

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. 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 December 26, 2002. 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.

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 District Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, at 9:00 A.M., PACIFIC TIME, on Thursday, January 23, 2003, for all timber marked or designated for cutting. 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. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids 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 December 26, 2002, constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. Protests of any sale listed below must be filed within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. Protests that are sent by fax should be sent to phone number (541) 618-2400. Normal business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Faxes received after 4:30 p.m. will be logged in on the next official business day. SBA SET-ASIDE SALES: Bidding on set-aside timber sales is limited to small business concerns as

defined by the Small Business Act, Section 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. IN DOUGLAS COUNTY: OREGON: O&C AND PD: SBA SET-ASIDE: ORAL AUCTION: All timber designated for cutting on the PAPA COW timber sale located in Section 32, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., and Sections 15, 17, 20, and 21, T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Will. Mer., estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 2,622 C cu. ft. of merchantable timber. No written bid for less than \$130,421.25 will be considered. Minimum deposit with written bid is \$13,100.00. All timber offered for sale hereunder is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber. An environmental assessment (EA-OR118-02-20) was prepared for this sale, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been documented. These documents are available for inspection as background for this sale at the Medford District Office.