidder must not have been determined by the Small Business Administration to be ineligible for preferential award of set-aside sales and must accompany his deposit with a self-certification statement that he is qualified as a small business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration in its regulations, Title 13, Chapter I, Part 121 as amended, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Form 5430-1, Self Certification Statement, must be completed prior to awarding the contract. The successful bidder will be required to sign SBA Form 723, 'Small Business Certification Required on all Preferential Sales of Set-Aside Timber' at the time he signs the timber sale contract.

APPRAISED PRICES are determined by analytical appraisal methods unless otherwise noted on individual timber sale notices.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, as a condition of award, will be required to complete and/or sign the following forms:

- 1. Form 1140-6, 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.
- 2. Form 1140-7, Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Program Representation, for all contracts over \$10,000.00.
- 3. Form 1140-8, Equal Opportunity Compliance Report Certification.
- 4. Form 5450-17, Export Determination.

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, but the amount of the bond shall not be in excess of \$500,000, except when the Purchaser opts to increase the minimum bond as provided in 43 CFR 5451.2. A minimum performance bond of not less than \$500 will be required for all installment contracts less than \$2,500.

QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS concerns may apply to the Small Business Administration for a loan to provide financing for access road construction required under the terms of qualifying timber sale contracts and necessary contract changes will be made. Approval of loan applications rests with the Small Business Administration and may be contingent upon availability of funds. Applicants for such loans shall notify the Bureau of Land Management of their intention to apply for such loan.

LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION. All timber sales 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning each timber sale tract described herein is available at the Medford District Office. A copy of the timber sale contract is also available for inspection at the District Office.

THE VOLUMES LISTED herein are estimates only, 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 total purchase price, without regard to the amount bid per unit, even though quantity of timber actually cut or removed or designated for taking is more or less than the estimated volume or quantity so listed.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS may be authorized for sales of \$500 or more. Required installments will be determined by BLM. For sales under \$500,000, installments will not be less than 10% of the total purchase price. For sales of \$500,000 or more, installment payments shall be \$50,000.

A SALE DEPOSIT equal to an installment is required prior to approval of the contract. This deposit must be made in cash or by check payable to the Department of Interior - BLM.

AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT (ILC) may be used in place of bid bonds, performance bonds, and payment bonds. ILC 's must be approved by the Authorized Officer <u>prior</u> to use and are subject to certain limitations. Contact the District Office for further information.

THE PURCHASER is given no authority to enter upon or cross any private lands or to use any privately-owned property or improvements unless such rights are specifically covered in the contract stipulations. If the Purchaser desires to make any use of private property which is not specifically authorized by the contract, they must make the necessary prior-arrangements for such use with the landowner.

PRIOR TO STARTING any operations, the Purchaser or their designated representative will be required to meet with the Authorized Officer or their representative and the Contract Administrator for a prework conference. If a subcontractor is to be involved in the operation, the subcontractor must also be represented at the conference. If more than one subcontractor is to be involved in the operation, it may be necessary to have more than one prework conference unless all subcontractors can be present at one conference.

PRIOR TO THE AWARD of any timber sale, the Bureau of Land Management may require the high bidder to furnish such information as is necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the obligations of the contract. The following information is required for first time high bidders bidding as:

1. Individuals

- a. A Citizenship Affidavit, Form 5450-9.
- b. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.

2. Partnerships or Unincorporated Associations

- a. A Citizenship Affidavit, Form 5450-9, for each member of the partnership or association.
- b. A copy of the partnership agreement, or if no formal partnership agreement, a letter showing the nature of the business conducted by the partnership, the partnership term, and the name of the partner or partners authorized to execute timber sale contracts and performance bonds on behalf of the partnership.
- c. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.

3. Corporations

- a. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation and by-laws.
- b. A certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors authorizing the officers to sign timber sale contracts and performance bonds on behalf of the corporation.
- c. An original certificate from the Corporation Commissioner authorizing the corporation to transact business in the State of Oregon.
- d. A certified Financial Statement prepared no earlier than 60 days prior to the sale date.

Those bidders who have demonstrated poor performance, including recent contract defaults, may be required to provide additional performance assurances in the form of advanced payment and/or an increased performance bond as a

condition for award of contract. These extraordinary requirements may be required on a case-by-case basis.

PREAWARD QUALIFICATIONS. The higher 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 five (5) 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.

OTHER. 43 CFR Chapter 11 (10-1-92 Edition), Subpart 5442 - Bidding Procedure. § 5442.3 Rejection of Bids; Waiver of Minor Deficiencies. When the Authorized Officer determines it to be in the interest of the Government to do so, he may reject any or all bids and may waive minor deficiencies in the bids or the timber sale advertisement. (38 FR 6280, March 8, 1973).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS were prepared for these sales, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. These documents are available for inspection as background for these sales at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

Bidders and offerors are cautioned as follows: by signing this bid or offer or entering into this contract or lease, as the case may be, the bidder, offeror, or contractor will be deemed to have signed and agreed to the provisions of the Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities in this solicitation. The certification provides that the bidder or offeror does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on a basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de facto basis. The provides that he will not maintain such certification also segregated facilities. Failure of a bidder or offeror to agree to the Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities will render his bid or offer nonresponsive to the terms of solicitations involving awards of contract exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.

In accordance with 41 CFR 60, as amended May 19, 1967, and Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, this notification will be included in all notices of invitations for bid, lease, offers, and requests for proposal where prospective nonexempt contracts may exceed \$10,000.

Form 5430-1 (May 1965) (formerly 4 - 1560)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SELF CERTIFICATION CLAUSE BIDDERS STATEMENT

BIDDERS STATEMENT									
The bidder represents that he is is not a	a small business concern as defined by Title 13, Chapter 1,								
Part 121 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.									
(Date)	(Signature of Bidder)								
Title 18 USC, sec. 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.									
INSTRUCTIONS									
In order to qualify for a set-aside sale, all bidders <i>must</i> certify to being a small business concern by submitting an executed Self Certification Clause.	the Self Certification Clause will be immediately returned, with the deposit, to the unsuccessful bidders but may be resubmitted to qualify for other set-aside sales offered on the same date.								
The date on the Self Certification Clause and the sale date <i>must be the same</i> .	The Self Certification Clause submitted by the successful bidder will be retained by the Bureau of Land Manage-								
A Self Certification Clause <i>must</i> accompany the deposit to qualify for <i>each</i> set-aside sale. After a sale award is made,	ment.								

GPO 850 – 444 GPO 905716

Medford Sale # 06-19 September 21, 2006 (MK)

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$20,200.00

#2. CABOOSE, Douglas County, O&C

All timber designated for cutting in Lots 1 and 2, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, S½ Section 1; W½NW¼, SE¼NW¼ Section 11; NW¼ Section 13, T. 32 S., R. 6 W., Willamette Meridian.

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Est. Volume CCF	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*		Est. Volume Times Appraised Price	
9,166	1,662	3,770	Douglas-fir	1,965	\$	91.50	\$	179,797.50
1,113	288	667	White fir	341	\$	**34.90	\$	11,900.90
1,454	87	203	Incense-cedar	106	\$	94.10	\$	9,974.60
7	1	2	Ponderosa pine	1	\$	**46.60	\$	46.60
4	1	2	Sugar pine	1	\$	86.90	\$	86.90
11,744	2,039	4,644	Totals	2,414			\$	201,806.50

^{*}Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Additional information concerning the appraised price is available at the Medford district office.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the BLM Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> – All ponderosa pine and sugar pine have been cruised using the 100% sampling method. All Douglas-fir, white fir, Incense-cedar and trees twenty-three (23) inches DBHOB or greater have been cruised using the 100% sampling method. All Douglas-fir, white fir, Incense-cedar less than twenty-three (23) inches DBHOB have been cruised based on a 100% stem tally and local volume table.

Approximately zero (0) trees which are considered to be nonmerchantable are designated for cutting. Approximately 0% of the total sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 13.2 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 60 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 2,546 M bd. ft; and 95% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 13.3 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 61 bd. ft.)

Bidders will be restricted to bidding on a unit (MBF) rate of the Douglas-fir volume. All other species will be sold at appraised price per unit (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

<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 is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

CUTTING AREA - Sixteen (16) units containing a total of 353 acres.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber.

^{**}Minimum stumpage values were used to compute the appraised price (10% of pond value).

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via existing BLM roads; a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States of America and Oregon Department of Forestry; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Swanson Group; Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Silver Butte and Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement M-2000 with Lone Rock Timber Company; temporary easement agreements for Oregon Department of Forestry, Swanson Group and Lone rock Timber Company. Among other conditions, these agreements require completion of an agreement between the Purchaser and Permittees.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The Purchaser will be required to maintain all the roads which they construct plus 12.66 miles of existing roads for log haul.

<u>SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION</u> - Pursuant to Section 25 of Form 5450-3, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not operate or cause to have operated on the contract area any tractor-type logging equipment unless authorized in writing by Authorized Officer.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> - A skyline yarder capable of one-end suspension of logs during in-haul and with a minimum lateral yarding capability of 75 feet while maintaining a fixed position of the carriage during lateral in-haul. A yarding tractor not greater than 9 feet in width and equipped with a winch system capable of lining logs at least 75 feet. A tractor equipped with winged-tooth rippers. A helicopter, equipped with a minimum length drop line of 150 feet and capable of lifting logs vertically to a height above adjacent trees without horizontal movement.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of 31 acres of selective slashing, hand piling, covering, and burning and 322 acres of lop and scatter.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - A 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 comply with the Endangered Species Act, or comply with a court order, or protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). This contract provision limits the liability of the Government to the actual costs incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area.

<u>PERFORMANCE BOND</u> - A performance bond in the amount of 20% of the total purchase price will be required.

<u>OTHER</u> –

- 1. No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. Various seasonal restrictions are placed on this sale.
- 3. There is a 41 foot log length restriction in all cable and tractor yarding units.
- 4. Directional falling is required.
- Cleaning of equipment to eliminate noxious weed seeds is required prior to move-in of equipment onto federal lands.
- 6. Designated skid roads are required on tractor units.
- 7. Scarification of tractor skid roads is required in 2 units.
- 8. Road decommissioning which includes pulling fill material back into the road prism on slopes 30% or greater is required.
- 9. Dust abatement is required.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From I-5 take the Glendale, Oregon exit, proceed straight onto Junction road. Turn left on county road 12 (Azalea Glendale Frontage road). Turn right on Windy Creek Road. Go approximately 2 miles to the junction with Woods Creek Road and turn left. Units 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5 and 11-6 may be accessed from Woods Creek Road. Units 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 13-1 and

13-2 may be accessed from the 32-5-18 road (Bear Creek) which is approximately 2.5 miles from the junction of Windy Creek Road and Woods Creek Road. See Exhibit "A", Caboose Vicinity Map and transportation maps for more detailed information on roads and unit locations.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> – An environmental assessment (EA-OR118-05-21) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

Medford Sale #06-24 September 21, 2006 (DC)

#3. HEALTHY MURPH, Douglas and Josephine Counties, O&C

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$20,600.00

All timber designated for cutting in W½SW¼, SE¼SW¼ Section 13, T. 32 S., R. 5 W., W½SW¼ Section 28, W½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, N½NW¼, SW¼NW¼, SW¼SW¼, NE¼SE¼, S½SE¼ Section 29, Lot 1, NE¼NW¼ Section 30, Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 Section 31, Lots 1, 7, and 8 Section 32, T. 32 S., R 4 W., NE¼SW¼, SE¼ Section 3, E½NE¼ Section 10, W½NW¼ Section 11, T 33 S., R 5 W., Willamette Meridian.

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Est. Volume CCF	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
11,793	1,342	3,171	Douglas-fir	1,529	\$ 134.00	\$ 204,886.00
28	1	2	Incense-cedar	1	\$ 152.20	\$ 152.20
13	1	1	White fir	1	\$ **32.20	\$ 32.20
10	1	1	Ponderosa pine	1	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
11,844	1,345	3,175	Totals	1,532		\$ 205,108.40

^{*}Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Additional information concerning the appraised price is available at the Medford District Office.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the BLM Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> - The Douglas-fir, Ponderosa pine, White fir, and Incense-cedar have been cruised using the LVT and 100% sampling methods.

Approximately 0 trees which are considered to be nonmerchantable are designated for cutting. Approximately 1% of the total sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 11.4 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 38 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 1,576 M bd. ft.; and 97% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 11.4 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 38 bd. ft.)

Bidders will be restricted to bidding on a unit (MBF) rate of the Douglas-fir volume. All other species will be sold at appraised price per unit (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

<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 is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Fourteen (14) units totaling two hundred and twenty (220) acres of Commercial Density Management.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber.

^{**}Minimum stumpage values were used to compute the appraised price (10% of pond value).

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via existing BLM roads.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The Purchaser will be required to maintain 2.72 miles of existing BLM roads. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee for the use of BLM maintained and purchaser maintained roads of \$1.41 per MBF for a total of \$2,155.10 for the use of these roads.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> - A 33 foot tower with 9/16 inch and 1,200 foot cable capacity; lateral yarding capability of 75 feet, with one end suspension of logs during inhaul, and capable of multispan. A Yoder may be needed for unit 28-1. Tractor for yarding is not to exceed nine (9) feet in width and must be capable of bull lining 75 feet.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of two hundred and fourteen (214) acres of selective slashing, two hundred and fourteen (214) acres of handpile/cover, two hundred and fourteen (214) acres of handpile/burn, and six (6) acres of lop and scatter.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - A 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 comply with the Endangered Species Act, or comply with a court order, or protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). This contract provision limits the liability of the Government to the actual costs incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area.

<u>PERFORMANCE BOND</u> - A performance bond in the amount of 20% of the total purchase price will be required.

OTHER -

- 1. No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. Landings built would be decommissioned after use. This would involve discontinuous sub-soiling, mulching, and planting with conifer seedlings, and/or native grass/forbs mixtures. Skid trails within tractor units would be discontinuously subsoiled or scarified where necessary using a winged ripper, seeded, water-barred, mulched, and blocked.
- 3. Yarding across the historic mining ditch located in unit 29-1 shall be limited to not more than one crossing location which is marked with pink flagging and is approximately twenty (20) feet in width as shown on exhibit A.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA - From I-5 South take the Speaker Road exit (77), travel east on Speaker Road (County Road 1010) the end of the pavement. Continue straight for .3 of a mile and turn left onto BLM road 33-5-10.1. Units 11-4, and 3-2 may be accessed from various BLM roads from this intersection. From I-5 take the Quines Creek exit (86) to Quines Creek road (County 96) and Eakin road intersection. Travel straight onto Eakin road (32-5-23) to access unit 13-2. Turn right onto Quines Creek road. Turn left onto Bull Run road 32-5-26. Units 31-2, 31-4, 31-4A, 31-4B, 31-4C, and 31-5 may be accessed from various BLM roads from this intersection. From I-5 take the Azalea exit (88). Travel west on Upper Cow Creek road (County 36). Turn right onto Starveout Creek road (County 95). Continue along Starveout to BLM road 32-4-20. Units 13-2, 28-1, 29-1, 29-3, 29-4, and 30-2 may be accessed from various BLM roads from this intersection. See Exhibit "A", Healthy Murph Vicinity Map and transportation maps for more detailed information on roads and unit locations.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> – An environmental assessment (EA-OR118-05-22) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

**SBA SET-ASIDE SALE

GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA
JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale #06-15 September 21, 2006 (LLQ:DC)

#4. CHEW CHOO, Douglas County, O&C and P.D.

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$170,600.00

All timber designated for cutting in SW¼NE¼, N½SE¼ Section 3, SE¼SW¼ Section 10, SE¼SW¼ Section 14, W½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼, SW¼SW¼, N½SE¼, SE¼SE¼ Section 15, SE¼SE¼ Section 20, NE¼NE¼, SW¼NE¼, SW¼NW¼, NW¼SW¼, N½SE¼ Section 21, NW¼NW¼ Section 22, N½NW¼ Section 23, SE¼NE¼, E½SE¼ Section 29 T. 32 S., R 6 W., Willamette Meridian.

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Est. Volume CCF	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*		Est. Volume Times Appraised Price	
15,375	9,847	17,284	Douglas-fir	11,731	\$	132.80	\$	1,557,876.80
651	812	1,324	Ponderosa pine	953	\$	63.60	\$	60,610.80
1,901	396	829	Incense-cedar	494	\$	135.70	\$	67,035.80
141	189	313	Sugar pine	221	\$	89.10	\$	19,691.10
18,068	11,244	19,750	Totals	13,399			\$	1,705,214.50

^{*}Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Additional information concerning the appraised price is available at the Medford District Office.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the BLM Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> - The Douglas-fir, Ponderosa pine, Sugar pine, and Incense-cedar have been cruised using the 3-P sampling method to select sample trees. Maps showing the location and description of these sample trees are available at the Medford District Office.

All of the sample trees have been measured, utilizing the VOLT system of measurement, and the volume expanded to a total sale volume.

Approximately 0 trees which are considered to be nonmerchantable are designated for cutting. Approximately 1% of the total sale volume is salvage material. With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 24.5 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 220 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 17,750 M bd. ft.; and 75% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 24.8 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 221 bd. ft.)

Bidders will be restricted to bidding on a unit (MBF) rate of the Douglas-fir volume. All other species will be sold at appraised price per unit (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

<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 is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

^{**}This is an SBA Set-Aside timber sale. Bidding is limited to small business concerns as defined by the Small Business Act, §3, 72 Stat. 384, 15 U.S. Code 632, and the regulations of the Small Business Administration, Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121, as amended.

<u>CUTTING AREA</u> – Twelve (12) units totaling 421 acres; 118 acres of Commercial Thinning, 135 acres of Regeneration Harvest, 164 acres of Overstory Removal, and 4 acres of Group Select.

<u>CUTTING TIME</u> - Contract duration will be 36 months for cutting and removal of timber.

ACCESS - Access to the sale area is available via existing BLM roads.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - The Purchaser will be required to maintain the .44 miles of temporary roads which he constructs. The Purchaser will be required to pay a road maintenance obligation for rockwear fees for the use of BLM maintained and purchaser maintained roads of \$9.90 per MBF for a total of \$15,166.83 for the use of these roads.

<u>EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS</u> – A yarding helicopter capable of lifting 6,000 lbs. A 50 foot minimum tower capable of spooling 1,200 feet with a 1 inch diameter cable and lateral yarding capability of 75 feet, with one end suspension of logs during inhaul. In addition, equipment used must be capable of a multispan configuration. Tractor for yarding is not to exceed nine (9) feet in width and must be capable of bull lining 75 feet.

<u>SLASH DISPOSAL</u> - Slash disposal will consist of 4 acres of lop and scatter, 326 acres of selective slashing, 326 acres of handpile/cover, and 326 acres of handpile and burn.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - A 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 comply with the Endangered Species Act, or comply with a court order, or protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). This contract provision limits the liability of the Government to the actual costs incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area.

<u>PERFORMANCE BOND</u> - A performance bond in the amount of 20% of the total purchase price will be required.

OTHER -

- 1. No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. .44 miles of temporary spur road construction.
- 3. Temporary spur roads and landings built will be decommissioned after use. This will involve discontinuous sub-soiling, mulching, pulling culverts, water-barring and barricading, and planting with conifer seedlings, and/or native grass/forbs mixtures. Skid trails within tractor units will be discontinuously subsoiled or scarified where necessary using a winged ripper, seeded, water-barred, mulched, and blocked.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA - From I-5 take the Glendale, Oregon exit proceed straight onto Junction road. Turn left onto Azalea Glendale Frontage road (County 12). Turn right on Windy Creek Road. Units 3-1W, 10-1W, 15-2, and 23-2 may be accessed from various BLM roads from this intersection. From the Glendale, Oregon exit turn left on Highway 313 to Glendale. From Glendale take Highway 27 (Reuben Road). Turn right on McCullough Creek road. Units 15-9, 21-15, 20-1, 21-7, 21-8, 21-15, 21-15A, and 29-3W may be accessed from various BLM roads from this intersection. See Exhibit "A", Chew Choo Vicinity Map and transportation maps for more detailed information on roads and unit locations.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> – An environmental assessment (EA-OR118-05-21) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

***SBA SET-ASIDE SALE

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA JOSEPHINE MASTER UNIT

Medford Sale #06-28 September 21, 2006 (JB)

#7. RUM CREEK, Josephine County, O&C

BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$3,100.00

All timber designated for cutting in SW¼NE¼, SW¼NW¼, N½SW¼, SW¼SE¼ Section 10; NW¼NE¼, SE¼NW¼, N½SW¼, SW¼SE¼ Section 15; SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Section 16; NE¼ Section 21; NW¼NE¼ Section 22, T. 34S., R.8W., Willamette Meridian.

Approx. Number Merch. Trees	Est. Volume MBF 32' Log	Est. Volume CCF	Species	Est. Volume MBF 16' Log	Appr. Price Per MBF*	Est. Volume Times Appraised Price
3,571	283	704	Douglas-fir	341	\$ 85.80	\$ 29,257.80
83	5	15	Ponderosa pine	7	\$ **32.80	\$ 229.60
274	20	52	White fir	25	\$ **33.50	\$ 837.50
3,928	308	771	Totals	373		\$ 30,324.90

^{*}Stumpage values have been determined by market value estimates and analytical appraisal methods were used to compute the appraised price. Additional information concerning the appraised price is available at the Medford District Office.

<u>TIMBER AUCTION LOCATION</u> – The timber auction will be held at the BLM Grants Pass Interagency Office, located at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006.

<u>CRUISE INFORMATION</u> - The Douglas-fir and all other species have been cruised using the "Sample Tree" sampling method to select sample trees. The sample trees have been measured, utilizing the VOLT system of measurement, and the volume expanded to a total sale volume.

With respect to merchantable trees of all conifer species: the average tree is 13.2 inches DBHOB; the average gross merchantable log contains 36 bd. ft.; the total gross volume is approximately 399 M bd. ft; and 93% recovery is expected. (Average DF is 13.2 inches DBHOB; average gross merchantable log DF contains 35 bd. ft.)

Bidders will be restricted to bidding on a unit (MBF) rate of the Douglas-fir volume. All other species will be sold at appraised price per unit (MBF). The minimum bid increment will be \$0.10 per MBF.

<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 is prohibited from use as a substitute for exported private timber.

CUTTING AREA – Eleven (11) units containing 41 acres must be partial cut.

CUTTING TIME - Contract duration will be 24 months for cutting and removal of timber.

***This is an SBA Set-Aside timber sale. Bidding is limited to small business concerns as defined by the Small Business Act, §3, 72 Stat. 384, 15 U.S. Code 632, and the regulations of the Small Business Administration, Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121, as amended.

^{**}Minimum stumpage values were used to compute the appraised price (10% of pond value).

<u>ACCESS</u> - Access to the sale area is available via a public road through the contract area and existing BLM roads.

<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> - The Purchaser will be required to maintain 10.21 miles of existing BLM and private roads. BLM will maintain 8.21 miles of existing roads. The Purchaser will be required to pay a maintenance and rockwear fee of \$7.06 per MBF or a total of \$2,639.15 for the use of these roads.

<u>ROAD RENOVATION</u> - The contract will require the Purchaser to RENOVATE 539.08 stations of road. Additional information is available in the timber sale prospectus.

<u>SOIL DAMAGE PREVENTION</u> - Pursuant to Section 25 of Form 5450-3, Timber Sale Contract, the Purchaser shall not operate or cause to have operated on the contract area any tractor-type logging equipment when soil moisture content exceeds twenty (25) percent by weight as determined by a Speedy Moisture Meter.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS -

- 1. Yarding tractor not greater than 6.5 feet wide (D4/JD450 or equivalent) as measured from the outer edges of standard width shoes and equipped with integral arch and winch capable of lining logs 60 feet.
- 2. Cable yarder capable of one end log suspension, lateral yarding and yarding logs uphill approximately 400 feet.

SLASH DISPOSAL - Slash disposal will consist of piling slash at log landings.

<u>CONTRACT TERMINATION</u> - A 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 comply with the Endangered Species Act, or comply with a court order, or protect occupied marbled murrelet sites in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines of the Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). This contract provision limits the liability of the Government to the actual costs incurred by the Purchaser which have not been amortized by timber removed from the contract area.

<u>PERFORMANCE BOND</u> - A performance bond in the amount of 20% of the total purchase price will be required.

OTHER -

- 1. No extension of time beyond the normal 30 days will be granted for completing bonding and contract signing requirements.
- 2. Tractor landings are limited to ¼ acre or less.
- 3. Seasonal operating constraints.
- 4. Uncontaminated equipment required, (POC/noxious weeds) or cleaning required.
- 5. Units 15-9A and 15-9B will need some plant surveys completed before any contract activity commences. Weather permitting, the surveys should be completed before the May 15 start of the operating season.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO GET TO THE TIMBER SALE AREA – From Grants Pass, go north on Interstate 5 to the Merlin exit. Proceed westerly on the Merlin-Galice Hwy. approximately 12 miles to the Galice access road (BLM Rd. #34-8-36). Turn left; proceed approx. 1 mile to BLM Rd. #35-8-2. Take the 35-8-2 road to the junction with the West Fork of Rum Creek (BLM Rd. #34-8-34) road (approx. 4 miles). Travel the 34-8-34 approx. 3.2 miles to unit #15-14 of the timber sale area.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</u> - An environmental assessment (EA-OR117-06-01) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. This document is available for inspection as background for this sale at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.