PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT FOR THREE PROPOSED TIMBER SALES ON THE GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST

The following three timber sales are anticipated to be sold sometime in fiscal year 2008. The purpose of this pre-advertisement is to give prospective purchasers an opportunity to field review proposed timber sales before access is not possible because of winter weather. The Forest Service intends to advertise timber designated for cutting in the following proposed timber sale areas on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest prior to March 30, 2008.

The Cherry Stewardship sale is a 47-acre timber stand within the Gotchen LSR located on the Mt. Adams Ranger District within Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, T.7 N., R.10 E., W.M., Surveyed, Skamania County and Yakima County, Washington. The contract area contains an estimated 850 CCF of predominantly Douglas-Fir and Grand Fir species. The harvesting system for the Cherry Stewardship sale will be all ground-based. Stewardship projects related to this sale include hand planting conifer seedlings on 42 acres of the contract area, first year tree survival/stocking & growth surveys, pre/post treatment noxious weed control & survey, fuels treatment, road maintenance on Forest Road 4104573 and treatment of all live Grand Fir stumps greater than 12" stump diameter.

The Parkin Thin sale is a 2-acre timber stand located on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument within Section 24, T. 9 N., R. 9 E, W.M., Unsurveyed, Skamania County, Washington. The contract area contains an estimated 30 CCF of predominantly Douglas-Fir, Western Hemlock and Silver Fir. The harvesting system for this sale will be ground-based.

The Canyon Thin sale is a 450-acre timber stand located on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument with Sections 4, 5, 6, T. 5 N., R. 5 E. and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, T. 4 N., R. 5 E., W.M., Unsurveyed, Skamania County, Washington. The contract area contains an estimated 14,600 CCF of predominantly Douglas-Fir and Western Hemlock. The harvesting system is estimated at being 40% skyline and 60% groundbased.

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