This Timber Sale Notice does <u>not</u> 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. (No e-mail or fax protests will be accepted.) It is anticipated that the decision document will be published in the Medford Mail Tribune newspaper on or about August 7, 2008. 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 newspaper to ensure accurate knowledge of the exact publication date.

TIMBER FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. ORAL AUCTION OR SEALED BIDS as hereinafter designated will be received by the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 28, 2008, for all timber marked or designated for cutting. 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. 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. This sale notice, first published on August 7, 2008, constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests and appeals under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. BLM must receive protests of any sale listed below within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. 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. As such the original signed protest must be received by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the protest period. IN JACKSON COUNTY: OREGON: O&C: SCALE SALE: ORAL AUCTION: DOWN WIND SALVAGE TIMBER SALE: All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in Section 35, T. 36 S., R. 2 E., Section 1, T. 37 S., R. 2 E., and Sections 5, 6, and 8, T. 37 S., R. 3 E., Will. Mer., estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 261 M bd. ft. No written bid for less than \$31,837.80 will be considered. The minimum deposit with written bid is \$3,200.00.