

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Caney North First Thinning Timber Sale Caney R. D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on April 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately ten (10) miles west of Homer, LA in T20N, R9W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, & 12; T21N, R9W, Sections 35 & 36 of Webster Parish. It is in the Caney Unit of the District.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 515 acres of which an estimated 234 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains seven (7) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 18 x 18 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 14 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2012**.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 5.75 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$2,289.66**.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$0.03** per CCF (approximately **\$89.09**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$700.00 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 7, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 927-2061 if you have any questions about this sale.