



File Code: 2430

Date: November 18, 2015

Dear Prospective Offeror:

Sealed offers will be accepted until **10:00 am on January 7, 2016** at the **Forest Supervisor's Office, 2221 North Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904**, for the **Compartment 52 Raven Station RCW Habitat Enhancement Stewardship project**. This sale is located in Compartment 52 of the Sam Houston National Forest approximately 4 miles southwest of New Waverly in Walker County, Texas. It embraces a gross sale area of 750 acres of which 319 acres contain timber to be cut and removed and service work to be performed. (See enclosed Contract Area Map).

As part of this contract, pre-haul road maintenance is required with an estimated cost of **\$13,462.00**. The advertised rates for the included timber in this sale were adjusted to reflect the estimated cost of this work. Please review the timber sale prospectus and sample contract for specific information concerning required roadwork.

Due to Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) clusters, the use of NFSR 233 for timber removal will not be allowed during the general nesting season. The general nesting season begins April 1st and ends no later than July 31st.

The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to inspect the sale area and make their own estimate of the timber volume prior to submitting bid. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty or guarantee of the accuracy of the following estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Estimated Quantities	Unit of Measure	Advertised Minimum Bid Rates	Road Mtce. Deposit Required
Southern Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	2,558	CCF	\$ 82.23	\$.47/CCF
Hardwood	Sawtimber	157	CCF	\$ 8.69	\$.47/CCF
Softwood - Other	Pulpwood	1,910	CCF	\$ 6.69	\$.47/CCF
Hardwood	Pulpwood	345	CCF	\$ 7.59	\$.47/CCF
	Total	4,970	CCF		

Listing of Stewardship Project Work

<u>Work Item #</u>	<u>Mandatory/Optional</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Units of Measure</u>
01	Mandatory	Compartment 16	Mechanical Treatment of Vegetation (Mechanical Mulching)	112 Acres



NO OFFER GUARANTEE IS REQUIRED FOR BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT.

NOTE: NFSR's 233A, 226, and 233 D provide access to the contract area and are controlled by combination locked gates. Please contact the Sam Houston Ranger District, telephone (936) 344-6205 to obtain the lock combination.

Offeror's should review Section 21, General, on pages 5, 6 and 7 of the prospectus. This section provides instructions for the submission of technical and price proposals.

If you wish further information on this timber sale, the prospectus, or the bid form, please write or call the Forest Supervisor, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, 2221 North Raguette, Lufkin, Texas 75904, telephone (936) 639-8501; or the Sam Houston District Ranger at 394 FM 1375 West, New Waverly, Texas, 77358, telephone (936) 344-6205; or check our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/texas>. Click on "Timber Sales" listed under Quick Links menu located in the upper right section of the page.

Sincerely,

/s/Robert C. Allen

ROBERT C ALLEN,
Contracting Officer

Enclosures