

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE  
INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER CONTRACT-STEWARDSHIP  
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

The Rim Top Stewardship Contract is located in T11N, R13E, Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, Coconino County, Arizona. The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals at the Black Mesa Ranger District Office, 2748 SR Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ 85933 no later than 2:00 PM local time on February 25, 2016 for an estimated 4962 CCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) of ponderosa pine high value sawtimber (12"-23.9" DBH) and 1937 CCF of ponderosa pine medium value sawtimber (9"-11.9" DBH) marked or otherwise designated for cutting. In addition, within the area is an estimated 872 CCF of combined softwood pulpwood material that the successful bidder agrees to remove at a fixed rate. The mandatory stewardship item is the removal of all created slash on 1191 acres. The optional stewardship item is the removal of all designated pre-commercial trees (>3ft. tall to 4.9" DBH) on 1191 acres. Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how the stewardship work will be completed. A unit rate bid for the timber products is required, as well as, the per unit rate for completing each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public both at Black Mesa Ranger District Office, 2748 SR Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ 85933 (928-535-7300) and the Supervisor's Office, 30 S Chiricahua Dr., Springerville, AZ 85938 (928-333-6312) or online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/asnf/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>. A pre-bid conference will be held for prospective bidders at 10:00 AM on February 11, 2016. The meeting will be at the Black Mesa Ranger District Office in Overgaard, AZ. An opportunity will be available to visit the project site on this date. The UDSA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



**File Code:** 2430

**Date:** January 26, 2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

By February 25, 2016 at 2:00 PM, sealed bids, along with accompanying technical proposals, must be delivered to and will be opened at the Black Mesa District Ranger's Office, 2748 SR Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ 85933, for Rim Top Stewardship Contract. This sale is located in Coconino County. Integrated Resource Timber Sale Contract 2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 2/25/2020.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 7,771 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

**Estimated Timber Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure**

Timber Bid Information:				Rates Per Unit of Measure		
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Base Rate	Minimum Acceptable Rate	Additional Deposits for Rd. Maint. \$/CCF

**Mandatory Timber Cutting Units:**

Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	4962.00	N/A	\$5.00	\$1.99
Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH	Sawtimber	CCF	1937.00	N/A	\$4.39	\$1.99

**Only the Fixed Rate Applies:**

Combined Softwood	Pulpwood	CCF	872.00	N/A	\$1.00	\$1.99
<b>Total</b>		CCF	<b>7,771.00</b>			

In addition to the timber component of this project, there is required service work to be performed. As this work is completed and accepted, stewardship credits will be applied to the account to cover the cost of timber. You will be required to submit a rate per unit of measure for these projects as part of your proposal.

**Stewardship Project Information**

Project Number (a)	Project Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
<b>Mandatory Stewardship Work Items</b>			
1.0	Removal of all created slash	Acres	1,191.00
<b>Optional Stewardship Work Items</b>			
1.1	Removal of designated precommercial trees	Acres	1,191.00



There is no bid guarantee required on this sale. A performance bond will be required.

Bids will be evaluated on a best value unit rate basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed. The technical proposal that is submitted will become a part of the contract when sale is awarded. A unit rate bid for the timber products is required as well as the per unit rate for completing each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Forms are available to assist with completion of your technical proposal if you wish to use them.

A pre-bid conference will be held for prospective bidders at 10:00 AM on February 11, 2016. This meeting will be held at the Black Mesa Ranger District Office in Overgaard, AZ. An opportunity will be available to visit the project site on this date.

If you wish further information on this sale such as Contract Area Maps, Prospectus and Bid Form, please call the Supervisor's Office, Vince Causey, Contracting Officer (928) 333-6312 or Black Mesa District Ranger's office (928)535-7300 or online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/asnf/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

Sincerely,



VINCENT M. CAUSEY  
Contracting Officer



## INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER CONTRACT PROSPECTUS

<b>Stewardship Contract Name :</b>	Rim Top Stewardship	<b>Type of Contract :</b>	Premeasured
<b>National Forest :</b>	Apache/Sitgreaves	<b>Ranger District :</b>	Black Mesa
<b>Bidding Method :</b>	Sealed Bid		
<b>Location to Receive Offers :</b>	Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa RD, 2748 Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ 85933		
<b>Date :</b>	02/25/2016	<b>Time :</b>	02:00 PM

**1. INTRODUCTION.** This prospectus furnishes prospective offerors with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable offerors to decide whether or not to further investigate this stewardship project. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a Stewardship Contract. The prospectus does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data that are contained in the sample contract, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Offerors are urged to examine the contract and make their own estimates. Contract 2400-13T will be used. Inspect the contract area and the sample contract before submitting an offer. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the contract and stewardship work items and conditions of offering at Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement.

This is a Stewardship End Results Contract authorized by 16 U.S.C. 2104 Note.

**2. OFFERING.** This is a Sealed Bid Stewardship Contract . Offerors must submit sealed offers on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. The forms include instructions for offering and submission of the required certifications and technical proposals. The term "offer form" in this prospectus is the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. Also, the term "offeror" in this prospectus is identified as "offeror" in the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. **THE OFFERS WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

The offeror is required to submit a technical and price proposal and comply with all other provisions stated on the offer form. The proposal should be practical and be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's ability to meet the requirements of the contract. Upon contract award, this technical proposal will become a binding part of the contract. See Section 21, General for instructions for preparation of technical proposals and evaluation factors for award.

**3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER.** Refer to the sample contract and contract area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of contract area, location of payment units, location of cutting units, the acreage of contract area, the cutting unit acreage and location of stewardship work activities.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE CONTRACT AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

This contract is located on the Black Mesa RD, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, north of Hwy 260 and north and south of FS Road 300, southwest of Woods Canyon Lake

**4. QUANTITIES AND RATES.** The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. **VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED.** For these reasons, offerors are urged to examine the contract area and make their own estimates.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE FOR THE MANDATORY TIMBER CUTTING UNITS IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED OFFER FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

### Mandatory Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Rates Per Unit of Measure			
				Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
<b>Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :</b>							
Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	4,962.00	0	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$1.99
Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH	Sawtimber	CCF	1,937.00	0	\$4.39	\$0.00	\$1.99
<b>Only the Fixed Rate Applies :</b>							
Combined Softwood	Pulpwood	CCF	872.00	N/A	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>	CCF	7,771.00			\$0.00	\$15,464.29

### Optional Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Rates Per Unit of Measure			
				Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Not Applicable							

All of the mandatory stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed. Optional stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed when authorized in writing by Contracting Officer. Such authorization may be for all or a portion of the quantity shown. Optional stewardship work items may be selected and authorized in any order. Upon written request of Contractor, additional stewardship work items shall be considered and authorized; however, Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items if three or more authorized optional stewardship work items or any of the mandatory stewardship work items remain uncompleted. Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items at any time if Contracting Officer determines that there is insufficient value of remaining designated timber to cover the value of additional stewardship work items.

Stewardship Schedule of Work Items			
Item Number (a)	Work Activity Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
<b>Mandatory Stewardship Work Items</b>			
1.0	Removal of all created slash	Acres	1,191.00
<b>Optional Stewardship Work Items</b>			
1.1	Removal of designated pre-commercial trees	Acres	1,191.00

#### 5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT.

The normal operating season covers the period between 04/15 and 11/15. Contract termination date is 02/25/2020. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the contractor has met specified conditions.

Upon acceptance by the Forest Service, the technical proposal is a binding part of the contract and shall include, but is not limited to, plan periods for and methods of work activities. The Contractor must also submit an annual schedule of operations before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual schedule of operations does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

#### 6. PAYMENT.

Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of

cutting. Contractor may earn stewardship credits or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. "Stewardship Credits" are credits that are earned and established when work described in K(T)-G(T).9# of the sample contract has been performed and accepted. Stewardship Credits shall be earned at the offer rate as shown in the awarded contract. Earned Stewardship Credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits. Base Rates and Required Deposits must be paid in cash.

**7. PERFORMANCE BOND.** A performance bond is required. The penal sum of the bond will be 10 percent of the total offer value for included timber, rounded up to the nearest \$100 when the total offer value is \$10,000 or less; and rounded up to the nearest \$1000 when the total offer value exceeds \$10,000; or \$3600, whichever is greater.

**8. SPECIFIED ROADS.** Not Applicable.

**9. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Contractor shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with Contractor's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by Contractor in connection with this contract. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the Contractor's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in provision K(T)-F(T).3.2# in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

**10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**12. SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS.** Not Applicable.

**13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS.** The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The offeror, by signing the offer for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each offer.

**14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW.** If the total contract value for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the Contractor to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

**15. AWARD.** The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of Contractor responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To determine a Contractor to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The Contractor has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The Contractor is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The Contractor has a satisfactory performance record on similar type contracts. A prospective Contractor that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the Contractor's control and were not created through improper actions by the Contractor or affiliate, or that the Contractor has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a Contractor is not responsible. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;
- d. The Contractor has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;

- e. The Contractor has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for completing the requirements of the contract;
- f. The Contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that, to the best of offeror's knowledge, the offeror will meet the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101, determination of Contractor responsibility, and if awarded this contract, that offeror will complete the contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber or forest products and complete stewardship projects by the termination date.

**16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT.** Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that they are aware that offeror is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

**17. DAMAGES.** This contract shall be terminated for breach if: 1) Contractor fails to execute this stewardship contract or furnish a satisfactory performance bond by the date required in the award letter, if required; or 2) offeror is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the offer form including not meeting responsibility requirements, and offeror has made a false statement.

**18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION.** Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017). These rules require each contractor, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when submitting an offer on stewardship contracts. The offeror must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the offer form. The offeror, by signing the offer, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the competition. Also, as a Contractor enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with the offer. Contractor must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested. The certification forms and instructions for subcontractors transactions are provided as an addendum to the offer form.

**19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) REGULATIONS.** Conduct of operations on this contract is subject to compliance with all OSHA requirements related to the various work activities. Inspection by OSHA may include inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist Contractors to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this contract from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, 230 North First Ave. Suite 202, Phoenix, AZ 85003, (800) 475-4020.

**20. GENERAL.** Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms>.

This sale is appraised to Lumberjack Mill, SR 277, AZ.

Whole tree skidding to landing is permitted for this contract.

Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Regarding Felony Conviction.

Compliance with ADOT for highway permit request, safety, and ingress and egress requirements are the responsibility of the selected bidder.

The successful offeror shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS

- (a) General Instructions. Proposals submitted shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.

(1) - The proposal must include a technical proposal and price proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost.

(2) - Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this Request for Proposal (RFP), must be clearly identified.

OR

(2) Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

(3) - The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below.

(4) - Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:

(i.) One copy of the completed, signed offer form FS-2400-14BV or FS-2400-14BVU provided by the Forest Service for this contract.

(ii.) Three copies of the technical proposal.

(iii.) One copy of the business/cost proposal.

(b) Technical Proposal Instructions. Technical proposals will be evaluated to determine the ability of the Contractor to meet the requirements of the Government. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following: See the attached Technical Proposal Form for the Evaluation Factors and Subfactors.

#### EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated and rated to determine which offerors are within a competitive range, price and other factors considered. Award may be made without further negotiations. Proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms that the offeror can submit to the Government, from both price and technical standpoints. However the Government may, after evaluation of proposals, conduct further oral or written discussions as appropriate, with all offerors whose proposals are within a competitive range. Proposals that do not address one or more criteria or subfactors, may not be considered further for award.

Firms lacking a past performance record (e.g., new firms or those with no relevant experience within their organization) will be treated as an unknown performance risk, receiving a neutral score in this criteria. A neutral score will be established as the average of all other competing offerors, or the average of the total score available, whichever is less.

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation factors for this contract and their relative importance are listed below in descending order of priority. All subfactors within a factor are equal in weight.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Approximate Weight</u>
A. Price	30%
B. Technical Approach	5%
1. Plan of Operations	
2. Quality Control	
3. Contract Manager and On-the-Ground Supervisor(s)	
4. Equipment	
5. Production Capability	
C. Capability and Past Performance	5%
1. Key Personnel	
2. Subcontractors	
3. Past Contacts	
D. Utilization of Local Workforce	0%
E. Other	60%
Implementation of optional item	

**Award Statement.** One award will be made to the offeror (a) whose proposal is technically acceptable and (b) whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. All technical evaluation factors (B-D), when combined, are \_\_\_\_\_ price (A). The critical factor in making any technical/price trade-off is not the spread between the technical ratings, but rather the significance of that difference. The significance of the spread in ratings will be determined on the basis of what that difference might mean in terms of performance and what it would cost the Government to take advantage of it. Award may not necessarily be made for technical capabilities that would appear to exceed those needed for fulfilling the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to make cost/technical trade-offs that are in the best interest and to the advantage of the Government.

Price proposals will not be scored.

#### **POSTAWARD DEBRIEFING OF OFFERORS**

- (a) (1) An offeror, upon its written request received by the agency within 3 days after the date on which that offeror has received notification of contract award in shall be debriefed and furnished the basis for the selection decision and contract award.
- (2) To the maximum extent practicable, the debriefing should occur within 5 days after receipt of the written request.
- (3) An offeror that was notified of exclusion from the competition, but failed to submit a timely request, is not entitled to a debriefing.
- (4) (i) Untimely debriefing requests may be accommodated.
- (ii) Government accommodation of a request for delayed debriefing, or any untimely debriefing request, does not automatically extend the deadlines for filing protests. Debriefings delayed could affect the timeliness of any protest filed subsequent to the debriefing.
- (b) Debriefings of successful and unsuccessful offerors may be done orally, in writing, or by any other method acceptable to the Contracting Officer.
- (c) The Contracting Officer should normally chair any debriefing session held. Individuals who conducted the evaluations shall provide support.
- (d) At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include-
- (1) The Government's evaluation of the significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the offeror's proposal, if applicable;
  - (2) The overall evaluated cost or price (including unit prices) and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror, and past performance information on the debriefed offeror;
  - (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during the source selection;
  - (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
  - (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror; and
  - (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions about whether source selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed.
- (e) The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed offeror's proposal with those of other offerors. Moreover, the debriefing shall not reveal any information prohibited from disclosure by Federal Acquisitions Regulations 24.202 or exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) including-
- (1) Trade secrets;
  - (2) Privileged or confidential manufacturing processes and techniques;
  - (3) Commercial and financial information that is privileged or confidential, including cost breakdowns, profit, indirect cost rates, and similar information; and
  - (4) The names of individuals providing reference information about an offeror's past performance.
- (f) An official summary of the debriefing shall be included in the contract file.

<b>SOLICITATION AND OFFER FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE CONTRACT</b>								
1. Contract Number: 21603		2. Date and Time for Receipt of Offers: 02/25/2016 02:00 PM		3. Opened By:			4. In the Presence of:	
5. Contract Name: Rim Top Stewardship								
6. National Forest: Apache/Sitgreaves				7. Ranger District: Black Mesa			8. Type of Offer: Best Value	
9. To: (Title and address of Contracting Officer receiving offers) Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa RD Bid Custodian 2748 Hwy 260 Overgaard, AZ 85933				10. Name of Newspaper: White Mountain Independent		11. Date Published: 01/26/2015		
				12. City: Show Low		13. State: Arizona		
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTING OFFICER:</b> Verify that TIM has completed applicable blanks before sending to prospective Offerors. Attach copy of contract solicitation. Entries are required in blocks 1; 2; 5; 6; 7; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14a, b, c, d, e, f, h, & i; 15a, b, c, & d; 19; and 24; and instructions 2, 5, and 10 for all contracts. Entries are required in block 14g for species with a fixed rate. Strike out spaces for entries in one or more of columns 14e, h, or i, if not applicable to the contract.								
<b>*****In Response to the Notice of Integrated Resource Contract published in the newspaper specified above, and subject to the conditions attached hereto, the following offer is submitted and shall constitute a Firm Offer:*****</b>								
<b>14. Timber Offer Information:</b>				<b>Rates Per Unit of Measure</b>				
Species (a)	Product (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)	Base Rate (e)	Advertised Rate (f)	Offer Rate (g)	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal (h)	Base Indices (i)
<b>Mandatory Timber Cutting Units</b>								
Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	4,962.00	N/A	\$5.00		\$0.00	N/A
Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH	Sawtimber	CCF	1,937.00	N/A	\$4.39		\$0.00	N/A
<b>Only the Fixed Rate Applies.</b>								
Combined Softwood	Pulpwood	CCF	872.00	N/A	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>Optional Timber Cutting Units (Offering Optional):</b>								
<b>Not Applicable</b>								
<b>Only the Fixed Rate Applies.</b>						<b>Fixed Rate</b>		
<b>Not Applicable</b>								
<b>15. Stewardship Project Offer Information:</b>								
Project Number (a)	Project Description (b)			Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)	Rate per Unit (e)	Total Offer (d) x (e) (f)	
<b>Mandatory Stewardship Projects - Offeror must complete columns (e) and (f):</b>								
1.0	Removal of all created slash			Acres	1,191.00			
<b>Optional Stewardship Projects (Offering Mandatory) - Offeror must complete columns (e) and (f):</b>								
1.1	Removal of designated pre-commercial trees			Acres	1,191.00			

**16. OFFEROR RESPONSIBILITY CERTIFICATION:** Subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 USC 1001, Offeror certifies, by signing this offer form, that to the best of Offeror's knowledge that the following representations are accurate and complete:

- a. That the Offeror has not employed or retained any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the Offeror) to solicit or secure this contract.
- b. That the Offeror has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the Offeror) any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract and agrees to furnish information relating thereto as requested by the Contracting Officer.
- c. That the Offeror meets the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101 regarding determination of contractor responsibility.
- d. That if awarded this contract that Offeror will complete the contract to its terms and any modifications thereof including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove the included timber or forest products and complete stewardship projects by the termination date.

**16a. OFFEROR CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:** Subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 USC 1001, Offeror certifies, by signing this offer form, that to the best of Offeror's knowledge that the following representations are accurate and complete.

- a. That the Offeror and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntary excluded from contracts (covered transactions) by any Federal department or agency.
- b. That the Offeror and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this offer been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- c. That the Offeror and its principals are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b of this certification.
- d. That the Offeror and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this offer had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for breach or default of a contract.

Offerors that cannot certify this block, in whole or in part, shall submit an explanation with their offer. (See instruction 13.)

**16b. OFFEROR INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:** Subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 USC 1001, Offeror certifies, by signing this offer form, that to the best of Offeror's knowledge that the following information is accurate.

a. That the Offeror  has,  has not participated in a previous contract subject to the provision of section 202 of Executive Order 11246 (Non-discrimination in Employment) of 9/24/65, as amended; and that the Offeror  has,  has not submitted required compliance reports under such previous contracts.

b. That the Offeror together with its affiliates employs the following number of persons and is classified as:  
 1-25  26-500  Over 500 **and** a:  Manufacturer  Nonmanufacturer of sawtimber.

**17. CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:** Subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 USC 1001, Offeror certifies and represents, by signing this offer form, that the following representations are accurate and complete:

a. By submission of this offer each offeror also certifies, and in the case of a joint offer each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this contract:

(i) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Offeror or with any potential competitor;

(ii) The prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the Offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Offeror prior to opening of offer, directly or indirectly to any other Offeror or to any potential competitor; and

(iii) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an offer.

b. Each person signing this offer or proposal certifies that:

(i) The Signer is the person in the Offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices offered herein and that the Signer has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs a(i) through a(iii); or

(ii) The Signer is not the person in the Offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to prices offered herein but that the Signer has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs a(i) through a(iii), and as their agent does hereby so certify; and that the Signer has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs a(i) through a(iii).

c. An offer will not be considered for award where any portion of paragraph a or b has been deleted or modified. Where these provisions have been deleted or modified, the offer will not be considered for award unless Offeror furnishes with the offer a sworn statement which sets forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure and the Chief, Forest Service, or the Chief's designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

**18. ROAD CONSTRUCTION OPTION:**

Not applicable.

**19. CONTRACT AND BOND:** The Offeror whose offer is accepted will, within 30 days of the award letter's date, or any written extension thereof by the Forest Service, execute a stewardship contract which shall be provided by the Forest Service and be based on the sample contract referenced in the prospectus. Simultaneously, Offeror shall furnish a satisfactory performance bond, in accordance with the provisions of such stewardship contract, in the penal sum as prescribed in the prospectus for this contract, and otherwise complete the process described on this form and pages attached hereto. Offeror agrees that its failure to comply with this paragraph shall result in a termination of this contract for breach under provisions of instruction 6 of the Instructions to Offeror's portion of this form.

**20. FIRM OFFER:** Subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 USC 1001, the Offeror hereby agrees not to withdraw this offer after the time for receipt of offers. Signing this offer form binds the Offeror to accept award under the terms of the sample contract, this offer form, and any accepted terms from Offeror's proposal, if its offer is accepted within 90 days after time for receipt of offers. The period for acceptance may be extended by written notice from Offeror. If Offeror qualifies as a small business and elects road construction by the Forest Service, then the Offeror agrees that its offer shall remain open through the period stated in the prospectus although that period may exceed 90 days.

If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s). Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the time for receipt of offers.

**21. TERMS OF OFFER:** Offeror certifies and represents that the Offeror has read and understands each and every provision of this offer form (together with any attachments thereto) and the sample contract. The Offeror agrees that it assumes the responsibility to clarify any questions before signing this form. The Offeror agrees that the written provisions of this offer form (together with any attachments), the sample contract, and any accepted terms from Offeror's proposal constitute the entire agreement of the parties until a written contract is executed and neither the offer form (and any attachments), the Offeror's proposal, nor the sample contract can be orally modified. The Offeror expressly adopts the terms of this offer form, the Offeror's proposal, and the sample contract as material parts of the Offeror's offer.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF ESTIMATES AND OFFEROR'S WARRANTY OF INSPECTION:** Before submitting this offer, the Offeror is advised and cautioned to inspect the contract area, review the requirements of the sample contract, and take other steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the location, estimated quantities, construction requirements and estimates, and operating costs of the offered timber or forest products and stewardship projects. Failure to do so will not relieve the Offeror from responsibility for completing the contract.

The Offeror warrants that this offer is submitted solely on the basis of its examination and inspection of the quality and quantity of the timber or forest products offered for sale and operating costs of stewardship projects to be performed and is based solely on its opinion of the value thereof and its costs of recovery, without any reliance on Forest Service estimates. Offeror further acknowledges that the Forest Service: (a) expressly disclaims any warranty of fitness of timber or forest products for any purpose; (b) offers this timber or forest products, as is, without any warranty of quality (merchantability) or quantity, and (c) expressly disclaims any warranty as to the quantity or quality of timber or forest products sold, except as may be expressly warranted in the sample contract.

The Offeror further holds the Forest Service harmless for any error, mistake, or negligence regarding estimates, except as expressly warranted against in the sample contract.

**23. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS:**  
 The Offeror certifies, by signing this offer form, that the Offeror is in compliance with applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). In Alaska, exports of logs, cordwood, or primary products derived from included timber may not be transported from Alaska without Regional Forester approval. (See instruction 12.)

**24. CERTIFICATION OF NON-AFFILIATION:**  
 Not applicable.

**25. CERTIFICATION OF AFFILIATION:** The Offeror certifies that a complete listing of Offeror's affiliates who are primarily engaged in the logging of forest products is included with this offer. (Add additional pages if needed. See instructions 6 and 11.):

Full Name of All Partners & Affiliates (Type or Print)	When requested by the Contracting Officer, Offeror agrees to furnish the tax identification number of each partner and affiliate listed herein.

**Before signing this offer, review the attached instructions to Offerors and fill in the applicable blanks in boxes 14g, 14l, 15e, 15f, 16b, 18, 25 and 26.**

Name of Offeror: (Type or Print)	By: (Signature in ink)	
	Title: (Type or Print)	Date:

Business Name (Type or Print)

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to be between 24 and 60 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency shall not conduct or sponsor, and no persons are required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this collection of information is 0596-0066.

**26. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

Business Name, Address and Phone Number (Include Zip Code and Area Code) (Type or Print)

Tax Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions to Forest Officer: Remove and shred this page after entering offeror's PII in the appropriate database.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. **OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS:** Before an offer is considered for award, the Offeror may be required to submit a technical and price proposal, as described in instruction 2 and comply with all other provisions stated herein. The proposal should be practical and be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise delineation of what it is the Offeror will do to satisfy the requirements of the contract. Upon contract award, this technical proposal will become a binding part of this contract.

2. **PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS:** Offers shall be manually signed, prices entered in block 14(g) for timber values and blocks 15(e) and 15(f) for the cost stewardship projects and all fill-in blocks, 16b, 18, 25, and 26 completed. The offer rates in column 14g for each species must be equal to or greater than the advertised rate for each species in column 14f. If erasures or other changes appear on the forms, the person signing the offer must initial each erasure or change.

Proposal Requirements. Proposals shall be submitted in two parts: a technical proposal and a price proposal.

a. **Technical Proposal Instructions.** The technical proposal will be used to make an evaluation and arrive at a determination as to whether the proposal will meet the requirements of the Government. Therefore, the technical proposal must present sufficient information to reflect a thorough understanding of the requirements and a detailed description of the techniques, procedures, and program for achieving the objectives of the specifications/statement of work. Proposals which merely paraphrase the requirements of the Government's specifications/statement of work, or use phrases such as "will comply" or "standard techniques will be employed" will be considered unacceptable and will not be further considered. Technical proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following criteria. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following:

(i) **Technical Approach**

I. Describe your plan of operations for both timber harvest and stewardship project work. Include a timeline and the rationale for the work activities identified to ensure all contractual requirements will be completed by the termination date.

II. Describe your quality control plan for both the harvesting and stewardship projects.

III. Provide names and resumes for your contract manager and your on-the-ground supervisor(s).

IV. Describe the equipment you propose to use to accomplish this contract, including both harvest and stewardship projects.

V. Define your production capability to accomplish this contract within the contract period.

VI. Describe methods and plans to protect resources, maximize utilization of harvested material including both sawtimber and nonsawtimber, and to minimize the number of entries into stands to be treated.

(ii) **Capability and Past Performance**

I. Provide a list of the experience of your key personnel who will actually be working on this contract.

II. Identify all subcontractors you propose to use for this contract and the work activities planned for subcontracting. Describe subcontractor's past performance using the criteria identified in (ii)III. If any subcontractors are certified in their area of expertise, provide information as to when, what, and by whom they are certified.

III. Submit a list of similar or related contracts that your firm has completed in the past 3 years. This listing must include the contract type; contract amount or contract size; location, the year completed, the Agency, company or individual contracted with, and a current telephone number.

(iii) **Utilization of Local Work Force.** Local labor is defined as \_\_\_\_\_. Identify how you intend to utilize labor, subcontractors, and other workforce from the local area. Additional evaluation preference will be given for the use of labor or subcontractors located closest to the contract area.

b. **Price Proposal.** All Offerors must furnish offer prices in each block of the 'Offer Rate' column (block 14g) for all material subject to offering in the mandatory timber cutting units. If offer prices are entered for the optional timber cutting units, Offerors must furnish offer prices in each block of the 'Offer Rate' column (block 14g) for all material subject to offering, and timber removal will be required. In addition, Offerors must enter a rate per unit in Block 15(e) and a total offer in Block 15(f) for both the mandatory and optional stewardship projects.

3. **SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:** Offers must be submitted to the Contracting Officer, designated by the solicitation as the receiving officer, at or prior to the time for receipt of offers. Such offers must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the designated receiving officer. The envelope should show on the outside (a) that it is a "Best Value Offer," and (b) the contract name or number, and the date and time of offer closing, as shown by the offer form. Offers received after the time specified on the offer form are late offers. Forest Service Handbook 2409.18, Chapter 60 will govern acceptance of such offers.

4. **OPENING OF OFFERS:** The competitive proposal does not allow for public opening of offers. The Government may disclose the following information in post-award debriefings to other Offerors: (a) the overall

evaluated price and technical rating of the successful Offeror; (b) the overall ranking of all Offerors, when any ranking was developed by the Agency during source selection, (c) a summary of the rationale for award, and (d) for acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful Offeror.

**5. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT:** One award will be made to the Offeror (a) whose proposal is technically acceptable and (b) whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. All technical evaluation factors including those listed in section 2a(i)-(iii) of these instructions and any additional factors listed in the prospectus when combined, are \_\_\_\_\_ cost or price. The critical factor in making any technical/price trade-off is not the spread between the technical ratings, but rather the significance of that difference. The significance of the spread in ratings will be determined on the basis of what that difference might mean in terms of performance and what it would cost the Government to take advantage of it. Where technical proposals are determined to be substantially equal, any cost/price advantage to the Government may control award.

Proposals must be submitted initially on the most favorable terms from a technical and price standpoint which the Offeror can submit to the Government. Therefore, the Government reserves the right to award without discussions with the Offerors. However, after receipt of initial offers, written or oral discussions may be conducted with all responsible Offerors whose offers are determined to be in the competitive range. Discussions conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

Firms lacking a past performance record (new firms or those with no relevant experience within their organization) will be treated as an unknown performance risk, and will receive a neutral rating in this criteria. A neutral rating will be established as the average of all other competing Offerors.

The selection official will base the award decision on a tradeoff between price and non-price factors, comparing the relative risk to the government of poor or non-performance posed by each of the offerors, and making a judgement as to whether or not reduced risk of performance is worth additional cost. In some cases this will result in award to a lower ranked but lower priced offer, in other cases award may be to a higher ranked but higher priced offer.

The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Offeror shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

If an appeal or lawsuit is filed challenging the decision to award this contract or upon determination by the Regional Forester that conditions existing on this stewardship contract are the same as, or nearly the same as, conditions existing on other contract(s) in appeal or litigation, Contracting Officer may delay award or reject all offers. If delay in award is for 10 days or more during Normal Operating Season after offer opening, Contracting Officer shall, upon award, adjust the contract term to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the actual time lost.

**6. DAMAGES:** Offeror acknowledges that this contract shall be terminated for breach pursuant to blocks 16, 16a, 16b, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and/or 26 of this offer form if: (a) the Offeror fails to execute a stewardship contract, or furnish a satisfactory performance bond, within the number of days listed in block 19, of award letter's date; or (b) the Offeror is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on this offer form, including not meeting contractor responsibility requirements. The Offeror acknowledges that the Offeror shall not be entitled to cure this breach and that it will pay damages pursuant to the following terms:

Damages due the United States shall be determined in the following manner: (a) The costs, as described in this instruction, incurred by Forest Service in contacting the other qualified offerors regarding accepting the award of the contract at the high Offeror's repudiated rate or (b) If another qualified offeror does not accept award of the contract at the high Offeror's repudiated rate:

(i) If the repudiated contract is reoffered within 6 months of the date of repudiation, damages shall be the difference between the total recontract value and the total value of Offeror's repudiated offer, plus costs described in this instruction or

(ii) If there are no responsive offers on the reoffered contract, damages shall be the difference between the reoffered appraised value and the total value of Offeror's repudiated offer, plus costs described in this instruction or

(iii) If the repudiated contract will not be reoffered or the reoffer is not made within 6 months of Offeror's repudiation, damages shall be the difference between the appraised value of this contract as of the date of Offeror's repudiation and the total value of Offeror's repudiated offer, plus the costs described in this instruction.

The costs to be included in damages are the costs the Government incurs in making the reoffer, including, but not limited to, salary costs, document preparation and duplication costs, mailing costs, and contract solicitation costs.

Damages will also include interest measured by interest at the Current Value of Funds Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Interest will be calculated from the date of Offeror's repudiation to the date of award of the reoffered contract or to the date a determination is made not to reoffer the repudiated contract or for 6 months, whichever comes first.

**7. PRIVACY ACT:** All personal information is requested on a voluntary basis; however, if you do not provide this personal information, your offer will not be accepted and the contract will not be awarded to you.

Solicitation of this information is necessary for the Government to conduct its contracting program and thus is authorized under the National Forest Management Act of 1976, (16 USC 472a). The principle purpose for collecting this information is to allow for proper award of a stewardship contract and to provide for administration of that contract after award. Other routine uses of this data include: (a) compilation of small business data to determine needs for set-aside contracts, (b) determination of volume purchased in any specific time period by a single contractor, and (c) determination of volume under contract by a contractor.

**8. ROAD COMPLETION DATE:** The Offeror hereby acknowledges that the Offeror is aware of the road completion date in the sample contract. The Offeror also acknowledges that if the Offeror elects to have Forest Service construct specified roads, the Offeror is aware: (a) that the Forest Service expects to contract for road construction, (b) that the stewardship contract will not be awarded unless a satisfactory road construction bid is received and a road construction contract is awarded or, if the Forest Service fails to receive such a bid within a maximum period stated in the solicitation of the road contract, the Offeror agrees to perform road construction, (c) that the Forest Service may extend the maximum award delay time by the amount of time needed to confirm either contract or road Bidder's size status or by any time in excess of 40 days from offer opening needed to begin solicitation of construction bids, and (d) that if the Forest Service extends the maximum award delay period because solicitation of the road contract is delayed, the Offeror may withdraw its offer without penalty.

**9. ELECTION OF ROAD OPTION AND CERTIFICATE OF SMALL BUSINESS STATUS:** The National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 USC 472h(i)) provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may permit offerors qualifying as small business concerns under the Small Business Act to elect, when submitting an offer, to have the Secretary build the specified roads. Offerors qualifying as a small business concern under the Small Business Act, as amended, and the regulations thereunder, may elect to have the Forest Service construct the Specified Roads required by this contract. The Offeror who does not elect agrees, if awarded the contract, to construct the roads in accordance with the contract. An Offeror who does elect acknowledges that Offeror is aware of and agrees to the conditions stated in instruction 8 and that the Offeror is a small business concern.

If you wish to elect Government construction, you must so indicate in block 18 on the offer form that you submit. You may not accept this election at a later time. If you do not elect Government construction on your original offer form and you receive contract award, you must construct needed specified roads. You must elect Government construction for all of the specified roads as a package. Election of Government construction of a portion of the roads constitutes a non-responsive offer. When you elect Government construction, you must certify your firm as a qualified small business concern and acknowledge your understanding that award of the contract cannot take place until the Forest Service ensures road construction.

Except in rare instances, and then only when indicated in the solicitation, the Forest Service must rely upon independent contractors to construct the roads when you request Government construction. The Forest Service shall make a good-faith effort to let a contract for the construction. Without receipt of a satisfactory bid under Federal Procurement Regulations, the Forest Service can only award the stewardship contract to you if you agree to perform the construction. This problem does not arise often, but you should consider the possibility when deciding upon your election.

The Act also requires that when the Offeror elects to have the Secretary build the roads, the price paid for the timber must include all of the estimated construction costs of the roads. The Offeror must pay the total cost of the road, regardless of the amount that the offer value exceeds base rate value. This means that you may be billed at a rate higher than the offer rate.

**10. ELECTION OF ROAD OPTION:** Not applicable.

**11. DEFINITIONS:**

Affiliates: Business concerns or individuals are affiliates of each other if, directly or indirectly, (a) either one controls or has the power to control the other; or (b) a third party controls or has the power to control both.

Offeror: An Offeror is any individual, organization, or other legal entity that submits an offer for, or may be expected to submit an offer for, a National Forest System contract.

Covered Transactions: Covered transactions include both non-procurement and procurement transactions. The primary tier is between a Federal Agency and a person. A lower tier transaction is between a participant in a covered transaction and another person. A procurement contract is a covered transaction if it is awarded to a participant in a non-procurement transaction and the amount of the contract is greater than \$25,000.

Manufacturer: A concern with an existing sawmill, specialty mill (such as a cedar mill, shingle or shake plant, pole plant, or deadwood stud mill), veneer mill, or other manufacturing facility within an economic or logical haul distance, or with firm commitments and permits for construction of such facility. The purpose of this facility is processing the sawtimber component of timber sales.

Nonmanufacturer:

- a. Any concern which manufactures, with its own or leased facilities, or contracts for manufacture less than 50 percent of its total annual sawlog production within an economic or logical haul distance to such facilities,

including pulp and fiberboard mills without a contiguous integrated manufacturing facility for lumber, timbers, or veneer from a sawtimber component.

b. A specialty concern that does not have the capacity to manufacture 50 percent or more of its average annual sawlog production because of factors such as timber species or size.

c. Any concern purchasing National Forest timber outside an economic and logical haul distance to its manufacturing facility.

d. Any pulp mill, fiberboard mill, or chip plant that purchases sales with a sawtimber component when it has no manufacturing facility for lumber, timbers, or veneer.

**Participant:** Any person who submits a proposal for, enters into, or reasonably may be expected to enter into a covered transaction. This term also indicates any person who acts on behalf of or is authorized to commit a participant in a covered transaction as an agent or representative of another participant.

**Contract Officer:** An individual delegated responsibility for any specific aspect or task in the offering or awarding process for contracts.

**Small Business:** In contracts of National Forest timber a small business is a concern that: (a) is primarily engaged in the logging and forest products industry; (b) is independently owned and operated; (c) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (d) together with its affiliates does not employ more than 500 persons.

**12. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT RESTRICTIONS:** Certain restrictions on the purchase and export of unprocessed logs cut from National Forest timber apply in various parts of the country. Pursuant to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.), the Offeror acknowledges that the Offeror is aware of the applicable export restrictions. The Offeror is aware that these restrictions affect the disposition of the included timber and is aware that the restrictions may reduce the potential value of the timber.

**13. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS-CONTRACT TRANSACTIONS:** The inability of a person to provide the certifications in block 16a will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this contract (covered transaction). The Offeror shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Forest Service's determination whether to enter into this contract. However, failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this contract.

The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Forest Service determined to enter into this contract. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Forest Service may terminate this contract for cause or default.

The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Forest Service officer, to whom this offer is submitted, if at any time the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

The terms 'covered transaction,' 'debarred,' 'suspended,' 'ineligible,' 'lower tier covered transaction,' 'participant,' 'person,' 'primary covered transaction,' 'principal,' 'proposal,' and 'voluntarily excluded,' as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the Forest Service for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

The Offeror agrees by submitting this offer that, should the proposed contract transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any subcontractor transaction (lower tier covered transaction) with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, or who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded under 48 CFR 9.4, or under 2 CFR 180 or 417 from participation in this contract, unless authorized by the Forest Service's non-procurement Debarment and Suspending Official.

The Offeror further agrees by submitting this offer that it will provide the addendum titled 'Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion,' without modification, to all subcontractors and in all solicitations for subcontractors.

**14. SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:** Pursuant to 2 CFR 180.335 each contractor shall require subcontractors to include a certification for it and its principals in any proposal submitted in connection with this contract. Contractors shall keep the certifications on file until the termination date of the contract.

A participant in a contract may rely upon a certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, or is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded under 48 CFR 9.4, or under 2 CFR 180 or 417 from the contract, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A contractor may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each contractor may, but is not required to, check for those listed as Excluded in the System for Award Management.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

Except for transactions authorized in paragraph 5 of the instructions for certification, if a contractor knowingly enters into a subcontractor transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, or who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded under 48 CFR 9.4, or under 2 CFR 180 or 417 from participation in this contract, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Forest Service may terminate this contract for cause or default and/or pursue suspension and/or debarment. The instructions and certification follow:

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR:**  
**Subcontractor Certification**  
**Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective subcontractor (lower tier participant) is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Forest Service, with which this transaction originated, may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective subcontractor shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective subcontractor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms 'covered transaction,' 'debarred,' 'suspended,' 'ineligible,' 'lower tier covered transaction,' 'participant,' 'person,' 'primary covered transaction,' 'principal,' 'proposal,' and 'voluntarily excluded,' as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the Forest Service for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The subcontractor agrees by submitting this certification that, should the proposed subcontract be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any other subcontract with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, or who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded under 48 CFR 9.4, or under 2 CFR 180 or 417 from participation in this contract, unless authorized by the Forest Service.
6. The subcontractor further agrees by submitting this certification that it will include this certification titled 'Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion,' without modification, and instructions in all subcontracts and in all solicitations for its subcontracts.

**Subcontractor Certification**  
**Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion**

Contract Name: Rim Top Stewardship

National Forest: Apache/Sitgreaves

The prospective subcontractor (participants in lower tier covered transactions) certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any Federal department or agency.

Where the prospective subcontractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name of Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**ATTACHMENT 1  
TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

Instructions: See Item No. 11, remarks, if extra space is needed to answer any item below. Mark X in the appropriate boxes.

1. Contractors Name, Address & Telephone No.  email address: _____	2. Type of Business <input type="checkbox"/> Company <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit
3. How many years experience do you have in this line of work ____ Yrs	
4. How many years experience as a prime contractor ____ subcontractor ____	
5. List the relevant current/past projects for your business in the last 3 years:	
a. Project (Location): _____	
Contract Amount \$ _____ Period of Performance _____	
Description of Services (i.e. type of road, length of road, equipment used, tasks performed, trades involved) _____ _____	
Name, Address & Telephone Number for Point of Contact for Information: _____ _____	
b. Project (Location): _____	
Contract Amount \$ _____ Period of Performance _____	
Description of Services (i.e. type of road, length of road, equipment used, tasks performed, trades involved) _____ _____	
Name, Address & Telephone Number for Point of Contact for Information: _____ _____	
c. Project (Location): _____	
Contract Amount \$ _____ Period of Performance _____	
Description of Services (i.e. type of road, length of road, equipment used, tasks performed, trades involved) _____ _____	
Name, Address & Telephone Number for Point of Contact for Information: _____ _____	



d. The names and resumes of your subcontractor's. (attachments as necessary)

e. A plan of operation for both timber removal and stewardship project work, including a timeline and the rationale for work activities to ensure all contractual work will be completed by the termination date.

f. A quality control plan for both the harvesting and the stewardship projects.

g. The equipment you propose to use to accomplish this contract.

**8. Geographical Proximity.**

The contractor's main office or branch office is located \_\_\_\_\_ miles from \_\_\_\_\_

Rim Top Stewardship Project

9. List the experience of the principal individuals of your business			
INDIVIDUALS NAME	PRESENT POSITION	YRS EXP	TYPE OF WORK

10. Information required to complete a financial responsibility determination if the apparent successful offeror.

a. Credit References

Company Name/Address	Point of Contact	Telephone number	TYPE OF WORK

b. Banking Information.

Company Name/Address	Point of Contact	Telephone number	TYPE OF WORK

11. REMARKS: (PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL SHEETS MAY BE ATTACHEHD TO SUPPLEMENT THIS FORM)

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**CERTIFICATION: I certify that all of the statements made by me are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any persons named as references are authorized to furnish the Forest Service with any information needed to verify my capability to perform this project:**

Name:	Title:	Date:

**BIDDER BOND INFORMATION**

**Region: 03                      Forest: Apache-Sitgreaves                      District: Black Mesa**

**Sale Name: Rim Top Stewardship    Bid Date: \_\_02/25/2016\_\_**

**Bidder Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

I request my cash equivalent bid guarantee be applied towards my Down Payment deposit requirement.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For the Performance Guarantee coverage, I plan to use (check one):

- Unknown
- Cash
- Letter of Credit
- Corporate Surety  
    Name \_\_\_\_\_  
    Address \_\_\_\_\_  
    City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- Assignment of Savings
- Assignment of Certificate of Deposit
- Negotiable Securities

For the Payment Guarantee coverage (check one):

- I will not use Payment guarantee coverage, I will be making advance cash deposits, as needed.
- Unknown
- Payment Bond (applicable to this sale only)  
    In the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Blanket Payment Bond
  - Add this sale to existing Blanket Payment Bond  
    Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - I will be executing a new Blanket Bond.

My payment guarantee coverage will be secured by the following: (check one):

- Unknown
- Letter of Credit
- Corporate Surety  
    Name \_\_\_\_\_  
    Address \_\_\_\_\_  
    City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- Assignment of Savings
- Assignment of Certificate of Deposit
- Negotiable Securities

**AD-3030** **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION  
 AND TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS**

**Note:** You only need to complete this form if you are a corporation. A corporation includes, but is not limited to, any entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Corporations include both for profit and non-profit entities.

*The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(a), as amended). The authority for requesting the following information for USDA Agencies and staff offices is in §738 and 739 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. 112-55, as amended and/or subsequently enacted. The information will be used to confirm applicant status concerning entity conviction of a felony criminal violation, and/or unpaid Federal tax liability status.*

*According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1985 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0025. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.*

<b>1. APPLICANT'S NAME</b>			<b>2. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS (Including Zip Code)</b>			<b>3. TAX ID NO. (Last 4 digits)</b>		

- 4A. Has the Applicant been convicted of a felony criminal violation under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of application?     YES     NO
- 4B. Has any officer or agent of Applicant been convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Applicant under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of application?     YES     NO
- 4C. Does the Applicant have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability?     YES     NO

Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will make the applicant ineligible to enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, grant, loan, loan guarantee, or cooperative agreement with USDA.

<b>PART B – SIGNATURE</b>		
<b>5A. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (BY)</b>	<b>5B. TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY</b>	<b>5C. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)</b>

*The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION**  
**OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS**

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number of this information collection is 0505-0025. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. 112-55, Division A, Sections 738 and 739, as amended and/or subsequently enacted for USDA agencies and offices (except Forest Service) regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies.

Accordingly, by accepting this award the recipient acknowledges that it: (1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal or State law within 24 months preceding the award, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment of the recipient corporation, or such officer or agent, based on these convictions and/or tax delinquencies and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If the recipient fails to comply with these provisions, the agency will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of the above cited statutory provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE (BY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE  <b>INTEGRATED RESOURCE CONTRACT</b> (Applicable to Contracts with Measurement before Harvest)		<b>Name of Contractor</b>	
<b>National Forest</b> Apache/Sitgreaves	<b>Ranger District</b> Black Mesa	<b>Region</b> Southwestern	<b>Contract Number</b>
<b>Contract Name</b> Rim Top Stewardship		<b>Award Date</b>	<b>Termination Date</b> 02/25/2020

The parties to this contract are The United States of America, acting through the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called Forest Service, and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called Contractor.

Unless provided otherwise herein, Forest Service agrees to sell and permit Contractor to cut and remove Included Timber and Contractor agrees to purchase, cut, and remove Included Timber and complete required stewardship projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract as of the award date.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Two Witnesses:<sup>2/</sup>

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contracting Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor) <sup>3/</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Business Address)

I, <sup>4/</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary of the corporation named as Contractor herein; that \_\_\_\_\_  
 who signed this contract on behalf of Contractor, was then \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the corporation; that the contract was duly signed for and in behalf of the corporation by authority of its governing body, and is  
 within the scope of its corporate powers.

**CORPORATE  
 SEAL <sup>5/</sup>**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1/ If Contractor is a corporation, state a "corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_" and specify the State; if Contractor is a partnership, state a "partnership consisting of \_\_\_\_\_" and specify the names of each partner; and if Contractor is a sole proprietor doing business under an assumed name, state "(n) individual doing business under the name of \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_."

2/ The signatures and addresses of two witnesses are required if Contractor is other than a corporation.

3/ If Contractor is a co-partnership, the signatures should be: XYZ Company, by John Doe, a member of the firm. If Contractor is a corporation, form of signature should be: XYZ Company, by John Doe, President (or other officer or agent) and the seal of the corporation must be impressed or indicated.

4/ The certificate must be completed if Contractor is a corporation.

5/ For companies incorporated in States that require a corporate seal, if the corporation has no corporate seal that fact shall be stated, in which case a scroll or adhesive seal shall follow the corporate name.

**EXAMPLE 1/**

Subcontractor Certification  
Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion

Contract Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Forest: \_\_\_\_\_

The prospective subcontractor (and its principals in all related transactions) certifies in this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any Federal department or agency.

Where the prospective subcontractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name of Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

1/ It is Contractor's responsibility to have subcontractors complete this certification and to maintain a file of completed certifications. This certification does not need to be returned to the Forest Service, except at the written request of the Contracting Officer.

**AT.0 - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS.** The following conditions apply to the indicated portions of Division BT - Standard Provisions issued September 2004.

**AT.1 - Location and Area,** applicable to BT.1

This Contract Area of 2010 acres more or less is located in:

T11N, R13E, SEC 14,15,22 AND 23, COCONINO CO, ARIZONA, G&SR MERIDIANS

**AT.2 - Volume Estimate and Utilization Standards,** applicable to CT.1, CT.2, CT.4, and GT.4

Species	Product	Estimated Quantity *	Unit of Measure	Minimum Specifications				
				Merchantable Tree		Piece Required to be Removed		
				Diameter Breast High (d.b.h.) (inches)	Number of Minimum Pieces per Tree	Length (feet)	Diameter Inside Bark at Small End (inches)	Net Merch. Factor
Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	4,962.00	CCF	12.0	1	8	6.0	10.7
Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH	Sawtimber	1,937.00	CCF	9.0	1	8	6.0	10.7
Combined Softwood	Pulpwood	872.00	CCF	5.0	1	10	4.0	10.7
DRAFT								
<b>Total Quantity</b>		7,771.00	CCF					

\* Quantities not included here are described in CT.4.

**AT.3- Timber Designations,** applicable to CT.3; acres are approximate:

	Number	Acres
Clearcutting Units (CT.3.1)	_____	_____
Specified Road Clearing (CT.3.2)	_____	_____
Overstory Removal Units (CT.3.3)	_____	_____
Understory Removal Units (CT.3.4)	_____	_____
Individual Trees (CT.3.5)	_____	1,191
Incompletely Measured Payment Units (CT.3.6)	_____	_____

**AT.4 - Timber Payment Rates**, applicable to DT.1 and ET.0

**AT.4.1 - Escalated Rates**, applicable for Species and Products to be Paid for at Rates Escalated under DT.2

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Rates per Unit of Measure				Required Deposits Slash Disposal \$	Base Index
			Base \$	Advertised \$	Bid Premium \$	Bid (Tentative) \$		
<b>Not Applicable</b>								

DRAFT

**AT.4.2- Flat Rates**, applicable for Species and Products to be Paid for at Flat Rates

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Rates per Unit of Measure				Required Deposits Slash Disposal \$
			Base \$	Advertised \$	Bid Premium \$	Bid (Flat) \$	
Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	.00	5.00			.00
Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH	Sawtimber	CCF	.00	4.39			.00
Combined Softwood	Pulpwood	CCF	.00	1.00			.00

For purposes of convenience in collection and bookkeeping, Bid Rates stated in AT.4 include payment of deposits for contract area betterment required pursuant to 16 USC 576b. Such deposits are not included as Required Deposits defined hereunder.

**AT.4.3 - Schedule of Payment Units**

Payment Unit No.	App rox. Acres	To be Escalated under AT.4.1				Total Tentative Payment \$	To be Paid for at Flat Rates under AT.4.2				Total Flat Rate Payment \$	Total Required Deposits for Slash Disposal \$
		Species	Product	Qty	UOM		Species	Product	Qty	UOM		
1	717					Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	2,987.00	CCF			
						Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH Combined Softwood	Sawtimber Pulpwood	1,166.00 525.00	CCF CCF			
						<b>Total PU Quantity And Value</b>		4,678.00	CCF			
2	474					Ponderosa Pine and Other	Sawtimber	1,975.00	CCF			
						Ponderosa Pine 9"-11.9" DBH Combined Softwood	Sawtimber Pulpwood	771.00 347.00	CCF CCF			
						<b>Total PU Quantity And Value</b>		3,093.00	CCF			

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**AT.4.4 - Stewardship Credits**, applicable to ET.2.2 and KT-GT.9#

Mandatory Stewardship Projects					
Project Number	Project Description	Units of Measure	Quantity	Bid Rate \$	Total Credits
1.0	Removal of all created slash	Acres	1,191.00		
DRAFT					

Optional Stewardship Projects						
Priority	Project Number	Project Description	Units of Measure	Quantity	Bid Rate \$	Total Credits
2	1.1	Removal of designated pre-commercial trees	Acres	1,191.00		

The following definitions are established for the terms used in AT.4:

**Base Rates** are the lowest rates of payment for timber that are authorized by this contract. Base Rates remain constant throughout the life of this contract and are not subject to change by rate redetermination, except for reduction under DT.3.1, DT.3.2, or DT.3.3.

**Advertised Rates** are the minimum acceptable Bid Rates for timber, exclusive of Required Deposits. These rates are those indicated by appraisal, with a cost allowance made for construction of Specified Roads listed in AT.7, but are never less than Base Rates.

**Bid Premium Rates** are the amounts by which Contractor's bid is in excess of Advertised Rates. The Bid Premium Rates are constant during this contract, except as provided in DT.3.1, DT.3.2, and DT.3.3.

**Bid Rates** are the rates bid by Contractor (exclusive of Required Deposits for slash disposal and road maintenance) and are the sum of Advertised Rates and Bid Premium Rates. Until a rate redetermination becomes effective, the Bid Rate for species and products in AT.4.1 is the Tentative Rate that is subject to quarterly adjustment under DT.2; for species and products in AT.4.2, the Bid Rate is the Flat Rate.

**Required Deposits** are deposits that Contractor may be required to pay for slash disposal (16 USC 490) and road maintenance (16 USC 537). Required Deposits may be adjusted as part of a rate redetermination or a Contract Term Extension. The table shows only Required Deposits for slash disposal; road maintenance deposits, if any, are given in KT-FT.3.2#.

**Base Index** is the specified average of the lumber or other product selling value index used as the basis for computing adjustment in rates for variance in product selling value, as provided in DT.2.

**AT.5 - Indices Used in Quarterly Adjustment**, applicable to DT.2

Species	Index Name and Date
<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>DRAFT</p>

**AT.6 - High Stumps**, applicable to GT.4.1.2

Species	Product	Maximum Stump Height (inches)
All	All	12

**AT.7 - Specified Roads**, applicable to FT.2

Name and Date of Governing Road Specifications:

Project		Design Class	Approx. Length (mi./km.)	Sheet Numbers and Approval Date	Performance Responsibility		
Road No.	Name				Survey	Design	Construction Staking <sup>1/</sup>
	<b>Not Applicable</b>						

<sup>1/</sup> Indicate timing, i.e., before clearing (BC) or after clearing (AC). Applicable to FT.2.1.2

**AT.8 - Forest Service Engineering Completion Schedule**, applicable to FT.2.1

Road No.	Road Name	Type of Work	Completion Date
	<b>Not Applicable</b>		

**AT.9 - Fire Precautionary Period**, applicable to HT.2

May 01 to November 15, inclusive

**AT.10 - Contractor Responsibility to Furnish Crews and Equipment for:**

**Initial Fire Suppression**, applicable to HT.3

Within 5 road miles

**Fire Suppression Reinforcement**, applicable to HT.3.1.2 and HT.3.1.3

Within 50 road miles

**AT.11 - Contractor's Obligation per Operations Fire**, applicable to HT.4.1

**Maximum Amount:** \$ \$6,000

**AT.12 - Termination Date**, applicable to IT.2

February 25, 2020

**AT.13 - Normal Operating Season**, applicable to GT.3.1, GT.6.6, IT.2.1, and JT.3

**First Period:** April 15 to November 15, inclusive

**Second Period:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive



## **BT.0—CONTRACT AREA**

**BT.1 Contract Area Map.** The boundaries of “Contract Area” and any Payment Unit thereof, are as shown on the attached “Contract Area Map” that is made a part hereof, and were, before contract advertisement, designated on the ground by Forest Service to meet the anticipated needs of the parties. The location of Contract Area and its approximate acreage are stated in AT.1. Payment Units may be revised and additional ones may be established only by written agreement. Upon Contractor’s request, Forest Service shall subdivide Payment Units to reduce them to a size that can be logged within 60 days at Contractor’s normal rate of logging. However, the rate of logging used in such adjustment of Payment Unit size shall not be less than a rate necessary for removal of all Included Timber during Normal Operating Seasons prior to Termination Date. Payment Units and stewardship project areas may be eliminated from Contract Area under conditions described in GT.3.6. Catastrophically Damaged areas may be removed from Contract Area under IT.3.2.

Where applicable, the following are also identified on Contract Area Map:

- (a) Identified claims limiting Contractor’s rights under BT.2;
- (b) Payment Units where timber is to be Measured or Marked after date of contract advertisement and approximate location of sample Marked timber under CT.3.6 and CT.4;
- (c) Boundaries of Clearcutting Units, Overstory Removal Units, and Understory Removal Units under CT.3;
- (d) Diameter limits for Overstory Removal Units and Understory Removal Units under CT.3.3 and CT.3.4;
- (e) Areas where leave trees are Marked to be left uncut under CT.3.5;
- (f) Specified Roads listed in AT.7;
- (g) Sources of base course, surface rock, and rock riprap listed in the Schedule of Items;
- (h) Roads where log hauling or use is prohibited or restricted under FT.1.2;
- (i) Roads and trails to be kept open under GT.2.2;
- (j) Improvements to be protected under GT.2.2;
- (k) Locations of known wildlife or plant habitat and cave resources to be protected under GT.2.4;
- (l) Locations of areas known to be infested with specific invasive species of concern under GT.3.5;
- (m) Maximum stump heights when more than one height is listed by areas in AT.6 under GT.4.1.2;
- (n) Skidding or yarding methods specified under GT.4.2;
- (o) Streamcourses to be protected under GT.5;
- (p) Locations of meadows requiring protection under GT.6.1;
- (q) Locations of wetlands requiring protection under GT.6.2;
- (r) Locations of temporary roads to be kept open under GT.6.3.1; and
- (s) Other features required by Parts A through K.

**BT.2 Claims.** Valid claims are excluded from Contract Area, except those on which timber cutting is authorized in writing by the claimant and except mining claims on which cutting is authorized by the Act of July 23, 1955 (30 USC 614). Claims that limit Contractor’s rights to operate under this contract and that Forest Service has been able to identify are shown on Contract Area Map. Contractor is not obligated to operate contrary to existing claim limitations. Forest Service shall designate boundaries of claims on the ground to the extent necessary to identify Included Timber.

## **CT.0—TIMBER SPECIFICATIONS**

**CT.1 Included Timber.** “Included Timber” consists of:

**CT.1.1 Standard Timber.** Live and dead trees and portions thereof that meet Utilization Standards under CT.2 and are designated for cutting under CT.3.

**CT.1.2 Substandard Timber.** Live and dead trees that:

- (a) Do not meet Utilization Standards and
- (b) Are located in Clearcutting Units or construction clearings or are otherwise designated for cutting.

**CT.1.3 Damaged Timber.**

**CT.1.3.1 Damaged by Contractor.** Undesignated live trees meeting Utilization Standards:

(a) Within 200 feet slope distance from centerline of roads constructed hereunder that are damaged by Contractor’s construction to the extent that considerable deterioration or mortality is imminent and are designated by Forest Service for felling before the nearest road segment is Substantially Completed or

(b) That are damaged by Contractor in logging or stewardship project operations and are subsequently Marked before Contractor has completed work in the immediate area.

By agreement, such trees may be left without charge if their removal would cause undue damage or be grossly uneconomic.

**CT.1.3.2 Negligent or Willful Damage.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards and unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut by Contractor, if included by Contracting Officer.

**CT.1.3.3 Damage by Catastrophe.** As provided under IT.3.2, undesignated live and dead timber within Contract Area, meeting Utilization Standards, and affected by Catastrophic Damage. “Catastrophic Damage” as used

hereunder is major change or damage to Included Timber on Contract Area, to Contract Area, to access to Contract Area, or a combination thereof:

(a) Caused by forces, or a combination of forces, beyond control of Contractor, occurring within a 12-month period, including, but not limited to, wind, flood, earthquake, landslide, fire, forest pest epidemic, or other major natural phenomenon and

(b) Affecting the value of any trees or products meeting Utilization Standards, within Contract Area and estimated to total either:

- (i) More than half of the estimated timber quantity stated in AT.2 or
- (ii) More than two hundred thousand cubic feet (2,000 CCF) or equivalent.

Catastrophic Damage does not include changes caused by forest pest epidemics or foreseeable deterioration if Included Timber was sold for salvage or pest control.

**CT.1.3.4 Minor Damage by Natural Causes.** Undesignated trees within Contract Area and meeting Utilization Standards, in amounts less than specified in CT.1.3.3, that become insect infested, windthrown, suffer serious damage, or die, as designated by agreement.

**CT.1.4 Unintentionally Cut Timber.** Trees, within or immediately adjacent to Contract Area or to road construction or other authorized clearing outside Contract Area, not designated for cutting under CT.3 but that are cut through mistake by Contractor, when included by Contracting Officer.

**CT.1.5 Construction Timber.** Trees to be used for construction under FT.1.

**CT.1.6 Other Material.** Species or products not listed in AT.2, upon written approval of Contracting Officer under DT.4.1.

**CT.2 Utilization and Removal of Included Timber.** "Utilization Standards" for trees and minimum pieces are stated in AT.2. To meet minimum tree specifications, trees must equal or exceed tree diameters listed in AT.2 and contain at least one minimum piece. Except for timber required or authorized to be left, Contractor shall fell and buck such trees and shall remove from Contract Area all pieces that:

- (a) Meet minimum piece standards in AT.2 or
- (b) Do not meet such standards, but would have qualified as part of minimum pieces if bucking lengths were varied to include such material.

**CT.3 Timber Designations.** Timber designated for cutting shall be confined to Contract Area, except as provided in CT.1.3.1, CT.1.4, CT.1.5, CT.3.2, and FT.1. Contract Area Map indicates Payment Units, if any, where Marking under CT.3.5 is to be done after contract advertisement, except for construction clearing under CT.3.2, designation changes under CT.37, and damaged timber.

The boundaries of Clearcutting Units, Overstory Removal Units, and Understory Removal Units were plainly Marked on ground before contract advertisement and are shown on Contract Area Map. Boundary trees shall not be cut. Such units where Measuring is to be completed after date of contract advertisement are also shown. The number of units and approximate acreage of timber designations are stated in AT.3.

**CT.3.1 Clearcutting Units.** All trees that meet Utilization Standards within "Clearcutting Units" are designated for cutting.

**CT.3.2 Construction Clearing.** All timber is designated for cutting that is within the clearing limits of roads constructed hereunder or is in other authorized clearings. All dead or unstable live trees are designated for cutting that are sufficiently tall to reach Contractor's landings, work areas, or the roadbed of Specified and Temporary Roads when Marked in advance of work in the immediate area. Pieces meeting Utilization Standards from such dead or unstable live trees shall be removed, unless there is agreement that to do so could damage the road. Such designation may be revised as part of agreed changes in road location under FT.2.

**CT.3.2.1 Specified Road Clearings.** Timber within the clearing limits of Specified Roads is within separate Payment Units, as shown on Contract Area Map, and the quantities are in AT.2. These Payment Units are subject to revision, as specified in CT.37. The quantities of dead or unstable trees designated outside the clearing limits are not included in AT.2.

**CT.3.2.2 Other Authorized Clearings.** Timber within authorized clearings for Temporary Roads, landings, or other construction clearings is designated for cutting. Quantities of such timber are not included in AT.2.

**CT.3.3 Overstory Removal Units.** All trees within "Overstory Removal Units" are designated for cutting when they meet Utilization Standards and equal or exceed the diameter limits shown on Contract Area Map.

**CT.3.4 Understory Removal Units.** All trees within "Understory Removal Units" are designated for cutting when they meet Utilization Standards and are smaller than the diameter limits shown on Contract Area Map.

**CT.3.5 Individual Trees.** All trees to be cut, other than in the units described in CT.3.1, CT.3.2, CT.3.3, and CT.3.4, are Marked or designated by description. Trees are "Marked" when individually designated by Forest Service with paint marks above and below stump height.

Contract Area Map indicates areas plainly identified on the ground where leave trees are Marked to be left uncut.

**CT.3.6 Incompletely Measured Payment Units.** Live trees within incompletely Measured Payment Units shown on Contract Area Map at time of contract advertisement shall be designated in accordance with KT-CT.3.6. A

representative sample of the timber to be designated has been Marked prior to contract advertisement in accordance with such rules. The approximate locations of the representative sample areas are shown on Contract Area Map.

**CT.37 Designation Changes.** Within Contract Area, minor adjustments may be made in boundaries of cutting units or in the timber individually Marked for cutting when acceptable to Contractor and Forest Service.

In event Contracting Officer accepts alternate facilities under FT.2.6, Contracting Officer shall revise the affected Payment Units and adjust estimated quantities.

In the event Contractor does not construct portions of Specified Roads, Payment Units involved shall be revised to eliminate the road portions not to be constructed. Parts of such areas within non-road-related Payment Units shall be added to such Payment Units and the timber thereon shall be designated by the methods provided for in the Payment Units. Estimated quantities for Payment Units so revised shall be adjusted as necessary.

**CT.4 Quantity Estimate.** The estimated quantities of timber by species designated for cutting under CT.3 and expected to be cut under Utilization Standards are listed in AT.2. Estimated quantity in AT.2 does not include the following:

- (a) Damaged timber under CT.1.3;
- (b) Unintentionally cut timber under CT.1.4;
- (c) Construction timber under CT.1.5 cut outside of Payment Units and removed from construction use for utilization by Contractor;
- (d) Timber within clearing limits of Temporary Roads or other authorized clearings and that is not designated under CT.3.1, CT.3.3, CT.3.4, or CT.3.5; or
- (e) Dead or unstable live trees that are sufficiently tall to reach Contractor's landings, work areas, or the roadbed of Specified Roads under CT.3.2.

Estimated quantities for such timber not included in AT.2 shall be determined as stated in KT-GT.8.

If Contract Area Map shows Payment Units where Marking or Measuring is to be completed after date of contract advertisement, the objective of Forest Service shall be to designate for cutting in such Payment Units sufficient timber so that Contract Area shall yield the approximate estimated quantities by species or species groups stated in AT.2. However, the estimated quantities stated in AT.2 are not to be construed as guarantees or limitations of the timber quantities to be designated for cutting under the terms of this contract.

Quantity adjustments shall not be made under this Section after there is modification for Catastrophic Damage under IT.3.2.

**CT.4.1 Adjustment for Quantity Deficit.** If Contract Area Map shows Payment Units where Marking or Measuring is to be completed after the date of contract advertisement and if Contracting Officer determines that a deficit in the estimated quantity will cause the quantity designated to be less than 90 percent of the total estimate shown in AT.2, Forest Service, upon request by Contractor, shall designate additional timber within Contract Area. Such additional timber shall be limited to that estimated to be necessary to reach approximately the estimated quantities by species listed in AT.2. Any such additional designation shall be consistent with land and resource management plans.

**CT.4.2 Adjustment for Excess Quantity.** If Contract Area Map shows Payment Units where Marking or Measuring is to be completed after date of contract advertisement and if Contracting Officer determines that the quantity designated will be more than 120 percent of the total estimated quantity listed in AT.2, Forest Service, upon request by Contractor, shall make an adjustment in Marking or cutting unit boundaries with the objective of designating for cutting the approximate estimated quantities by species listed in AT.2. Such adjustments in quantities shall be confined to (a) Marking adjustments on Contract Area and (b) reduction in area to be cut over. Such adjustments or reductions shall not conflict with the silvicultural treatment being applied on Contract Area and shall not materially change the average value by species of the timber designated for cutting. Such adjustments may be made notwithstanding the provisions of BT.1 and CT.3.

If the timber designated for cutting is not reduced by such adjustments to less than 120 percent of the total estimated quantity listed in AT.2, Contractor, after cutting 120 percent of the total estimated quantity listed in AT.2, may elect to have Contract Area reduced to eliminate Payment Units where felling has not begun.

**CT.4.3 Adjustment for Quantity Errors.** An estimated quantity shown in AT.2 shall be revised by correcting identified errors made in determining estimated quantity that result in a change in total contract quantity of at least 10 percent or \$1,000 in value, whichever is less, when an incorrect estimated quantity is caused by computer malfunction or an error in calculations, area determination, or computer input.

No adjustments in quantity shall be made for variations in accuracy resulting from planned sampling and Measuring methods or judgments of timber quality or defect.

For payment purposes, corresponding revisions in quantity and total payment shall be shown in AT.4.3 for each Payment Unit involved. Adjustment in rates will not be made. Adjustment in quantities shall not obligate Forest Service to designate additional quantities when the original quantity estimate is overstated.

## **DT.0—RATES OF PAYMENT**

**DT.1 Current Contract Rates.** Included Timber that is Released for Cutting shall be paid for at Current Contract Rates determined under this Section. "Current Contract Rates" shall be (a) Flat Rates and (b) Tentative Rates adjusted by the escalation procedures in DT.2. Flat Rates and Tentative Rates shall be those listed in AT.4, unless superseded by rates redetermined under DT.3 or established for Contract Term Extension.

Current Contract Rates, based on rates redetermined under DT.3 or established under IT.2.3, shall apply to all Payment Units from which removal of timber from Contract Area has not been completed on the effective date of the revised rates, except Current Contract Rates in effect at the time of Release for Cutting shall be applicable:

- (a) On Payment Units for Specified Roads Released for Cutting on which clearing has begun and
- (b) For not more than two other Payment Units from which removal from Contract Area has begun.

Notwithstanding the exceptions provided in this Section, rates redetermined under BT3.31, BT3.32, and BT3.33 shall apply to all Included Timber removed subsequent to the rate redetermination.

In event there are more than two Payment Units from which timber removal has not been completed on the effective date, the rates in effect at the time of Release for Cutting shall apply to the two units from which the greatest estimated proportions of Payment Unit quantities have been removed. Otherwise, in released Payment Units, redetermined rates or rates established for Contract Term Extension shall apply to the entire quantity shown in AT.4.3 for those units. In addition, Required Deposits shall be made as listed in AT.4 and KT-FT.3.2, or established under DT.3 or IT.2.3.

In the event Termination Date is adjusted under IT.2.1 or IT.2.1.2, Current Contract Rates shall be continued in the same manner as immediately prior to the adjustment period.

"Current Contract Value" is the sum of the products of Current Contract Rates and estimated remaining quantities by species of Included Timber meeting Utilization Standards, less the bid rate for mandatory stewardship projects that have not been completed.

**DT.2 Escalation Procedure.** Tentative Rates for those species and products listed in AT.4.1 are subject to quarterly escalation in accordance with the following procedures: The calendar quarter index average for each price index described in AT.5 is the arithmetic average of the three such monthly price indices preceding January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. The difference between calendar quarter index average and Base Index listed in AT.4.1 shall be the basis for quarterly escalation. To arrive at Current Contract Rates for Payment Units Released for Cutting during the preceding calendar quarter, Tentative Rates for each species shall be reduced or increased by such difference, except when the calendar quarter index average is:

- (a) Less than the Base Index, the reduction shall not result in a rate below Base Rate or
- (b) Greater than the Base Index, the increase shall not exceed the difference between Tentative Rate and Base Rate.

In the event of Contract Term Extension, the escalation procedure will be used during the extension period, except that adjusted payment rates for any calendar quarter cannot be less than Tentative Rates, for each species and product group, established under IT.2.3 for the extension period.

**DT.2.1 Unavailable Index.** If an index described in AT.5 is no longer available, Contracting Officer may replace that index. If Contracting Officer determines that a replacement index does not exist, Current Contract Rates for the remainder of the contract shall be a Flat Rate. Flat Rates will be Tentative Rates adjusted by the arithmetic average of the index described in AT.5 for a 12-month period prior to its becoming unavailable using the quarterly adjustment procedure outlined in DT.2. Contracting Officer will determine availability and a beginning point to average the index for Flat Rates. Such Flat Rates are subject to rate redetermination as provided elsewhere under this contract.

**DT.3 Rate Redetermination.** Rates may be redetermined as set forth in this Section. Bid Premium Rates shall be added to all redetermined rates, except as provided in DT.3.1, DT.3.2, and DT.3.3.

Rate redeterminations shall be made in accordance with the standard Forest Service methods in effect 45 days prior to rate redetermination. Such methods shall take into consideration factors that may affect timber value at rate redetermination date.

Redetermined rates shall not be less than Base Rates listed in AT.4, except for reduction under DT.3.1, DT.3.2, or DT.3.3. Required Deposits shall be redetermined. Redetermined Specified Road construction cost is subject to the limitations of FT.2.6.

**DT.3.1 Rate Redetermination for Environmental Modification.** In the event of a contract modification under IT.3.3 or partial termination under IT.3.4, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the revision and the appraised unit value of Included Timber to be cut under the modification. The appraisal shall consider the estimated cost of any construction work listed in the Schedule of Items that was performed and abandoned.

Tentative Rates and Flat Rates in effect at the time of the revision will be adjusted by said differences to become Current Contract Rates. Accordingly, Base Rates shall be adjusted to correspond to the redetermined rates if redetermined rates are less than the original Base Rates, subject to a new Base Rate limitation of the cost of essential

reforestation or 25 cents per hundred cubic feet or equivalent, whichever is larger. However, existing Base Indices shall not be changed under this Subsection.

Redetermined rates, or differences for rates subject to DT.2, and Required Deposits shall be considered established under DT.1 for Included Timber removed subsequent to the contract revision.

**DT.3.2 Rate Redetermination after Catastrophic Damage.** In event of Catastrophic Damage and adjustment, if any, of Included Timber, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the catastrophe-caused difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the catastrophe and the appraised unit value of existing and potential Included Timber immediately after the catastrophe. Included Timber is any that would not be eliminated under IT.3.2. Potential Included Timber is any that would be added under IT.3.2.

Tentative Rates and Flat Rates in effect at the time of catastrophe shall be adjusted by said differences to become the redetermined rates for the purpose of a contract modification under IT.3.2. Accordingly, Base Rates shall be adjusted to correspond to the redetermined rates if redetermined rates are less than the original Base Rates, subject to new Base Rate limitations of 25 cents per hundred cubic feet or equivalent. However, existing Base Indices shall not be changed under this Subsection.

Upon agreement under IT.3.2, redetermined rates and Required Deposits shall be considered established under DT.1 for Included Timber removed subsequent to Catastrophic Damage.

At time of such appraisal, Specified Road construction cost shall include the estimated cost of any construction work listed in the Schedule of Items performed and abandoned.

**DT.3.3 Rate Redetermination for Market Change.** In the event of delay or interruption, exceeding 90 days, under IT.3.3, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately prior to the delay or interruption and the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately after the delay or interruption. The appraisal shall be done after any rate redetermination done pursuant to DT.3.1, using remaining volumes.

Tentative Rates and Flat Rates in effect at the time of delay or interruption or established pursuant to DT.3.1 will be reduced, if appraised rates declined during the delay or interruption, to become Current Contract Rates. Increases in rates will not be considered. Accordingly, Base Rates shall be adjusted to correspond to the redetermined rates if redetermined rates are less than the original Base Rates, subject to a new Base Rate limitation of the cost of essential reforestation or 25 cents per hundred cubic feet or equivalent, whichever is larger. However, existing Base Indices shall not be changed under this Subsection.

Redetermined rates shall be considered established under DT.1 Included Timber removed subsequent to the delay or interruption.

**DT.3.4 Emergency Rate Redetermination.** Forest Service shall redetermine rates if, upon Contractor's application, Forest Service determines that, because of changes in the timber market since the award date or the last rate redetermination under this provision, the Producer Price Index identified in AT.17 has declined by 25 percent. Rates shall be redetermined under DT.3 and shall be considered established under DT.1 for timber Scaled subsequent to Contractor's application. This Subsection shall not apply during Contract Term Extension.

#### **DT.4 Other Payment Rates.**

**DT.4.1 Material and Quantities Not in AT.2.** Incidental amounts of products or portions of trees of species listed on AT.2 that do not meet Utilization Standards may be removed without charge. Such material may be purposefully removed in more than incidental amounts without charge upon written approval of Contracting Officer, and subject to agreement on deposits if needed for road maintenance and use.

Other species or products not listed in AT.2 may be cut and removed upon written approval of Contracting Officer and subject to agreement on rates of payment and deposits if needed for road maintenance and use.

When any material suitable for use in a product form included in AT.2 is removed in another product form, the rates of payment shall be not less than but approximately equivalent to Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits.

**DT.4.2 Timber Cut Through Mistake.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards, cut by Contractor through mistake and included by Contracting Officer under CT.1.4, shall be removed and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits, unless such material is not listed in AT.2. In such event, Contracting Officer, in accord with standard Forest Service methods, shall establish rates to be paid.

**DT.4.3 Undesignated Timber Damaged Without Negligence.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards, damaged without negligence by Contractor and designated by Forest Service under CT.1.3.1, shall be cut, removed, and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits.

**DT.4.4 Undesignated Timber Unnecessarily Damaged or Negligently or Willfully Cut.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards and unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut by Contractor, if included by Contracting Officer under CT.1.3.2, shall be cut, removed, and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits that are in addition to liquidated damages under DT.4.5.

If such timber is of a species or size not listed in AT.2 or is of a quality different from designated timber, Contracting Officer shall establish payment rates in accord with standard Forest Service methods.

**DT.4.5 Liquidated Damages.** Unnecessary damage to or negligent or willful cutting of undesignated timber, as described in DT.4.4, on portions of Contract Area cut over under this contract is likely to cause substantial silvicultural or other damage to the National Forest. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to determine the amount of such damage. Therefore, Contractor shall pay as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages an amount equivalent to the amount payable at Current Contract Rates. If designated by Contracting Officer, Contractor shall remove such damaged or cut timber and pay for it at Current Contract Rates.

## **ET.0—PAYMENTS**

**ET.1 Amount Payable for Timber.** Except as provided in DT.1, Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits in effect when a Payment Unit is Released for Cutting shall be applied to the timber quantities to determine the amount Contractor shall pay. A "Payment Unit" is a portion of Contract Area established for payment purposes.

**ET.2 Integrated Resource Account.** "Integrated Resource Account" is an account maintained by Forest Service of all Contractor's deposits, credits, payment guarantees, and the charges for:

- (a) Timber at Current Contract Rates;
- (b) Slash disposal and road maintenance at Required Deposit rates;
- (c) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under ET.2.1.8;
- (d) Stewardship Credits established; and
- (e) Other charges provided in this contract.

Cash deposits shall be recorded currently in such account.

Charges for Payment Units Released for Cutting shall be made when Forest Service prepares and furnishes to Contractor periodic statements of quantity and value of such timber. Charges subject to escalation under DT.2 shall be made initially on the basis stated in ET.2.1.4 and shall be adjusted at the end of each calendar quarter, as provided in DT.2.

Charges shall be made according to DT.4 when trees are subsequently Marked or designated for cutting.

**ET.2.1 Cash Deposits.** Within the limitations of this Subsection, Contractor shall make cash deposits to meet Contractor's obligations within 15 days of billing by Forest Service. Deposits shall be made to Forest Service, U.S.D.A., by mail or delivery to the address to be furnished by Forest Service. Forest Service shall explain the bill at the time it requests each deposit.

**ET.2.1.1 Downpayment.** The downpayment amount shown in AT.15 may not be applied toward any other payment required under the provisions of this contract, except damages determined pursuant to JT.4, transferred to other contracts, or refunded until stumpage value representing 25 percent of the total bid value of the contract is shown on Integrated Resource Account to have been cut, removed, and paid for or the estimated value remaining to be cut and removed, as shown on Integrated Resource Account, is equal to or less than the amount of the downpayment. For lump sum contracts, the downpayment may be applied to payment for release of the single payment unit.

**ET.2.1.2 Advance Deposits.** Contractor agrees to make cash deposits in advance of cutting to meet charges under ET.2.

Forest Service billings for advance cash deposits shall be in such amounts that Integrated Resource Account will maintain an unobligated balance that covers the applicable charges for Payment Units Released for Cutting and designated material not included in AT.2 expected to be cut within the next 60 days. This advance cash deposit may be reduced to a smaller amount by the terms of ET.2.1.1, ET.2.1.3, ET.2.1.5, and/or ET.2.1.7. Except for amounts required pursuant to ET.2.1.1, ET.2.1.3, and ET.2.1.7, Contractor shall not be required to make advance deposits above those required under this Item.

When the credit balance in Integrated Resource Account is exceeded by the charges for timber within Payment Units Released for Cutting and for the estimated quantity to be cut in 10 days of cutting designated material not included in AT.2, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Contractor's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received.

**ET.2.1.3 Periodic Payment Schedule.** Contractor shall make periodic payments for stumpage value, as shown in AT.16.

In the event Contractor has not paid the amount(s) stated in AT.16 as stumpage for quantity removed by the periodic payment determination date(s), Forest Service shall issue a bill for collection for the difference between the required amount and payments made by Contractor. If payment(s) fall due on a date other than a normal billing date, the payment date shall be extended to coincide with the next Integrated Resource Account billing date.

The amount of the periodic payment(s) will be reduced if the payment(s) would result in Contractor's credit balance for timber charges exceeding the Current Contract Value.

Only cash may be used for this purpose. No other form of payment is acceptable. Forest Service will apply the payments to subsequent charges on this contract under the terms of ET.2.1.2.

Except for Contract Term Extensions under I.2.3, periodic payment determination date(s) that have not been reached shall be adjusted one day for each additional day of contract time granted.

**ET.2.1.4 Deposits for Charges Subject to Escalation.** Deposits requested to cover estimated charges for timber subject to escalation under DT.2 shall be based upon Current Contract Rates and related deposits in effect during previous calendar quarter.

**ET.2.1.5 Deposits When Payment Guaranteed.** To the extent payment guarantee is provided under ET.3, requirements for advance cash deposits under ET.2.1.2 shall be waived for the value of timber on Contract Area that has been Released for Cutting, but not removed, and for the estimated value of products removed from Contract Area for not more than a monthly billing period, subject to the provisions of ET.4.

**ET.2.1.6 Blanket Cash Deposits.** Contractor may make cash deposits under a written agreement to cover charges made under this and other contracts within the same National Forest. Forest Service shall allocate such deposits to such contracts. When there is to be no timber cutting hereunder for 30 days or more and payment of current charges has been made, the allocation to this contract shall be reallocated to other contracts within the same National Forest at Contractor's request. Contractor shall not start cutting until allocation has again been made to this contract.

**ET.2.1.7 Extension Deposits.** In the event of Contract Term Extension, Forest Service shall divide the difference between Current Contract Value as of the start of any Contract Term Extension and the credit balance of any deposit made pursuant to ET.2.1.3 by the number of whole months remaining in Normal Operating Season(s) within the extension period to determine the amount of each "Extension Deposit."

Contractor shall make the initial Extension Deposit prior to Forest Service executing the contract modification. In response to Forest Service billing under ET.2.1, Contractor shall make advance cash deposits. Such deposits shall at least equal each Extension Deposit required for each whole month remaining in Normal Operating Season(s) during the extension period. Extension Deposits shall be due by the last day of each month during Normal Operating Season whether or not any Payment Unit is to be released.

Due dates for Extension Deposits during the extension period may be delayed when Contractor earns Contract Term Adjustment if Termination Date, as adjusted, results in one or more additional complete months within Normal Operating Season(s).

**ET.2.1.8 Cooperative Deposits.** On a basis of cooperation or assistance (16 USC 572) and by a written agreement, Forest Service shall perform all or portions of the work that Contractor is obligated to perform under this contract, as well as furnish other Services in connection with activities under this contract. When Forest Service is to perform such work, Contractor shall make one or more deposits to cover the estimated cost of the work. On request of Contractor, Forest Service shall render monthly accounts, as may be specified in such agreement.

**ET.2.2 Stewardship Credits.** "Stewardship Credits" are credits that are earned and established when work described in KT-GT.9 has been performed and accepted. Stewardship Credits shall be earned at the rate as shown in AT.4.4. Earned Stewardship Credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits. Base Rates and Required Deposits must be paid in cash.

**ET.2.2.1 Progress Estimates.** Forest Service shall make timely estimates of Contractor's progress on stewardship projects. On the basis of such progress estimates, Forest Service shall credit Integrated Resource Account each month as such work proceeds.

**ET.2.2.2 Excess Stewardship Credits.** In the event there are unused established Stewardship Credits when all of the Included Timber has been cut and removed, Forest Service, at its option, shall either add more timber or make cash payment for the unused Stewardship Credits.

**ET.2.2.3 Excess Timber Value.** In the event the value of Included Timber exceeds the total value of all of the mandatory projects shown in AT.4.4, plus the optional projects shown in AT.4.4 that Contractor has been authorized to perform:

(a) Contracting Officer shall authorize additional optional projects shown in AT.4.4 if the excess timber value exceeds 10 percent of the total timber value, or

(b) Contracting Officer shall authorize additional optional projects shown in AT.4.4 or require cash payment if the excess timber value is less than 10 percent of the total timber value, or

(c) Contractor shall make cash payment for the excess timber value if there are no remaining optional projects shown in AT.4.3.

**ET.2.2.4 Cash Payment for Stewardship Projects.** In lieu of providing timber for established Stewardship Credits, Forest Service may elect to provide a cash payment to Contractor.

**ET.2.3 Temporary Reduction of Downpayment.** When, under IT.3.3, Contracting Officer requests Contractor to delay or interrupt Contractor's Operations for more than 90 days, the downpayment amount being held on deposit may be temporarily reduced upon the written request of Contractor or at the discretion of Contracting Officer. For the period of the delay or interruption, the downpayment on deposit may be reduced to \$1,000 or two (2) percent of the downpayment amount listed in AT.15, whichever is larger.

Any downpayment amount temporarily reduced pursuant to this Subsection may be refunded or transferred at the request of Contractor. However, if Contractor has outstanding debt owing the United States, Contracting Officer must apply the amount of downpayment that could be refunded to the debt owed in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act, as amended (31 USC 3701, *et seq.*).

Upon Contractor's receipt of bill for collection and written notice from Contracting Officer that the basis for the delay or interruption no longer exists, Contractor shall restore the downpayment to the full amount shown in AT.15 within 15 days after the date the bill for collection is issued, subject to the provisions of ET.4. Contractor shall not resume contract operations until the downpayment amount is fully restored.

**ET.2.4 Refund of Excess Cash.** If at any time the credit balance of Integrated Resource Account exceeds the charges for timber within Payment Units Released for Cutting and for designated material not included in AT.2 that Forest Service estimates will be cut within the next 60 days, any portion of such excess that is due to cash in the account shall be refunded, if requested by Contractor, unless deposited under ET.2.1.1, ET.2.1.3, or ET.2.1.7. If Contractor plans no cutting within the next 60 days, Forest Service may refund the entire unencumbered cash balance, except as provided in this Subsection. However, Forest Service shall not reduce the credit balance below the total value of partially cut Payment Units and designated material not included in AT.2 that is cut before operations cease. After a refund for a shutdown, deposits shall be made to meet the requirements of ET.2.1.2 before additional timber may be cut.

**ET.2.5 Refund after Final Charges for Released Timber.** Any cash deposit, in excess of that required to meet charges under ET.2, shall be refunded or transferred within 15 days of Contractor's request after final charges for Included Timber have been made, except for amounts estimated to be required under JT.5.

**ET.3 Payment Guaranteed by Bond or Deposited Securities.** To guarantee payment, Contractor may furnish and maintain an acceptable surety bond or deposit in a Federal Depository negotiable securities of the United States. The securities shall be deposited through the Regional Fiscal Agent accompanied by a power of attorney and agreement authorizing the bond-approving officer to sell or collect such securities if payment is not made within 15 days of billing by Forest Service. The penal sum of such surety bond or the market value at time of deposit of such negotiable securities shall be the maximum amount of the payment guaranteed.

For payment purposes, penal sum of the surety bond or market value at time of deposit of negotiable securities shall be in lieu of the performance bond furnished under JT.1.

**ET.3.1 Blanket Bond.** If Contractor furnishes an acceptable bond, or deposits securities, in accordance with ET.3, to guarantee payment for timber from this and other contracts within the same National Forest, the amount of such bond or deposited securities shall be allocated to such contracts by Forest Service. When there is to be no timber cutting hereunder for 30 days or more and payment of current charges has been made, the allocation to this contract shall be reallocated to other contracts at Contractor's request. Contractor shall not start cutting hereunder until this contract receives an allocation that will meet the obligation for payment guarantee.

**ET.3.2 Letters of Credit for Payment Bond.** Notwithstanding the provisions of ET.3, Contractor may use letters of credit in lieu of a surety bond for payment bond purposes when approved by Contracting Officer.

**ET.4 Payments Not Received.** (a) Payments are due and payable on the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection. When a payment for timber cut and other charges is not received at the location designated by Forest Service by the date allowed in the bill for collection for receipt of payment, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Contractor's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received. Other charges include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Slash disposal and road maintenance deposits;
- (ii) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under ET.2.1.8;
- (iii) Damages pursuant to JT.4;
- (iv) Road use fees;
- (v) Restoration of downpayment pursuant to ET.2.2;
- (vi) Periodic payments pursuant to ET.2.1.3;
- (vii) Extension Deposits pursuant to ET.2.1.7; and
- (viii) Other mandatory deposits.

(b) Failure to pay amounts due by the date allowed in the bill for collection for receipt of payment shall be considered a breach under JT.3. The 30-day notice period prescribed therein shall begin to run as of the end of business on the date allowed for receipt of payments. If the performance or payment is guaranteed by surety bond, the surety will receive a copy of the written notification of breach. Demand will be made on the surety or other institution providing the guarantee or bond instrument for immediate payment 10 days after issuance of written notification of the breach.

(c) Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, as amended, if payment is not received by Forest Service within 15 days after the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection:

- (i) Simple interest shall be assessed at the higher of the Current Value of Funds Rate or the Prompt Payment Rate as established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Interest will begin to accrue as of the date of issue indicated on the initial bill for collection.

(ii) Debtors will be assessed administrative charges, in addition to the delinquent amount due. Administrative charges are those additional costs incurred by the Government in processing, handling, and collecting delinquent debts.

(iii) A penalty charge of six (6) percent per annum will be assessed on any portion of a debt delinquent more than 90 days. This penalty charge is in addition to interest and administrative charges under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii). The penalty charge shall accrue from the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection and shall be assessed on all outstanding amounts, including interest and administrative costs assessed under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii).

(iv) Payments will be credited on the date received by the Federal Depository or Collection Officer designated on the bill for collection.

(d) Forest Service remedies for Contractor's failure to make payment for timber cut and other charges when due, except for accrual of interest, suspension of all or any part of Contractor's Operations, and administrative offset, shall be stayed for so long as:

- (i) A bona fide dispute exists as to Contractor's obligation to make such payment and
- (ii) Contractor files and prosecutes a timely Claim.

## **FT.0—TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

**FT.1 Authorization.** Contractor is authorized to construct and maintain roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities, as needed for harvesting Included Timber and completing stewardship projects on National Forest and other lands where Forest Service has such authority. As used in this contract "construct" includes "reconstruct."

Location and construction of Specified Roads shall be in accordance with FT.2. Unless otherwise provided herein, construction may be progressive during this contract. Maintenance shall be governed by FT.3. The location and clearing widths of all Temporary Roads or facilities shall be agreed to in writing before construction is started. "Temporary Roads" are roads other than Specified Roads that are constructed by Contractor for the purpose of harvesting Included Timber or completing stewardship projects.

Contractor is authorized to cut and use for construction without charge construction timber designated by agreement.

**FT.1.1 Requirements of Rights-of-Way.** Contractor's road construction and use of rights-of-way identified in attached list or KT-FT.1.1 shall be confined to rights-of-way and limited by the related easements and stipulations, if any, unless Contractor makes other arrangements that will not infringe upon or adversely affect the grantee's rights. Easements or right-of-way documents are available in the offices of the Forest Supervisor and District Ranger.

**FT.1.2 Use of Roads by Contractor.** Except as provided herein, Contractor is authorized to use existing National Forest system roads and Specified Roads listed in AT.7, when Forest Service determines that such use will not cause damage to the roads or National Forest resources.

If Contractor's use of an existing temporary or National Forest system road, not listed in AT.7, cannot be satisfactorily accommodated without reconstruction, Contractor shall be authorized to use such road upon agreement as to the minimum reconstruction work that Contractor shall perform before hauling. When appropriate, such road shall be included in AT.7 as an alternate facility under FT.2.6.

KT-FT.1.2 lists existing roads shown on Contract Area Map that for such reasons as limitations in structural capacity, safety, and protection of soil, water, and roads:

- (a) Cannot be used for log hauling or
- (b) May be used only under the restrictive limitations stated therein.

**FT.2 Specified Roads.** "Specified Roads" are roads, including related transportation facilities and appurtenances, shown on Contract Area Map and listed in AT.7. Contractor shall construct Specified Roads used under this contract. Construction initiated by Contractor on any such Specified Road shall be completed to an agreed terminus that meets Contractor's needs and prevents unnecessary impact on National Forest resources. Construction to such terminus shall be in full accordance with Plans and specifications identified in AT.7 or specifications and the Schedule of Items attached hereto, except for agreed adjustments needed to accommodate such terminus. For each pay unit, the "Schedule of Items" itemizes quantity of work and materials and cost, with method of measurement and basis for payment. Forest Service shall revise the Schedule of Items to show the estimated cost for the portion constructed to the revised terminus as a separate segment.

A Temporary Road shall not be constructed substantially on the location for a Specified Road, except by agreement.

In event of agreed substitution or revision of construction design, specifications, or performance responsibility under FT.2.1.2, FT.2.5, FT.2.6, or KT-FT.2.1.5, AT.7 shall be modified. If Contractor does not need a Specified Road or a portion of a Specified Road for harvesting Included Timber or completing stewardship projects and the Specified Road is not constructed, the deletion of the road or road segment will be a mutually agreed Design Change and Integrated Resource Account will be adjusted for the reduction in cost, as provided in FT.2.5.

References in the contract to specifications, standards, or test methods adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), General Services Administration (GSA), or other recognized national technical associations shall mean specifications, standards, or test methods, including interim or tentative issues, that are in effect on the date of contract advertisement.

**FT.2.1 Engineering.** Forest Service completed survey and design for Specified Roads prior to contract advertisement, unless otherwise shown in AT.8 or Contractor survey and design are specified in AT.7. On those roads for which Forest Service completes the design during the contract, the design quantities shall be used as the basis for revising estimated costs stated in the Schedule of Items and adjusting Integrated Resource Account.

Forest Service engineering shall be completed according to the schedule in AT.8. Should Forest Service be unable to perform the designated survey and design by the completion date or other agreed to time, upon written agreement, Contractor shall assume responsibility for such work. In such event, Contracting Officer shall revise:

(a) AT.7 to show Contractor's performance responsibility.

(b) The Schedule of Items to include costs of survey and design, as provided under FT.2.4, and adjust Integrated Resource Account, as provided in FT.2.5. Forest Service shall calculate such costs, using unit rates comparable with those used in the Schedule of Items.

Contractor shall furnish a schedule to Forest Service of specific dates for the start of construction. The schedule of construction shall be submitted to Forest Service for approval within 60 days after contract award and prior to beginning work. Contractor's construction schedule shall reflect Forest Service survey and design completion dates. Forest Service may agree to Contractor's request for an alternate date for starting construction.

Contractor shall perform survey, design, and construction staking of Specified Roads to be engineered by Contractor in accordance with specifications attached hereto. Based upon the quantities developed by such design, as approved by Forest Service, Contracting Officer shall revise the estimated costs stated in the Schedule of Items and adjust Integrated Resource Account. The methods of computing such revised costs shall be consistent with the methods that would have been used had the engineering been performed prior to contract advertisement.

**FT.2.1.1 Contract Plans.** "Plans" are documents that show location, details, and dimensions of the work to be performed. On any of the contract Plans where a portion of the work is drawn out and the remainder is shown in outline, the parts drawn out shall apply to all other like portions of the work.

"Shop Drawings" include drawings, diagrams, layouts, schematics, descriptive literature, illustrations, lists or tables, performance and test data, and similar materials furnished by Contractor to explain in detail specific portions of the work required by the contract. Contractor shall submit a minimum of five (5) sets of required Shop Drawings to Forest Service, three (3) sets of which will be retained by Forest Service. Shop Drawings shall not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size. Approval or rejection and date will be noted or stamped on each set. Unless agreed otherwise, Forest Service shall approve or reject the Shop Drawings within 10 days of submission. Such approval of the Shop Drawings shall not be construed as a complete check, but will indicate only that the general method of construction and detailing is satisfactory. If the Shop Drawings are rejected, Contractor must make the noted revisions and resubmit the Shop Drawings.

A change in the amount of construction work that exceeds construction tolerances specified in the specifications identified in AT.7 caused by a Forest Service error in construction staking shall be treated as a Design Change. When incompatible situations arise between Plans, specifications, and actual conditions on the ground, Contractor shall make corrections pursuant to FT.2.5.3.

**FT.2.1.2 Construction Staking.** Contractor shall avoid careless or negligent damage to construction stakes, flags, or marks. If such damage occurs, Contractor shall be required to replace stakes necessary to construction. Contractor's replacement staking shall be approved by Forest Service. Alternatively, upon Contractor's request, Contracting Officer may agree to perform such work under ET.2.1.8.

When AT.7 shows that construction stakes are to be set by Forest Service after clearing, Contractor shall submit to Forest Service a written schedule for clearing, construction staking, and construction that will provide Forest Service a reasonable period for setting construction stakes. Time for setting construction stakes may be modified by written agreement.

If Forest Service performs construction staking for Specified Roads, timing of such staking shall permit Contractor's clearing and other construction activity to proceed without hindrance or delay, provided Contractor's construction activity is reasonably consistent with needs identified in Contractor's Operating Schedule or amendments thereto.

Should Forest Service be unable to perform construction staking in such reasonable period, upon written agreement, Contractor shall assume the responsibility for construction staking for agreed upon portions of Specified Roads. In such event, Contracting Officer shall revise:

(a) AT.7 to show Contractor's performance responsibility.

(b) The Schedule of Items to include costs of construction staking, as provided under FT.2.4, and adjust Integrated Resource Account, as provided in FT.2.5. Forest Service shall calculate such costs, using unit rates comparable with those used in the Schedule of Items.

**FT.2.2 Material Delivery.** Within 60 days after award date, Contractor shall provide Forest Service a written schedule showing the desired delivery dates of any material to be supplied by Forest Service. With reasonable notice, schedule may be amended by agreement. Forest Service agrees to make delivery within 15 days after the scheduled delivery dates that are at least 60 days after the schedule is submitted, unless prevented by causes beyond control of Forest Service.

If Contractor does not provide Forest Service the written schedule within the period provided in this Subsection, Forest Service agrees to make delivery within 90 days after a late schedule is submitted, unless prevented by causes beyond control of Forest Service. After delivery to and written receipt by Contractor, Contractor is responsible for installation of needed material and for any loss of or damage to such material due to Contractor's negligence prior to installation or return of unused material to Forest Service.

At Contractor's option, Forest Service deliveries shall be to Contractor's storage area, as agreed, or to the nearest practicable point to the job site along existing roads. Unused material shall be returned to Forest Service at location of delivery, unless agreed otherwise.

**FT.2.3 Use of Partially Constructed Roads.** Unless Contracting Officer determines that there is justification under existing conditions and ground conditions permit hauling without undue damage, portions of Specified Roads shall be Substantially Completed prior to their use for hauling timber. When necessary to facilitate construction and protect bridges and roads from damage, timber felled in construction and timber logged directly to the road from areas immediately adjacent thereto may be hauled before road construction is Substantially Completed. Such hauling shall be confined to periods when abnormal soil erosion and damage to National Forest lands will not result.

"Substantially Completed" means:

- (a) Completion of grading and installation of drainage structures so they will function effectively and
- (b) Laying the specified depth of base course, if any, unless Contracting Officer determines that physical conditions make it impractical or ground conditions permit hauling without undue damage.

No more than half of Included Timber to be hauled over such portions of road shall be hauled until the base course has been applied.

Unless agreed otherwise, specified reconstruction shall be completed on any portion of road prior to hauling on that portion.

**FT.2.4 Estimated Cost.** Estimated costs by construction phases for Specified Roads listed in AT.7 are stated by segments in the Schedule of Items. Such estimated costs are subject to adjustment under DT.3, FT.2, FT.2.1, FT.2.1.2, FT.2.5, and FT.2.6. Appropriately adjusted costs shall be made a part of a revised Schedule of Items and shown as adjustments to Integrated Resource Account. The revised Schedule of Items shall supersede any prior Schedule of Items when it is dated and signed by Contracting Officer and a copy is furnished to Contractor.

**FT.2.5 Construction Cost Adjustment.** Contracting Officer, as provided in FT.2.1, FT.2.1.2, FT.2.5.1, FT.2.5.2, and FT.2.5.3, shall adjust Specified Road construction cost estimates in the Schedule of Items and show the adjustments as credits or debits to Integrated Resource Account in the month when the road segment is accepted.

**FT.2.5.1 Variation in Quantities.** (a) This Item applies only to differences between quantities shown in the Schedule of Items and measured quantities actually constructed and accepted that are not covered under FT.2.5.2 or FT.2.5.3. Only changes in quantities where other than contract quantities or lump sum is specified in the Schedule of Items are subject to this Item.

(b) Adjustments to the Specified Road construction cost for variation in quantities shall be computed at unit rates established in the Schedule of Items for units of work actually constructed and measured in accordance with specified method of measurement shown in the Schedule of Items and described in the specifications identified in AT.7, except that:

(i) When quantity of authorized work performed or material furnished by Contractor, under any item shown in the Schedule of Items and covered by this Item, is more than 115 percent of original quantity, use Current Unit Rates to calculate the adjustment for that portion of work above 115 percent of original quantity.

(ii) When quantity of authorized work performed or material furnished by Contractor, under any item shown in the Schedule of Items and covered by this Item, is less than 85 percent of original quantity, Forest Service shall make a revised estimate of cost for such work. Any revised estimate shall use the same procedures as those used in original estimates using rates comparable to those used in computing the most recent cost estimate for the contract. The revised cost estimate shall take into account any increase or decrease in unit rates that results from a reduction in quantity of work.

(c) "Current Unit Rates" are Forest Service estimates of the unit rates for doing the work at the time the adjustment is approved.

**FT.2.5.2 Physical Change.** (a) Forest Service shall adjust the Specified Road construction cost if, prior to acceptance under GT.3.6, a physical change, caused by a single event and not due to negligence of Contractor, results in an increase or decrease in work and/or materials furnished by Contractor involving additional estimated cost of:

- (i) More than \$10,000 or

(ii) More than 10 percent of total Specified Road construction cost, whichever is less.

(b) Increases to the Specified Road construction cost shall include cumulative estimated costs of repairing damage from things such as slides, washouts, landslips, and fire. Plans and specifications shall be revised when necessary to meet new conditions. Quantities of work and/or materials determined from such revised Plans and specifications, together with estimated quantities of work and/or materials abandoned, shall be the basis for the revised Specified Road construction cost.

(c) Forest Service shall determine difference in quantities for portions of Specified Road affected by physical change by comparing most recent previous quantities with total of:

- (i) Estimated quantities actually constructed prior to physical change, including work abandoned, and
- (ii) Estimated quantities to be constructed following physical change.

(d) Forest Service shall calculate the amount of increase to the Specified Road construction cost by applying:

- (i) Current Unit Rates to differences when quantities increase and
- (ii) Unit rates comparable to those used in computing most recent cost estimate for the contract when quantities decrease.

(e) When quantity of authorized work to be performed or material furnished by Contractor, under any item shown in the Schedule of Items, is reduced to less than 85 percent of original quantity, Forest Service shall make a revised estimate of cost for such work and adjust the Specified Road construction cost. Any revised estimate shall use the same procedures as those used in the original estimates using rates comparable to those used in the most recent cost estimate for the contract. The revised estimate shall take into account any increase or decrease in unit rates that results from a reduction in quantity of work.

**FT.2.5.3 Design Change.** (a) "Design Change" is a change in work and/or materials shown in the Schedule of Items and described in Plans or specifications that has been mutually agreed to in writing or ordered by Contracting Officer. Changes of a minor nature (such as adjustment in horizontal and vertical alignment, that do not exceed specified tolerance, necessary to maintain or balance earthwork quantities substantially as designed) and variation in quantities, as described in FT.2.5.1, shall not be considered Design Changes.

(b) Additions, deletions, or changes in types or diameter of culverts shown in Plans and changes in designated water sources shown on Plans shall be considered Design Changes.

(c) Forest Service may, by written notice from Contracting Officer, order changes in work to be performed and/or materials to be furnished by Contractor within general scope of the contract. Such work shall:

- (i) Be due to differences between anticipated and actual field conditions,
- (ii) Be necessary to construct Specified Roads to design standards, or
- (iii) Be necessary to assure stability of Specified Roads.

(d) In addition, Contracting Officer may include work to protect resource values in ordered Design Changes. Such work must be related to construction of Specified Roads and be necessary to prevent damage to soil and water values immediately tributary to Specified Roads. Other Design Changes may be made by mutual written agreement.

(e) Forest Service shall revise Plans and specifications as necessary to meet new conditions. Quantities of work and/or materials determined from such revised Plans and specifications, together with quantities of work and/or materials abandoned, shall be the basis for adjusting the Specified Road construction cost.

(f) Forest Service shall determine the difference in quantities for the portion of Specified Road affected by Design Change by comparing the most recent previous quantities with the total of:

- (i) Estimated quantities actually constructed prior to Design Change and
- (ii) Estimated quantities to be constructed following Design Change.

(g) Calculate the amount of adjustment to the Specified Road construction cost by applying:

- (i) Current Unit Rates to difference when quantities increase and
- (ii) Unit rates comparable to those used in computing most recent cost estimates of the contract when quantities decrease.

(h) When quantity of authorized work to be performed or material furnished by Contractor, under any item shown in the Schedule of Items, is reduced to less than 85 percent of original quantity, Forest Service shall make a revised estimate of cost of such work and adjust the Specified Road construction cost. Any revised estimate shall use the same procedures as those used in original estimates using rates comparable to those used in the most recent cost estimate for the contract. The revised estimate shall take into account any increase or decrease in unit rates that results from a reduction in quantity of work.

**FT.2.6 Alternate Facilities.** If under Contractor's Operating Schedule, roads needed for the removal of Included Timber differ substantially from Specified Roads, other roads may be added to AT.7. Contracting Officer shall assure that road routing, location, design, and needed easements will make such other roads acceptable as parts of the National Forest transportation facilities. Contractor shall provide survey, design, and construction staking for such other roads.

Based on design quantities from such engineering, Forest Service shall estimate Specified Road construction costs of alternate facilities, using methods consistent with those used in the original computation of the Schedule of

Items. If Specified Road construction costs for acceptable alternate facilities are less than the estimated costs of facilities listed in the original Schedule of Items that Contractor does not construct, Integrated Resource Account shall be adjusted by Forest Service to reflect the reduction in costs. In event of rate redetermination under DT.3, such allowed costs shall be the redetermined estimated costs of facilities listed in the original Schedule of Items that Contractor does not construct.

**FT.2.7 Temporary Credit for Unamortized Specified Road Construction Cost.** When, under IT.3.3, Contracting Officer requests Contractor to delay or interrupt Contractor's Operations for more than 90 days, the unamortized cost of Specified Roads shall be credited to Contractor's Integrated Resource Account upon the written request of Contractor or at the discretion of Contracting Officer. The amount credited to Contractor shall be limited to stumpage paid above Base Rates.

Any Specified Road construction cost credited to Contractor pursuant to this Subsection may be refunded or transferred at the request of Contractor. However, if Contractor has outstanding debt owing the United States, Contracting Officer must apply the amount of credit that could be refunded to the debt owed in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act, as amended.

Upon written notice from Contracting Officer that the basis for the delay or interruption no longer exists, Contractor shall pay for timber a per unit amount, in addition to Current Contract Rates, that is equal to the amount credited to Contractor's Integrated Resource Account divided by 80 percent of the estimated remaining volume of the contract, until the full amount credited to Contractor has been returned.

**FT.3 Road Maintenance.** Contractor shall maintain roads, commensurate with Contractor's use, in accordance with Road Maintenance Requirements in KT-FT.3.1 and the Road Maintenance Specifications. Performance of road maintenance work by Contractor may be required prior to, during, or after each period of use. The timing of work accomplishment shall be based on Contractor's Operating Schedule under GT.3.1.

When two or more commercial users are simultaneously using the same road where Forest Service is not requiring maintenance deposits, the commercial users will develop maintenance responsibilities and arrangements for accomplishing the work. Forest Service must agree to this plan. If the commercial users cannot agree on maintenance responsibilities, Forest Service shall resolve the differences.

If Contractor elects to use different roads than those listed in KT-FT.3.1, Forest Service shall determine Contractor's commensurate share of road maintenance and revise road maintenance deposits in KT-FT.3.2.

If Forest Service cannot perform its full commensurate share of road maintenance, Forest Service shall make a cash payment to Contractor for performance of such work.

Unless agreed in writing, prehaul maintenance shall be completed on any portion of road prior to hauling on that portion. Maintenance, as used in this contract, does not include road reconstruction or repairs of an extraordinary nature.

**FT.4 Use by Others.** Forest Service shall have the right to use any road constructed by Contractor under this contract for any and all purposes in connection with the protection and administration of the National Forest. Other parties, in connection with the logging of tributary National Forest timber, may use roads constructed by Contractor hereunder when Contracting Officer determines that such use will not materially interfere with Contractor's Operations. Third party use shall be contingent upon Contracting Officer determining, and third party agreeing to pay, a fair share of maintenance cost commensurate with such commercial use.

Unless otherwise provided in KT-FT.4, Forest Service shall authorize other uses of roads constructed by Contractor hereunder only if:

(a) Contracting Officer makes appropriate arrangements to relieve Contractor of related maintenance costs commensurate with such other uses and

(b) Such other uses will not materially interfere with Contractor's Operations.

Where Contractor reconstructs a road having established use, Contractor's use during reconstruction and thereafter shall be such as to reasonably accommodate such established use. Contracting Officer shall ensure that other users do not materially interfere with Contractor's right to use such reconstructed road.

## **GT.0—OPERATIONS**

**GT.1 Representatives.** Unless otherwise agreed, Contractor shall designate, in writing, a representative who is authorized to receive notices in regard to performance under this contract and take related action. In no case shall Contractor designate any representative to this contract who is currently debarred, proposed for debarment, or suspended by the Federal Government. Contractor's representative shall provide a copy of the contract to Contractor's field supervisor and persons authorized to assume responsibilities in the field supervisor's absence. Prior to initial operations and after shutdowns of 10 days or more, Contractor's representative shall notify Forest Service 2 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, before any operations begin on Contract Area.

Contractor's representative shall designate, in writing, a field supervisor, one of whose responsibilities shall be on-the-ground direction and supervision of Contractor's Operations. The field supervisor shall be readily available to the area of operations when operations are in progress and shall be authorized to receive notices in regard to perfor-

mance under this contract and take related action. The responsibilities of the field supervisor shall include the safeguarding of National Forest resources and performance within the terms of the contract. Contractor representative will furnish Forest Service with names of persons authorized to assume responsibilities in field supervisor's absence. Such delegations may be made a part of Contractor's annual Operating Schedule under GT.3.1.

Unless Contracting Officer designates another Forest Service representative and notifies Contractor in writing, the District Ranger is the representative of Forest Service. Forest Service representative shall:

- (a) Receive notice in regard to performance under this contract,
- (b) Take action in relation to this contract, and
- (c) Be readily available to the area of construction, stewardship project work, and logging operations.

Contracting Officer or Forest Service representative shall designate other on-the-ground representatives in writing along with their specific contractual responsibilities and authority. Representatives with authority delegated in writing are the only Forest Service personnel authorized to provide notice or take related actions under the contract. Such delegation shall be made within 60 days of contract award.

**GT.1.1 Notices.** Notices by either party as to action taken or to be taken by the other respecting this contract shall be made in writing to the other party's designated representative.

**GT.2 Improvements.** Contractor is authorized to construct on National Forest land, buildings, facilities, and other improvements needed to log Included Timber and complete stewardship projects. Such construction shall be located where approved in writing by Forest Service and shall be constructed and used in a manner that will protect National Forest values.

Contractor shall comply with the rules and regulations governing the operation of premises that are occupied and shall perform the contract in a manner that will not interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Forest Service business.

Forest Service shall grant written permission before any camp, quarry, borrow pit, storage, or service area, other than as shown on Plans, is opened or operated on National Forest land or administered lands. A camp is interpreted to include the campsite or trailer parking area of any employee, agent, Subcontractor or their employees or agents working on the stewardship project for Contractor. Such permission, if granted, shall be without charge to Contractor.

**GT.2.1 Removal.** Unless Forest Service authorizes continued use, Contractor shall remove or dispose of all improvements when no longer needed. Should Contractor fail to remove or dispose of improvements within 6 months after Termination Date, Forest Service may dispose of improvements at Contractor's expense under JT.5 or may, upon written notice to Contractor, assume title to improvements in the name of the United States. In the latter event, Contractor shall not be required to remove such improvements.

**GT.2.2 Protection of Improvements.** So far as practicable, Contractor shall protect Specified Roads and other improvements (such as roads, trails, telephone lines, ditches, and fences):

- (a) Existing in the operating area,
- (b) Determined to have a continuing need or use, and
- (c) Designated on Contract Area Map.

Contractor shall keep roads and trails needed for fire protection or other purposes and designated on Contract Area Map reasonably free of equipment and products, slash, and debris resulting from Contractor's Operations. Contractor shall make timely restoration of any such improvements damaged by Contractor's Operations and, when necessary because of such operations, shall move such improvements, as specified in KT-GT.2.2.

**GT.2.2.1 Protection of Improvements Not Owned by Forest Service.** Forest Service will notify all utility companies, or other parties affected, and make arrangements for all necessary adjustments of the public utility fixtures, pipelines, and other appurtenances likely to be affected by Contractor's Operations.

When Contractor's Operations are adjacent to properties of railway, telephone, or power companies, or other property, work shall not begin until Contractor has identified actions necessary to prevent damage.

Contractor shall cooperate with the owners of any underground or overhead utility lines in their removal and/or rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner, utility duplication or rearrangement work may be reduced to a minimum, and services shall not be unnecessarily interrupted.

In the event of interruption to utility services because of accidental breakage or as a result of lines being exposed or unsupported, Contractor shall promptly notify the proper authority and shall cooperate with that authority in the restoration of service until the service is restored.

When materials are to be hauled across the tracks of any railway, Forest Service will make arrangements with the railroad for the use of any existing crossing or for any new crossing required. Contractor shall make arrangements for use of alternate crossings. All construction work to be performed by Contractor on the railroad right-of-way shall not damage railroad company's property.

**GT.2.2.2 Protection of Property.** In construction and reconstruction of Specified Roads, Contractor shall not unnecessarily remove, deface, injure, or destroy trees, shrubs, or other natural features, unless specifically authorized. To the extent practicable, Contractor shall confine operations to within the clearing limit or other areas designated in the contract and prevent the depositing of rocks, excavated materials, stumps, or other debris outside these limits.

Material that falls outside these limits shall be retrieved, disposed of, or incorporated in the work to the extent practicable and necessary to protect adjacent resource values, unless otherwise agreed.

**GT.2.3 Protection of Land Survey Monuments.** Forest Service shall appropriately designate on the ground all known survey monuments, section corners, and other corner accessories. Forest Service shall post identifying signs on two sides of each known bearing tree.

Forest Service shall arrange protective or perpetuative action that does not cause unnecessary delay to Contractor in authorized clearings, such as Clearcutting Units and road construction, and in other instances where damage to monuments, section corners, and other corner accessories is unavoidable.

Contractor shall protect all known survey monuments, witness corners, reference monuments, and bearing trees against avoidable destruction, obliteration, or damage during Contractor's Operations. If any known monuments, corners, or accessories are destroyed, obliterated, or damaged by Contractor's Operations, Contractor shall hire the appropriate county surveyor or a registered land surveyor to reestablish or restore at the same location the monuments, corners, or accessories. Such surveyors shall use procedures in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States" for General Land Office surveys and in accordance with State law for others. Contractor shall record such survey in appropriate county records.

**GT.2.4 Protection Measures Needed for Plants, Animals, Cultural Resources, and Cave Resources.** Locations of known areas needing special measures for the protection of plants, animals, cultural resources, and/or cave resources are shown on Contract Area Map and/or identified on the ground. Special protection measures needed to protect such known areas are identified in KT-GT.2.4.

In addition to any special protection measures noted, Contractor has a general duty to protect all known and identified resources referenced in this Subsection from damage or removal during Contractor's Operations. Discovery of additional areas, resources, or members of species needing special protection shall be promptly reported to the other party, and operations shall be delayed or interrupted at that location, under IT.3.3, if Contracting Officer determines there is risk of damage to such areas, resources, or species from continued operations.

Wheeled or track-laying equipment shall not be operated in areas identified as needing special measures for the protection of cultural resources, except on roads, landings, tractor roads, or skid trails approved under FT.1 or GT.4.2.2. Unless agreed otherwise, trees will not be felled into such areas. Contractor may be required to backblade skid trails and other ground disturbed by Contractor's Operations within such areas in lieu of cross ditching required under GT.6.

Contractor shall immediately notify Forest Service if disturbance occurs to any area identified as needing special protection measures and shall immediately halt operations in the vicinity of the disturbance until Forest Service authorizes Contractor to proceed. Contractor shall bear costs of resource evaluation and restoration to identified sites. Such payment shall not relieve Contractor from civil or criminal liability otherwise provided by law.

Nothing in this Subsection shall be interpreted as creating any warranty that all locations and special measures for the protection of plants, animals, cultural resources, and cave resources have been described herein, elsewhere in the contract, or designated on the ground.

**GT.3 Control of Operations.** Under this contract, "Contractor's Operations" shall include activities of or use of equipment of Contractor, Contractor's employees, agents, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents, acting in the course of their employment in operations hereunder on National Forest lands or within Forest Service protection boundary (unless acting under the immediate supervision of Forest Service).

Contractor's Operations shall be conducted in a workmanlike and orderly manner. The timing of required Forest Service designation of work on the ground and the performance of other Forest Service work shall not be such as to cause unnecessary delay to Contractor.

"Release for Cutting" is written authorization to Contractor to begin cutting in a Payment Unit. Upon Contractor's request for release of a Payment Unit, Forest Service shall either:

- (a) Give tentative approval and bill Contractor as necessary under ET.2.1 or
- (b) Reject the request, stating reasons for rejection.

When payment or payment guarantee has been confirmed, Forest Service shall issue Release for Cutting within 10 days. Contractor shall not cut timber in any Payment Unit until it is Released for Cutting.

**GT.3.1 Operating Schedule.** Contractor shall, before commencing operations, provide in writing an annual Operating Schedule of anticipated major activities and needs for logging Included Timber and completing stewardship projects, such as logging, road maintenance, and construction, including construction staking under FT.2.1.2 and material delivery under FT.2.2. Upon reasonable notice to Forest Service, such schedule shall be subject to modifications necessitated by weather, markets, or other unpredictable circumstances.

Subject to GT.6 and when the requirements of GT.6.6 are met, Contractor's Operations may be conducted outside Normal Operating Season. "Normal Operating Season" is the period(s) beginning and ending on the dates stated in AT.13 of any year.

**GT.3.1.1 Inclusion of Technical Proposal.** Upon execution of the contract, all elements of the Technical Proposal accepted by Forest Service become binding parts of the contract, including, but not limited to, planned peri-

ods for and methods of road construction, timber harvesting, performance of stewardship projects, slash disposal, erosion control measures, and other contractual requirements. In addition, Contractor may not substitute a Subcontractor that has been accepted in the Technical Proposal with an alternate Subcontractor, unless Contracting Officer agrees to substitution.

Contractor may revise this Technical Proposal when necessitated by weather, markets, or other unforeseen circumstances beyond the Contractor's control, subject to approval of Contracting Officer. In the event of delays beyond the control of Contractor that qualify for Contract Term Adjustment, the Technical Proposal shall be adjusted by mutual agreement to accommodate the adjusted contract period.

**GT.3.1.2 Plan of Operations for Road Construction.** Annually, prior to start of construction, Contractor shall submit a supplement to the Technical Proposal that shall include a schedule of proposed progress and a description of planned measures to be taken to provide erosion control for work in progress, including special measures to be taken on any segments of construction not Substantially Completed prior to periods of seasonal precipitation or runoff. Contractor shall submit a revised schedule when Contractor proposes a significant deviation from the progress schedule.

Prior to beginning construction on any portion of Specified Roads identified as sensitive on Plans, Contractor and Forest Service shall agree on proposed method of construction.

**GT.3.2 Protection of Residual Trees.** Contractor's Operations shall not unnecessarily damage young growth or other trees to be reserved.

**GT.3.3 Safety.** Contractor's Operations shall facilitate Forest Service's safe and practical inspection of Contractor's Operations and conduct of other official duties on Contract Area. Contractor has all responsibility for compliance with safety requirements for Contractor's employees.

In the event that Contracting Officer identifies a conflict between the requirements of this contract or agreed upon methods of proceeding hereunder and State or Federal safety requirements, the contract shall be modified and Contractor may request an adjustment in Current Contract Rates to compensate for the changed conditions.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, when Contractor's Operations are in progress adjacent to or on Forest Service controlled roads and trails open to public travel, Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain all temporary traffic controls that provide the user with adequate warning of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions associated with Contractor's Operations. Contractor and Forest Service shall agree to a specific Traffic Control Plan for each individual project prior to commencing operations. Devices shall be appropriate to current conditions and shall be covered or removed when not needed. Except as otherwise agreed, flagmen and devices shall be as specified in the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" (MUTCD) and as shown on Plans, Contract Area Map, Traffic Control Plan, or in specifications attached hereto.

**GT.3.4 Sanitation and Servicing.** Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent pollution of air, soil, and water by Contractor's Operations. If facilities for employees are established on Contract Area, they shall be operated in a sanitary manner. In the event that Contractor's Operations or servicing of equipment result in pollution to soil or water, Contractor shall conduct cleanup and restoration of the polluted site to the satisfaction of Forest Service.

Contractor shall maintain all equipment operating on Contract Area in good repair and free of abnormal leakage of lubricants, fuel, coolants, and hydraulic fluid. Contractor shall not service tractors, trucks, or other equipment on National Forest lands where servicing is likely to result in pollution to soil or water. Contractor shall furnish oil-absorbing mats for use under all stationary equipment or equipment being serviced to prevent leaking or spilled petroleum-based products from contaminating soil and water resources. Contractor shall remove from National Forest lands all contaminated soil, vegetation, debris, vehicle oil filters (drained of free-flowing oil), batteries, oily rags, and waste oil resulting from use, servicing, repair, or abandonment of equipment.

**GT.3.4.1 Prevention of Oil Spills.** If Contractor maintains storage facilities for oil or oil products on Contract Area, Contractor shall take appropriate preventive measures to ensure that any spill of such oil or oil products does not enter any stream or other waters of the United States or any of the individual States.

If the total oil or oil products storage exceeds 1,320 gallons in containers of 55 gallons or greater, Contractor shall prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan. Such plan shall meet applicable EPA requirements (40 CFR 112), including certification by a registered professional engineer.

Contractor shall notify Contracting Officer and appropriate agencies of all reportable (40 CFR 110) spills of oil or oil products on or in the vicinity of Contract Area that are caused by Contractor's employees, agents, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of Contractor's Operations. Contractor will take whatever initial action may be safely accomplished to contain all spills.

**GT.3.4.2 Hazardous Substances.** Contractor shall notify the National Response Center and Contracting Officer of all releases of reportable quantities of hazardous substances on or in the vicinity of Contract Area that are caused by Contractor's employees, agents, Subcontractors or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of Contractor's Operations, in accordance with 40 CFR 302.

**GT.3.5 Equipment Cleaning.** (a) Areas, known by Forest Service prior to contract advertisement, that are infested with invasive species of concern are shown on Contract Area Map. A current list of invasive species of concern and a map showing the extent of known infestations is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

(b) Contractor shall not move any Off-Road Equipment, which last operated in an area that is infested with one or more invasive species of concern onto Contract Area without having first taken reasonable measures to make each such piece of equipment free of soil, seeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds. Contractor shall identify the location of the equipment's most recent operations. If the prior location of the Off-Road Equipment cannot be identified, Forest Service will assume that it is infested with seeds of invasive species of concern. In addition, prior to moving Off-Road Equipment from an area on this contract that is shown on Contract Area Map to be infested with invasive species of concern to any other area that is indicated on Contract Area Map as being free of invasive species of concern, Contractor shall again take reasonable measures to make each such piece of equipment free of soil, seeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds.

(c) Contractor must advise Forest Service of measures taken to clean Off-Road Equipment and arrange for Forest Service inspection prior to such equipment being placed in service or moved from areas infested with invasive species of concern to areas that are free of such invasive species. Forest Service shall have 2 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, to inspect equipment after it has been made available for inspection. After inspection or after 2 days, Contractor may proceed with operations. Reasonable measures shall not require the disassembly of equipment components or use of any specialized inspection tools. Equipment shall be considered free of soil, seeds, and other such debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material.

(d) "Off-Road Equipment" includes all logging and construction machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, service vehicles, water trucks, pickup trucks, cars, and similar vehicles.

(e) If Contractor desires to clean Off-Road Equipment on National Forest land, such as at the end of a project or prior to moving to a new area that is free of invasive species of concern, Contractor and Forest Service shall agree on locations for the cleaning and control of off-site impacts, if any.

(f) New infestations of invasive species of concern to Forest Service, identified by either Contractor or Forest Service on Contract Area, shall be promptly reported to the other party and operations shall be delayed or interrupted at that location, under IT.3.3, until Contractor and Forest Service agree on treatment methods.

(g) Nothing in this Subsection shall be interpreted as creating any warranty that all locations of invasive species of concern have been described herein, elsewhere in the contract, or designated on the ground.

**GT.3.6 Acceptance of Work.** Upon Contractor's written request and assurance that work has been completed, Forest Service shall perform an inspection within 5 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, so as not to delay unnecessarily the progress of Contractor's Operations. Such a request may be for acceptance of:

(a) Any reasonable portion of Specified Road listed in the Schedule of Items;

(b) Specific requirements on a Payment Unit (such as logging, stewardship project operations, slash disposal, erosion control, or snag felling); or

(c) All contract requirements on a Payment Unit.

Forest Service may perform such inspections without request from Contractor.

Within 2 days of inspection, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, Forest Service shall furnish Contractor with written notice either of acceptance or of work remaining to be done.

In the event that Forest Service is unable to make such inspection within 5 days of Contractor's request, Contractor shall be notified in writing of necessity for postponement and time when inspection can be made. The same final approval procedure shall be used at the end of Contractor's construction period on any completed portion of road.

When all contractual work of Contractor has been accepted for any Payment Unit or stewardship project area, it shall be eliminated from Contract Area on written notice of either party to this contract.

**GT.3.6.1 Acceptance of Specified Roads.** Specified Road work may be accepted subject to completion of clearing work that does not affect the road structure when completion is delayed for reasons beyond control of Contractor, such as adverse weather.

Specified Road work may be accepted subject to completion of planting and seeding for soil stabilization when completion is delayed for reasons beyond control of Contractor, such as seasonal limitations. Contractor shall complete planting or seeding on such road during the next suitable planting season.

Specified Road work may be conditionally accepted prior to the application of dust palliatives when application is not necessary to prevent dusting of the road surface due to climatic conditions. Contractor shall apply dust palliative on such roads prior to use during periods when dusting may occur.

Prior to request for final inspection, Specified Road work, roadways, borrow pits, and quarries, occupied and no longer needed by Contractor in connection with Contractor's Operations, shall be cleared of all rubbish, excess materials, and temporary structures.

**GT.4 Conduct of Logging.** Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, Contractor shall fell trees designated for cutting and shall remove the portions that meet Utilization Standards, as provided in CT.2, prior to acceptance of Payment Unit for completion of logging and stewardship projects under GT.3.6. Forest Service may make exceptions

for occasional trees inadvertently not cut or trees or pieces not removed for good reason, including possible damage to forest resources or gross economic impracticability at the time of removal of other timber. Logging shall be conducted in accordance with the following, unless KT-GT.4 provisions set forth requirements to meet special or unusual logging conditions:

**GT.4.1 Felling and Bucking.** Felling shall be done to minimize breakage of Included Timber and damage to residual timber. Unless agreed otherwise, felling shall be done by saws or shears. Bucking shall be done to permit removal of all minimum pieces set forth in AT.2. Contractor may buck out cull material when necessary to produce pieces meeting Utilization Standards. Such bucked out material shall contain a minimum amount of sound wood, not in excess of the net Measure in percentage of gross Measure, or based on the merchantability factor, whichever is stated in AT.2. If necessary to assess extent of defect, Contractor shall make sample saw cuts or wedges.

**GT.4.1.1 Felling in Clearings.** Insofar as ground conditions, tree lean, and shape of clearings permit, trees shall be felled so that their tops do not extend outside Clearcutting Units, construction clearings, and areas of regeneration cutting.

**GT.4.1.2 Stump Heights.** Stumps shall not exceed, on the side adjacent to the highest ground, the maximum heights set forth in AT.6, except that occasional stumps of greater heights are acceptable when Contractor determines that they are necessary for safe and efficient conduct of logging. Unless otherwise agreed, Contractor shall re-cut high stumps so they will not exceed heights specified in AT.6 and shall dispose of severed portions in the same manner as other logging debris. The stump heights shown in AT.6 were selected with the objective of maximum reasonable utilization of the timber, unless Contract Area Map shows special areas where stump heights are lower for aesthetic, land treatment, or silvicultural reasons.

**GT.4.1.3 Limbing.** When Forest Service determines it is necessary to minimize damage to the residual stand during skidding, Contractor shall cut exposed limbs from products prior to skidding. Contractor may leave uncut those limbs that cannot be cut with reasonable safety.

**GT.4.2 Skidding and Yarding.** Methods of skidding or yarding specified for particular areas, if any, are indicated on Contract Area Map. Outside Clearcutting Units and construction clearings, insofar as ground conditions permit, products shall not be skidded against reserve trees or groups of reproduction and tractors shall be equipped with a winch to facilitate skidding.

**GT.4.2.1 Rigging.** Insofar as practicable, needed rigging shall be slung on stumps or trees designated for cutting.

**GT.4.2.2 Landings and Skid Trails.** Location of all landings, tractor roads, and skid trails shall be agreed upon prior to their construction. The cleared or excavated size of landings shall not exceed that needed for efficient skidding and loading operations.

**GT.4.2.3 Skidding on Roads.** Products may be skidded on permanent roads authorized for hauling under FT.1.2 only by prior written agreement.

**GT.4.2.4 Arches and Dozer Blades.** Unless otherwise specified in KT-GT.4.2.4, skidding tractors equipped with pull-type arches or dozer blades wider than tractor width or C-frame width, whichever is greater, shall not be used in residual timber outside Clearcutting Units and other authorized clearings, except on constructed tractor roads or landings, unless there is written agreement that residual timber will not be damaged materially by such use.

**GT.5 Streamcourse Protection.** "Streamcourses" that are subject to provisions of this Section are shown on Contract Area Map. Unless otherwise agreed, the following measures shall be observed to protect Streamcourses:

(a) Contractor's Operations shall be conducted to prevent debris from entering Streamcourses, except as may be authorized under paragraph (d). In event Contractor causes debris to enter Streamcourses in amounts that may adversely affect the natural flow of the stream, water quality, or fishery resource, Contractor shall remove such debris as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 2 days, and in an agreed manner that will cause the least disturbance to Streamcourses.

(b) Culverts or bridges shall be required on Temporary Roads at all points where it is necessary to cross Streamcourses. Such facilities shall be of sufficient size and design and installed in a manner to provide unobstructed flow of water and to minimize damage to Streamcourses. Trees or products shall not be otherwise hauled or yarded across Streamcourses unless fully suspended.

(c) Wheeled or track-laying equipment shall not be operated in Streamcourses, except at crossings designated by Forest Service or as essential to construction or removal of culverts and bridges.

(d) Flow in Streamcourses may be temporarily diverted only if such diversion is necessary for Contractor's planned construction and Forest Service gives written authorization. Such flow shall be restored to the natural course as soon as practicable and, in any event, prior to a major storm runoff period or runoff season.

**GT.6 Erosion Prevention and Control.** Contractor's Operations shall be conducted reasonably to minimize soil erosion. Equipment shall not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result. Contractor shall adjust the kinds and intensity of erosion control work done to ground and weather conditions and the need for controlling runoff. Erosion control work shall be kept current immediately preceding expected seasonal periods of precipitation or runoff.

If Contractor fails to do seasonal erosion control work prior to any seasonal period of precipitation or runoff, Forest Service may temporarily assume responsibility for the work and any unencumbered deposits hereunder may be used by Forest Service to do the work. If needed for such work, Contractor shall make additional deposits on request by Forest Service. Any money deposited or used for this purpose shall be treated as cooperative deposits under ET.2.1.8.

**GT.6.1 Meadow Protection.** Reasonable care shall be taken to avoid damage to the cover, soil, and water in meadows shown on Contract Area Map. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used on meadows, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved under FT.1 or GT.4.2.2. Unless otherwise agreed, trees felled into meadows shall be removed by endlining. Resulting logging slash shall be removed where necessary to protect cover, soil, and water.

**GT.6.2 Wetlands Protection.** Wetlands requiring protection under Executive Order 11990 are shown on Contract Area Map. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used in such wetlands, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved under FT.1 or GT.4.2.2. Additional measures needed to protect such areas are provided in KT-GT.6.2.

**GT.6.3 Temporary Roads.** As necessary to attain stabilization of roadbed and fill slopes of Temporary Roads, Contractor shall employ such measures as outsloping, drainage dips, and water-spreading ditches.

After a Temporary Road has served Contractor's purpose, Contractor shall give notice to Forest Service and shall remove bridges and culverts, eliminate ditches, outslope roadbed, remove ruts and berms, effectively block the road to normal vehicular traffic where feasible under existing terrain conditions, and build cross ditches and water bars, as staked or otherwise marked on the ground by Forest Service. When bridges and culverts are removed, associated fills shall also be removed to the extent necessary to permit normal maximum flow of water.

**GT.6.3.1 Temporary Roads to Remain Open.** To maintain short term access to portions of Contract Area for post-contract treatments and other purposes after a Temporary Road has served Contractor's purpose, pursuant to GT.6.3, Contractor agrees, that on Temporary Roads designated on Contract Area Map as "Remain Open," to construct cross ditches and water bars, as designated, staked, or otherwise directed by Forest Service, that can be traversed by a normal two-wheel drive pickup truck. On "Remain Open" Temporary Roads, all bridges and culverts shall remain in place and ditches shall not be eliminated. All drainage structures shall be left in functional condition.

**GT.6.4 Landings.** After landings have served Contractor's purpose, Contractor shall ditch and slope them to permit water to drain or spread. Unless agreed otherwise, cut and fill banks around landings shall be sloped to remove overhangs and otherwise minimize erosion.

**GT.6.5 Skid Trails and Fire Lines.** Contractor shall construct cross ditches and water-spreading ditches on tractor roads and skid trails, where staked or otherwise marked on the ground by Forest Service. Forest Service shall designate cross ditching on Contractor-built fire lines prior to or during construction. By agreement, Contractor may use other comparable erosion control measures, such as backblading skid trails, in lieu of cross ditching.

**GT.6.6 Current Operating Areas.** Where logging, road construction, or other stewardship project work is in progress but not completed, unless agreed otherwise, Contractor shall, before operations cease annually, remove all temporary log culverts and construct temporary cross drains, drainage ditches, dips, berms, culverts, or other facilities needed to control erosion.

Such protection shall be provided, prior to end of a Normal Operating Season, for all disturbed, unprotected ground that is not to be disturbed further prior to end of operations each year, including roads and associated fills, tractor roads, skid trails, and fire lines. When weather permits operations after Normal Operating Season, Contractor shall keep such work on any additional disturbed areas as up to date as practicable.

**GT.6.7 Erosion Control Structure Maintenance.** During the period of this contract, Contractor shall provide maintenance of soil erosion control structures constructed by Contractor until they become stabilized, but not for more than 1 year after their construction. Contracting Officer may agree to perform such structure maintenance under ET.2.1.8, if requested by Contractor, subject to agreement on rates. Contractor shall not be responsible for repair of such structures damaged by other National Forest users whose activities are not a part of Contractor's Operations.

**GT.7 Slash Disposal.** Contractor's timing of product removal and preparatory work shall not unnecessarily delay slash disposal. Specific slash disposal measures to be employed by Contractor are stated in KT-GT.7 and are in addition to Required Deposits for slash disposal.

**GT.8 Measuring.** "Measuring" is the estimation of timber quantities using certain dimensions and applicable volume tables or formulae to determine the contents of trees or stands in a standard manner. Sampling may be on an individual tree or area basis. Examples of standard procedures are tree measurement, sample tree measurement, and area estimate. The quantity of timber designated or to be designated for cutting has been or shall be Measured, as specified in KT-GT.8.

**GT.8.1 Product Identification.** For contracts west of the 100th meridian, before removal from Contract Area, unless Contracting Officer determines that circumstances warrant a written waiver or adjustment, Contractor shall:

(a) Hammer brand all products that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound, on each end that is seven (7) inches or more in diameter.

(b) West of the 100th meridian, paint with a spot of highway-yellow paint all domestic processing products that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound, on each end that is seven (7) inches or more in diameter. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size.

Contracting Officer shall assign brands and, if Contract Area is within a State that maintains a log brand register, brands shall be registered with the State. Contractor shall use assigned brand exclusively on logs from this contract until Contracting Officer releases brand. Contractor will furnish and apply highway-yellow paint of a lasting quality (oil-base or equivalent).

All hammer brands and/or highway-yellow paint must remain on logs until they are domestically processed. Contractor shall replace identifying marks if they are lost, removed, or become unreadable. Contractor may remanufacture products into different log lengths. Except for logs remanufactured as part of the mill in-feed process immediately before processing, remanufactured products must be rebranded with the assigned contract brand and repainted with highway-yellow paint, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Contracting Officer. For such remanufactured products, Contracting Officer may approve use of a brand to be used exclusively as a catch brand, in lieu of the assigned contract brand.

**GT.9 Stewardship Projects.** Performance of stewardship projects shall be in accordance with the specifications in KT-GT.9.

All of the mandatory stewardship projects, as shown in AT.4.4, shall be performed. Optional stewardship projects, as shown in AT.4.4, shall be performed when authorized in writing by Contracting Officer. Such authorization may be for all or a portion of the quantity shown. Optional stewardship projects may be selected and authorized in any order by the Contracting Officer. Upon written request of Contractor, additional optional stewardship projects shall be authorized; however, Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship projects if three or more authorized optional stewardship projects or any of the mandatory stewardship projects remain uncompleted. Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional optional stewardship projects at any time if Contracting Officer determines that there is insufficient value of remaining designated timber to cover the value of additional stewardship projects.

**GT.9.1 Refund of Unused Stewardship Credits.** When, under IT.3.3, Contracting Officer requests Contractor to delay or interrupt Contractor's Operations for more than 60 days, unused Stewardship Credits may be refunded upon the written request of Contractor or at the discretion of Contracting Officer.

Contractor agrees that when unused Stewardship Credits are refunded that Contractor shall remit, release, and forever discharge the United States from any and all Claims arising from any delay in using Stewardship Credits under this contract, including, but not limited to, any Claims of interest or other costs.

If Contractor has outstanding debt owing the United States, Contracting Officer must apply the amount of Stewardship Credit that could be refunded to the debt owed in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act, as amended.

## **HT.0—FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND CONTROL**

**HT.1 Plans.** Prior to initiating Contractor's Operations during Fire Precautionary Period, Contractor shall file with Forest Service a Fire Prevention and Control Plan providing for the prevention and control of fires on Contract Area and other areas of Contractor's Operations. Such plan shall include a detailed list of personnel and equipment at Contractor's disposal for implementing the plan. This requirement may be met by preparing a single plan for more than one contract.

**HT.2 Fire Precautions.** Specific fire precautionary measures listed in KT-HT.2 shall be applicable during Contractor's Operations in "Fire Precautionary Period" described in AT.9. Contracting Officer may change the dates of Fire Precautionary Period by advance written notice, if justified by unusual weather or other conditions. Required tools and equipment shall be kept in serviceable condition and immediately available for fire fighting at all times during Contractor's Operations in Fire Precautionary Period.

**HT.2.1 Substitute Precautions.** Forest Service may authorize substitute measures or equipment, or waive specific requirements by written notice, if substitute measures or equipment will afford equal protection or some of the required measures and equipment are unnecessary.

**HT.2.2 Emergency Precautions.** Forest Service may require the necessary shutting down of equipment on portions of Contractor's Operations, as specified by the emergency fire precautions schedule of KT-HT.2.2. Under such conditions, after Contractor ceases active operations, Contractor shall release for hire by Forest Service, if needed, Contractor's shutdown equipment for fire standby on Contract Area or other areas of Contractor's Operations and personnel for fire standby or fire patrol, when such personnel and equipment are not needed by Contractor for other fire fighting or protection from fire. Equipment shall be paid for at fire fighting equipment rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates and, if Contractor requests, shall be operated only by personnel approved by Contractor. Personnel so hired shall be subject to direction and control by Forest Service and shall be paid by Forest Service at fire fighting rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates.

**HT.3 Fire Control.** Contractor shall, both independently and in cooperation with Forest Service, take all reasonable and practicable action to prevent and suppress fires resulting from Contractor's Operations and to suppress any

forest fire on Contract Area. Contractor's independent initial fire suppression action on such fires shall be immediate and shall include the use of all necessary personnel and equipment at Contractor's disposal on Contract Area or within the distance of Contract Area stated in AT.10.

**HT.3.1 Contractor's Reinforcement Obligations.** Whenever an Operations Fire or Negligent Fire, whether on or off Contract Area, or any other forest fire on Contract Area, has not been suppressed by initial action and appreciable reinforcement strength is required, Forest Service may require further actions by Contractor until such fire is controlled and mopped up to a point of safety. Such actions may include any or all of the following as necessary to fight such fire:

**HT.3.1.1 Suspend Operations.** To suspend any or all of Contractor's Operations.

**HT.3.1.2 Personnel.** To release for employment by Forest Service any or all of Contractor's personnel engaged in Contractor's Operations or timber processing within the distance of Contract Area stated in AT.10. Any organized crew so hired shall include Contractor's supervisor, if any. Personnel so employed shall be paid at Forest Service standard emergency fire fighting rates.

**HT.3.1.3 Equipment.** To make available for Forest Service rental at fire fighting equipment rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates any or all of Contractor's equipment suitable for fire fighting and currently engaged in Contractor's Operations within the distance of Contract Area stated in AT.10. Equipment shall be operated only by personnel approved by Contractor, if so requested by Contractor.

**HT.4 Fire Suppression Costs.** Contractor's obligations for cost of fire suppression vary according to three classifications of fires as follows:

**HT.4.1 Operations Fire.** An "Operations Fire" is a fire caused by Contractor's Operations other than a Negligent Fire.

Forest Service, except as provided in HT.3, shall use cooperative deposits under ET.2.1.8 to perform fire suppression activities on Operations Fires. Contractor agrees to reimburse Forest Service for such cost for each Operations Fire, subject to a maximum of the dollar amount stated in AT.11. The cost of Contractor's actions, supplies, and equipment on any such fire provided pursuant to HT.3, or otherwise at the request of Forest Service, shall be credited toward such maximum. If Contractor's actual cost exceeds Contractor's obligation stated in AT.11, Forest Service shall reimburse Contractor for the excess.

**HT.4.2 Negligent Fire.** A "Negligent Fire" is a fire caused by negligence or fault of Contractor's Operations, including, but not limited to, one caused by smoking by persons engaged in Contractor's Operations during the course of their employment, or during rest or lunch periods; or if Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of HT.2 and HT.3 results in a fire starting or permits a fire to spread. Damages and the cost of suppressing Negligent Fires shall be borne by Contractor.

**HT.4.3 Other Fires on Contract Area.** Forest Service shall pay Contractor, at fire fighting rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates, for equipment or personnel furnished by Contractor pursuant to HT.3, or otherwise at the request of Forest Service, on any fire on Contract Area other than an Operations Fire or a Negligent Fire.

**HT.5 State Law.** Contractor shall not be relieved by the terms of this contract of any liability to the United States for fire suppression costs recoverable in an action based on State law, except for such costs resulting from Operations Fires. Amounts due Contractor for fire fighting expenditures in accordance with HT.4.1 shall not be withheld pending settlement of any such claim or action based on State law.

**HT.6 Performance by Contractor.** Where Contractor's employees, agents, contractors, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents perform Contractor's Operations in connection with fire responsibilities, Contractor's obligations shall be the same as if performance was by Contractor.

## **IT.0—OTHER CONDITIONS**

### **IT.1 Title and Liability.**

**IT.1.1 Title Passage.** All right, title, and interest in and to any Included Timber shall remain in Forest Service until it has been Measured, removed from Contract Area or other authorized cutting area, and paid for, at which time title shall vest in Contractor. For purposes of this Subsection, timber in Payment Units Released for Cutting covered by cash deposit or payment guarantee under ET.3 shall be considered to have been paid for. Title to any Included Timber that has been Measured and paid for, but not removed from Contract Area or other authorized cutting area by Contractor on or prior to Termination Date, shall remain in Forest Service.

**IT.1.2 Liability for Loss.** If Included Timber is destroyed or damaged by an unexpected event that significantly changes the nature of Included Timber, such as fire, wind, flood, insects, disease, or similar cause, the party holding title shall bear the timber value loss resulting from such destruction or damage; except that such losses caused by insect or disease after felling of timber shall be borne by Contractor, unless Contractor is prevented from removing such timber for reasons that would qualify for Contract Term Adjustment. Deterioration or loss of value of salvage timber is not an unexpected event, except for deterioration due to delay or interruption that qualifies for Contract Term Adjustment or under IT.3.3.

In the event Included Timber to which Forest Service holds title is destroyed, Contractor will not be obligated to remove and pay for such timber. In the event Included Timber to which Forest Service holds title is damaged, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately prior to the value loss and the appraised unit value of timber after the loss. Current Contract Rates in effect at the time of the value loss shall be adjusted by differences to become the redetermined rates.

There shall be no obligation for Forest Service to supply, or for Contractor to accept and pay for, other timber in lieu of that destroyed or damaged. This Subsection shall not be construed to relieve either party of liability for negligence.

**IT.2 Period of Contract.** All obligations of Contractor shall be discharged not later than "Termination Date" stated in AT.12, unless it is adjusted pursuant to IT.2.1 or IT.2.1.2 or extended pursuant to IT.2.3 or IT.3.2, excepting only those obligations for which Forest Service has given written permission to delay performance. Such written permission shall be considered a Contract Term Adjustment for the purpose of Contractor completing performance of obligations covered by such permission.

**IT.2.1 Contract Term Adjustment.** "Contract Term Adjustment" means adjustment only as provided for in the three circumstances described in this Subsection. Under these circumstances, the contract term shall be adjusted in writing to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the actual time lost, except as limited by paragraph (b) in this Subsection.

To qualify for such adjustment, Contractor shall give written notice of the lost time not later than 30 days after end of Normal Operating Season in which time was lost and at least 10 days before Termination Date. Contracting Officer shall make prompt written acknowledgment of such notice, indicating concurrence with the number of days in the notice or the number of days Forest Service considers as qualifying for the adjustment. Lost portions of days shall be disregarded in computing time lost. The three circumstances qualifying for a Contract Term Adjustment are:

(a) Contractor experiences delay in starting scheduled operations or interruptions in active operations, either of which stops removal of Included Timber from Contract Area through curtailment in felling and bucking, yarding, skidding and loading, hauling, or road construction, as scheduled under GT.3.1, for 10 or more consecutive days during a Normal Operating Season due to causes beyond Contractor's control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the Government, labor disputes, fires, insurrections, or floods.

(b) Causes described in paragraph (a) substantially affect the disposition or processing of Included Timber during Normal Operating Season through their effects on primary timber processing facilities, with a resulting delay of 60 days or more in use of such facilities. In such event, Contract Term Adjustment shall not extend for more than 12 consecutive months.

(c) (i) Contracting Officer requests Contractor, in writing, to delay or interrupt operations during the normal operating season for any purpose other than suspension under ET.4 or JT.3 or

(ii) Contractor suffers a delay or interruption of Contractor's Operations affecting skidding, yarding, and loading because of fire emergency closure ordered by Forest Service (or another agency in its behalf), and the total of such lost time is 10 or more days during any Normal Operating Season.

If Termination Date is adjusted, as described in this Subsection, and later extended under IT.2.3, the appraisal for the extension shall be made as of the unadjusted Termination Date, but the date on which the new rates become effective, if higher than Current Contract Rates immediately prior to Termination Date, shall be the adjusted Termination Date.

**IT.2.1.1 Delay in Reconstruction of Processing Facilities.** Notwithstanding the 12-month limitation in IT.2.1, if Contractor demonstrates a diligent effort has been made to replace primary timber processing facilities and that delays in doing so have been beyond Contractor's control, Contracting Officer may authorize Contract Term Adjustment up to a total of 24 months.

**IT.2.1.2 Market-Related Contract Term Addition.** The term of this contract may be adjusted when a drastic reduction in wood product prices has occurred in accordance with 36 CFR 223.52. The Producer Price Index used to determine when a drastic reduction in price has occurred is stated in AT.17. Contractor will be notified whenever the Chief determines that a drastic reduction in wood product prices has occurred. If the drastic reduction criteria specified in 36 CFR 223.52 are met for 2 consecutive calendar quarters, after contract award date, Contracting Officer will add 1 year to the contract term, upon Contractor's written request. For each additional consecutive quarter such a drastic reduction occurs, Contracting Officer will, upon written request, add an additional 3 months to the term during Normal Operating Season. Contracting Officer must receive Contractor's written request for a market-related contract term addition before the expiration of this contract.

The total amount of contract term addition is limited to the lesser of twice the length of the original contract or 3 years. The revised contract term may not exceed 10 years as a result of market-related contract term addition. Additional contract time may not be granted for those portions of the contract that have a required completion date or for those portions of the contract where Contracting Officer determines that the timber is in need of urgent removal or that timber deterioration or resource damage will result from delay.

**IT.2.2 Termination for Catastrophe.** In event of Catastrophic Damage, this contract may be modified under IT.3.2, following rate redetermination under DT.3.2, or terminated under this Subsection. Such termination shall not be considered a termination under IT.3.4.

**IT.2.2.1 Termination by Contractor.** This contract shall be terminated, upon election and written notice by Contractor, if Catastrophic Damage rate redetermination under DT.3.2 shows that the appraised weighted average Indicated Advertised Rate of all Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the catastrophe has been reduced through Catastrophic Damage by an amount equal to or more than the weighted average Current Contract Rate.

“Indicated Advertised Rates” are Forest Service estimates of fair market value of the timber.

**IT.2.2.2 Termination by Forest Service.** This contract may be terminated by written notice from Contracting Officer, if there is Catastrophic Damage and Contractor does not agree, under IT.3.2, within 30 days of receipt from Contracting Officer of contract modifications proposed to permit the harvest of the catastrophe-affected timber.

**IT.2.3 Contract Term Extension.** “Contract Term Extension” means an extension of the term of this contract, at the request of Contractor, under this Subsection. This Subsection does not obligate Contracting Officer to grant Contract Term Extension. An extension can only be granted when Contracting Officer has determined that Contractor has diligently performed under the terms of this contract and when such extension is determined to be in the best interest of Forest Service.

Contracting Officer may not grant Contractor’s written request for Contract Term Extension, unless Contractor’s Operations to date have been in reasonable compliance with contract terms and the approved Technical Proposal under GT.3.1.1 and all contractual requirements have been met by Contractor and accepted by Forest Service in active stewardship project areas and on areas cut over at time of Contractor’s request, except for areas where work is in progress at time of Contractor’s request. Contractor’s burning of current slash or seeding or planting for erosion control may be temporarily waived, if weather or other considerations make such work impractical.

Contract Term Extension shall not become effective unless the initial Extension Deposit required by ET.2.1.7 has been made by the effective date of any extension.

When such extension is made, Forest Service shall make an appraisal using standard Forest Service methods and appraisal data in effect 45 days prior to the original Termination Date. Bid Premium Rates shall be added to such appraised rates to establish Flat Rates or Tentative Rates for the extension period. In event rates so established would develop Current Contract Value immediately prior to such an extension that is less than Current Contract Value at that time, Flat Rates and Tentative Rates in effect immediately prior to extension shall be retained for the extension period.

**IT.3 Contract Modification.** The conditions of this contract are completely set forth in this contract. Except as provided in IT.3.2 and IT.3.3, this contract can be modified only by written agreement between the parties. Only Contracting Officer may make contract modifications, with compensating adjustments to Current Contract Rates where appropriate, on behalf of Forest Service.

**IT.3.1 Changed Conditions.** When it is agreed that the completion of certain work or other requirements hereunder would no longer serve the purpose intended because of substantial change in the physical conditions of Contract Area or Included Timber since the date of this contract, the requirements shall be waived in writing. The estimated cost of such waived work or other requirement shall be charged to Integrated Resource Account.

**IT.3.2 Modification for Catastrophe.** In event of Catastrophic Damage, Forest Service, in consultation with Contractor, shall outline on Contract Area Map:

- (a) Any areas of catastrophe-affected live and dead timber meeting Utilization Standards and having undesignated timber so situated that it should be logged with the designated timber;
- (b) If needed, any such areas where the damaged undesignated timber can reasonably be logged separately; and
- (c) Areas of affected or unaffected timber that are to be eliminated from Contract Area.

Forest Service shall locate and post the boundaries of all such areas, as needed.

After Contract Area Map has been outlined under this Subsection, Forest Service may propose contract modification to permit the harvest of catastrophe-affected timber. If Contractor accepts Forest Service proposed modifications, this contract shall be modified to include rates redetermined under DT.3.2 and other related revisions as necessary, such as revision of Operating Schedule to ensure prompt removal of affected timber when necessary to avoid further loss and provision for additional contract time, if needed.

**IT.3.3 Contract Suspension and Modification.** (a) Contracting Officer may, by written order, delay or interrupt authorized operations under this contract or modify this contract, in whole or in part:

- (i) To prevent environmental degradation or resource damage, including, but not limited to, harm to habitat, plants, animals, cultural resources, or cave resources;
- (ii) To ensure consistency with land and resource management plans or other documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321-4347;
- (iii) To conduct environmental analysis, including, but not limited to, engaging in consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 USC 1531, *et seq.*; or

(iv) Upon agreement of the Regional Forester, due to administrative appeal or litigation, regardless of whether Contracting Officer's request is required by a court order or this contract is named in such a proceeding.

(v) Upon a change in law if performance of the contract, as determined by the Forest Service, would not be in compliance, in whole or in part, with such law.

(b) In the event of a request delaying or interrupting Contractor's Operations under this Subsection, Contractor's remedy shall be: (i) Contract Term Adjustment, (ii) reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses, (iii) rate redetermination to measure any decline in the market pursuant to DT.3.3, (iv) temporary reduction of downpayment pursuant to ET.2.3, (v) temporary credit for unamortized Specified Road construction cost pursuant to FT.2.7, and (vi) temporary bond reduction pursuant to JT.1.3.

(c) In addition to the compensation scheme set forth in subparagraph (b), Contractor may seek termination pursuant to IT.3.6 or, at any time prior to authorization to resume work suspended under this Subsection, demand termination under IT.3.4. If Contractor elects termination under IT.3.4 or IT.3.6, Contractor is nonetheless required, prior to contract termination, to fulfill all contract obligations for areas not affected by the delay or interruption under this Subsection and all compliance obligations for areas affected by the delay or interruption, including, but not limited to, erosion control, brush disposal, and road maintenance. To the extent Contractor is unable to fulfill such obligations, any compensation due to Contractor will be reduced by the cost of completing the unfulfilled obligations, as determined by Contracting Officer. If Contractor seeks damages pursuant to subparagraph (b) and termination pursuant to this subparagraph, Contractor is not entitled to duplicative recovery of any damages.

(d) In cases of modification under this Subsection, Contractor shall receive a rate redetermination pursuant to DT.3.1.

(e) Contractor will only be eligible for the remedies listed in this Subsection if the delay or interruption occurs when operations were in progress or would have been proceeding, had there been no delay or interruption under this Subsection

(f) The applicability of this Subsection shall be unaffected by a finding during administrative appeal or litigation that this sale or a similarly situated sale was awarded or operated without properly complying with any statute, regulation, or policy.

**IT.3.4 Contract Termination.** (a) The Chief or the Chief's designee may unilaterally terminate this contract, in whole or in part, for any of the reasons set forth in paragraph (a) of IT.3.3.

(b) Contractor agrees that compensation for termination of this contract, in whole or in part, under this Subsection shall be: (i) refund or release of advanced deposits under ET.2.1.2 for timber cut but not removed, (ii) reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses, and (iii) one of the following except when termination, pursuant to IT.3.3(v), is based upon a change of law which is public and general in nature: replacement volume under subparagraph (c) or liquidated damages under subparagraph (d).

(c) Forest Service and Contractor shall make good faith efforts to identify within Contract Area replacement timber of similar volume, quality, access, and topography. Stumpage price shall be adjusted under DT.3.1 to account for differences between replacement timber and timber deleted. If Forest Service and Contractor cannot reach agreement on satisfactory replacement volume or the proper stumpage of such timber, either party may opt to end the search and Contractor shall be compensated under paragraph (d) of this Subsection.

(d) Forest Service shall pay as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages an amount equivalent to 15 percent of the estimated delivered log value of the volume of timber not harvested due to the termination or partial termination. Estimated delivered log value and volume of timber not harvested shall be determined by Contracting Officer as of Termination Date, using Forest Service methods in use as of Termination Date.

(e) When Contractor elects termination under this Subsection as a remedy for a delay or interruption pursuant to IT.3.3, Contractor shall only be entitled to damages pursuant to subparagraph (d) if the IT.3.3 delay or interruption is greater than one year, and the delay or interruption was not initially caused by wind, flood, earthquake, landslide, fire, forest pest epidemic, or other major natural phenomenon.

(f) In cases of partial termination under this Subsection, Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the remaining volume shall be a rate redetermination pursuant to DT.3.1.

(g) The applicability of this Subsection shall be unaffected by a finding during administrative appeal or litigation that this sale, or a similarly situated sale, was awarded or operated without properly complying with any statute, regulation, or policy.

(h) Contractor is required to fulfill all contract obligations not affected by a termination or partial termination under this Subsection. To the extent Contractor is unable to fulfill such obligations, any compensation due to Contractor will be reduced by the cost of completing the unfulfilled obligations, as determined by Contracting Officer.

**IT.3.5 Out-of-Pocket Expenses.** "Out-of-Pocket Expenses" are unrecovered expenditures arising directly from performing the contract that were rendered unrecovered due to delay, interruption, or termination pursuant to IT.3.3 or IT.3.4. An expenditure is unrecovered within the meaning of this Subsection where Contractor was precluded from gaining the benefit of the expenditure during a given period because operations were not permitted. Forest Service will reimburse Contractor only for the following Out-of-Pocket Expenses:

(a) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for maintenance of the contract performance and payment bonds during the period when operations were delayed or interrupted or, if terminated, from the date operations were halted until the expiration of the bonds;

(b) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for maintenance of the downpayment or other cash deposits during the period when operations were delayed or interrupted or, if terminated, from the date operations were halted until the cash is returned to Contractor;

(c) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for move-in and move-out;

(d) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for felling, bucking, lopping, skidding, yarding, and decking any products so processed, but not removed from Contract Area because: (i) the contract was terminated or (ii) the products no longer meet Utilization Standards because of delay or interruption;

(e) If terminated in whole or in part, Out-of-Pocket Expenses for unused Temporary Roads;

(f) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for the investment in Specified Roads during the period when operations were delayed or interrupted or, if terminated, in whole or in part, Out-of-Pocket Expenses for unamortized Specified Road construction and reconstruction; and

(g) If the contract is terminated, in whole or in part, Out-of-Pocket Expenses for bid preparation, including review of contract offering.

Contractor shall submit documentation of claimed expenditures and supporting analysis to Contracting Officer to assist in Contracting Officer's calculation of reimbursement. Expenses related to paragraphs (a), (b), and (g) may be based on interest at the Prompt Payment Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Contracting Officer shall determine the amount of reimbursement under this Subsection using information from Contractor and/or Forest Service methods in use on the date that operations were delayed, interrupted, or terminated at Contracting Officer's sole discretion.

Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to minimize Out-of-Pocket Expenses.

**IT.3.6 Termination for Market Change.** In the event of delay or interruption under IT.3.3, exceeding 90 days, this contract may be:

(a) Modified to include rates redetermined under DT.3.3 or

(b) Terminated upon election and written notice by Contractor, if a rate redetermination for market change under DT.3.3 shows that the appraised weighted average Indicated Advertised Rate of all Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the delay or interruption has been reduced through a market change by an amount equal to or more than the weighted average Current Contract Rate.

Contractor agrees that damages caused by termination of contract by either party will be limited to Out-of-Pocket Expenses.

**IT.4 Performance by Other than Contractor.** The acquisition or assumption by another party, under an agreement with Contractor, of any right or obligation of Contractor under this contract shall be ineffective as to Forest Service, until Forest Service has been notified of such agreement and Contracting Officer has given written approval. In no case shall such recognition or approval:

(a) Operate to relieve Contractor of the responsibilities or liabilities Contractor has assumed hereunder or

(b) Be given unless such other party:

(i) Is acceptable to Forest Service as a contractor of timber and assumes in writing all of the obligations to Forest Service under the terms of this contract as to the uncompleted portion thereof or

(ii) Acquires the rights in trust as security and subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the protection of the public interests.

**IT.5 Sale of Other Materials.** Forest Service reserves the right to sell from Contract Area during the period of this contract any materials or products not subject to its terms, but shall not permit removal, possession, or use thereof that will materially interfere with Contractor's Operations. Contractor shall not be obligated to do any work made necessary by the action of others.

**IT.6 Provisions Required by Statute.**

**IT.6.1 Covenant against Contingent Fees.** Contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Forest Service shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or to require Contractor to pay, in addition to the contract price or consideration, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

**IT.6.2 Officials Not to Benefit.** No member of Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, unless it is made with a corporation for its general benefit (18 USC 431, 433).

**IT.6.3 Nondiscrimination in Employment.** If the total value of this contract is in excess of \$10,000, Contractor agrees during its performance as follows:

(a) Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by Forest Service setting forth the provisions of this Subsection.

(b) Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by Forest Service, advising the labor union or worker's representative of Contractor's commitments under this Subsection, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) Contractor shall comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 and Executive Order No. 12086, and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to books, records, and accounts by Forest Service and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In event of Contractor's noncompliance with this Subsection or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, and Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked, as provided in Executive Order or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor or vendor. Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as Forest Service may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a Subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by Forest Service, Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**IT.6.4 Debarment and Suspension Certification.** Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 3017, Contractor shall obtain certifications from its Subcontractors regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion, including additional Subcontractors obtained after award of this contract. "Subcontractors" are participants in lower tier covered transactions.

Contractor may rely upon a certification of a prospective Subcontractor that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions or contracts, unless Contractor knows that the certification is erroneous.

Contractor shall keep the certifications of its Subcontractors on file until contract Termination Date and any extensions thereof, and will provide a copy at the written request of Contracting Officer. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this Subsection. The knowledge and information of Contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

If Contractor knowingly enters into a contract transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions or contracts, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, Forest Service may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

The Subcontractor for a contract shall complete a "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion." An example of this certification is shown following the instructions for page 2 of this contract.

**IT.6.5 Contract Consistency With Other Laws.** The contract shall govern if State and local environmental quality laws conflict with or preclude performance of contractual requirements.

## **JT.0—PERFORMANCE AND SETTLEMENT**

**JT.1 Performance Bond.** As a further guarantee of the faithful performance of the provisions of this contract, Contractor delivers herewith and agrees to maintain a surety bond in the dollar amount stated in AT.14, unless the amount is adjusted as provided in JT.1.1. In lieu of surety bond, Contractor may deposit into a Federal Depository, as directed by Forest Service under ET.2.1, and maintain therein, cash in the dollar amount stated in AT.14 or negotiable

securities of the United States having market value at time of deposit of not less than the dollar amount stated in AT.14.

Any adjustment or extension of time for completion of this contract beyond 1 year may be granted only with the consent of surety on bond or delivery of a new bond. Should the sureties on the bond delivered herewith, or any bond delivered hereafter in connection with this contract, become unsatisfactory to Forest Service, Contractor shall, within 30 days of receipt of demand, furnish a new bond with surety satisfactory to Forest Service.

**JT.1.1 Bond Reduction.** Upon Contractor's written request, Contracting Officer shall redetermine the amount of Contractor's performance bond to an amount not less than Contractor's remaining obligations, including the value of Included Timber remaining on Contract Area, plus the estimated cost of uncompleted work required of Contractor and any unpaid billings due on the contract. Contracting Officer shall provide written notice of the redetermined amount to Contractor and to Contractor's surety. Similarly, Contracting Officer shall report to Contractor in writing the amount of deposited cash or deposited securities required thereafter, if such deposits exist in lieu of a surety bond.

As soon as security for the performance of this contract or the settlement of Claims incident thereto is no longer necessary, appropriate notice shall be given to surety or deposits that may have been made in lieu of surety bond shall be returned to Contractor, subject to the conditions in JT.5.

**JT.1.2 Letters of Credit.** Notwithstanding the provisions of JT.1, approved letters of credit may be used in lieu of a surety bond for performance bond purposes. Such letters of credit shall be subject to approval by Contracting Officer.

**JT.1.3 Temporary Bond Reduction.** When, under IT.3.3, Contracting Officer requests Contractor to delay or interrupt Contractor's Operations for more than 90 days, the performance bond amount required may be temporarily reduced upon the written request of Contractor or at the discretion of Contracting Officer. For the period of the delay or interruption, the performance bond may be reduced to an amount not less than the estimated cost of uncompleted work required of Contractor and any unpaid billings due on the contract.

Upon Contractor's receipt of written notice from Contracting Officer that the basis for the delay or interruption no longer exists, Contractor shall restore the performance bond to the full amount shown in AT.14 within 15 days. Contractor shall not resume contract operations until the performance bond amount is fully restored.

**JT.2 Disputes.** This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 USC 601, *et seq.*). Except as provided in the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved in accordance with this Section.

As used herein, "Claim" means a written demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a legal right, the payment of money, adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief, arising under or relating to this contract. A voucher, invoice, or request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a Claim. However, where such submission is subsequently not acted upon in a reasonable time, or disputed either as to liability or amount, it may be converted to a Claim. A Claim by Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to Contracting Officer for decision. A Claim by the Government against Contractor shall be subject to a decision by Contracting Officer.

For Contractor Claims of more than \$100,000, Contractor shall submit with the Claim a certification that the Claim is made in good faith; the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief; and the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which Contractor believes the Government is liable. Contractor, if an individual, shall execute the certification. When Contractor is not an individual, the certification shall be executed by a senior company official in charge at Contractor's plant or location involved or by an officer or general partner of Contractor having overall responsibility for the conduct of Contractor's affairs.

For Contractor Claims of \$100,000 or less, Contracting Officer must render a decision within 60 days. For Contractor Claims in excess of \$100,000, Contracting Officer must decide the Claim within 60 days or notify Contractor of the date when the decision will be made.

Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless Contractor appeals or files a suit.

The authority of Contracting Officer does not extend to Claims or disputes that by statute or regulation other agencies are expressly authorized to decide.

Interest, at the Prompt Payment Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the amount found due on Contractor's Claim shall be paid from the date the Claim is received by Contracting Officer until the date of the payment.

Except as the parties may otherwise agree, pending final resolution of a Claim of Contractor arising under the contract, Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract in accordance with Contracting Officer's decision.

**JT.2.1 Time Limits for Submission of Claim.** Failure by Contractor to submit a Claim within established time limits shall relinquish the United States from any and all obligations whatsoever arising under the contract or portions thereof. Contractor shall file such Claim within the following time limits:

(a) When Contractor constructs Specified Road, Contractor must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Forest Service written notification of acceptance;

- (b) When Forest Service constructs Specified Road, Contractor must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Forest Service written notification authorizing use of road;
- (c) For Payment Units, cutting units and stewardship project areas, Contractor must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Forest Service written notification that such area has been accepted; and
- (d) In all other cases, Contractor must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Contracting Officer written notification that contract is closed.

**JT.2.2 Contract Documents.** All contract documents are intended to be consistent with each other. In case of discrepancy, the following is the order of precedence:

- (a) Special Provisions in Part KT
- (b) Contract Area Map
- (c) Specific Conditions in Part AT and Schedule of Items
- (d) Standard Provisions in Parts BT through JT
- (e) Special project specifications
- (f) Plans, such as slash, erosion control, and dust abatement
- (g) Agreements between Contractor and Forest Service, as authorized under the contract
- (h) Plans:
  - (i) Figured dimensions over scaled dimensions
  - (ii) Large scale Plans over small scale Plans
- (i) Standard specifications
- (j) Lists and/or tables in Plans over any conflicting notations on Plans
- (k) Shop Drawings

**JT.3 Breach.** In event Contractor breaches any of the material provisions of this contract, Forest Service shall give Contractor notice of such breach and, allowing reasonable time for remedy of such breach and of Forest Service's election to suspend, may give notice to suspend all or any part of Contractor's Operations. Such notice of breach and notice to suspend Contractor's Operations shall be written, except oral notices may be given if such breach constitutes an immediate threat to human life or a threat of immediate and irreparable damage to National Forest resources. Notwithstanding Section GT.1, such oral suspension notice may be given to Contractor's work supervisor or, in work supervisor's absence, to those performing the operation. An oral suspension notice shall be promptly followed by telephone notice and a written explanation from Forest Service to Contractor.

Suspension under this section shall not entitle Contractor to any remedies arising under I.3.3.

Immediately upon oral or written suspension, Forest Service representative shall notify Contracting Officer of the suspension and related circumstances. Contracting Officer shall promptly review the suspension to determine if the suspension should be continued or lifted. Such suspension shall be lifted as early as conditions permit.

Upon receipt of oral or written notice of such breach, Contractor shall remedy the breach as follows:

- (a) If remedying such breach requires on-the-ground action by Contractor, Contractor shall have 30 practicable operating days during Normal Operating Season to remedy the breach, except under emergency conditions when action should not be delayed to prevent major damage or
- (b) If such breach does not require on-the-ground action by Contractor, such breach shall be remedied within 30 days.

**JT.3.1 Termination for Breach.** Contracting Officer, with the concurrence of the Regional Forester, may terminate this contract for breach in the event Contractor:

- (a) Is convicted for violation of criminal statutes, civil standards, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or honesty that seriously and directly affects the responsibility of Contractor; including, but not limited to:
  - (i) Theft, forgery, bribery, embezzlement, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, any of which occurred in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, selling, trading, or processing public timber;
  - (ii) Fraud, criminal offenses, or violation of Federal or State antitrust laws, any of which occurred in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; or
  - (iii) Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with Forest Officers engaged in, or on account of, the performance of their official duties involving the protection, improvement, or administration of National Forest lands;
- (b) Is convicted for violation of criminal statutes or civil standards, orders, permits, or other regulations for environmental protection issued by a Federal agency, State agency, or political subdivision thereof in the conduct of operations hereunder on National Forest lands, pursuant to GT.0.1;
- (c) Has engaged in a pattern of activity that demonstrates flagrant disregard for the terms of this contract, such as, but not limited to, repeated suspensions for breach pursuant to JT.3, causing undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards to be unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut, or causing other serious environmental degradation or resource damage;
- (d) Fails to comply with contract provisions related to nondiscrimination in employment; or

(e) Fails to remedy a breach of contract within time limits stated in JT.3.

Damages due the United States for termination under this Subsection shall be determined pursuant to JT.4.

**JT.4 – Damages for Failure to Complete Contract or Termination for Breach.** (a) In event of Contractor's failure to cut designated timber on portions of Contract Area by Termination Date; Contractor's failure to complete required stewardship projects by Termination Date; or termination for breach under JT.3.1; Forest Service shall appraise remaining Included Timber and stewardship projects, unless termination is under IT.2.2 or IT.3.4. Such appraisal shall be made with the standard Forest Service method in use at time of termination.

(b) If the contract is reoffered and awarded, damages due shall be the amount by which Current Contract Value decreases at new Bid Rates, plus costs described in paragraph (d) of this Section, less any unused established Stewardship Credits.

(c) If the contract is not reoffered or there are no responsive bids on the reoffered contract, damages due shall be the amount by which Current Contract Value decreases, based on the value determined by appraisal, plus costs described in paragraph (d) of this Section, less any unused established Stewardship Credits.

(d) If applicable, the following costs shall be included in damages:

(i) The cost of reoffering, including, but not limited to, salary costs, document preparation and duplication costs, mailing costs, and contract advertisement costs.

(ii) If Contractor has failed to cut individual trees in the portions of Contract Area cut over and there is no resale of such individual trees, Contractor shall pay Forest Service for cost of felling and removal or otherwise eliminating such uncut trees, except for occasional trees not cut for reasons stated in GT.4.

(iii) The Government's loss caused by the delay in receipt of stumpage payments. Such loss will be measured by interest at the Current Value of Funds Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the unpaid contract value at Termination Date. Interest will be charged for the total number of months, or portions thereof, from Termination Date until midpoint of the contract resale period, less any time in excess of 1 year needed to make the resale.

(iv) Any increase in reforestation costs, including site preparation, seeding, and planting caused by Contractor's failure to harvest Included Timber by Termination Date.

**JT.5 Settlement.** If obligations of Contractor have not been fully discharged by Termination Date, any money advanced or deposited hereunder shall be retained and applied toward unfulfilled obligations of Contractor without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of Forest Service. Such funds may be treated as cooperative deposits under ET.2.1.8 for uncompleted work 30 days after receipt of written notice from Contracting Officer to Contractor of work to be done and Contractor's failure to deny the obligation or to do the work.

**JT.6 Contract Closure.** Contracting Officer shall give appropriate written notice to Contractor when Contractor has complied with the terms of this contract. Contractor shall be paid refunds due from Integrated Resource Account under ET.2.4 and excess cooperative deposits under ET.2.1.8.

## **KT.0—SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

In accordance with AT.19, the Sections, Subsections, and Items therein listed are attached and made a part hereof. The identifier after the K indicates the Part, Section, Subsection, or Item that is being supplemented or modified by each particular provision included in this Part.

KT-CT.3.5.2# - DESIGNATION BY SPECIES AND DIAMETER (09/2004)

Trees that meet Utilization Standards are designated for cutting, as shown on the Tree Designation Table and Sale Area Map, except trees Marked with orange paint or described to be left uncut.

**See Tree Designation Table.**

Additional trees to be cut, if any, are Marked with blue paint.

All dead; deciduous; and all trees greater than 23.9" DBH shall be left as leave trees, unless Marked with N/A paint. Leave N/A trees of the designated cut species, N/A inches stump diameter or greater, to avoid leave tree spacing greater than N/A feet. Cutting unit boundaries and other trees that shall be left uncut are Marked with orange paint.

Distances are measured horizontal distance, outside bark stump height to outside bark stump height. Stump diameter is measured outside bark at stump height in a horizontal and is the average of a measurement across the short axis through the true center of the stump and a second measurement at right angles to the short axis.

Contractor and Forest Service shall agree to skid trail location under BT6.422. Skid trails shall be no greater than 12 feet wide with a 150 foot spacing. Quantities of trees located in skid trails are Included Timber under AT2.

**Tree Designation Table KT-CT.3.5.2#**

**Rim Top Sale Cutting Unit Summary**

<b>Payment Unit #</b>	<b>Cutting Unit #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	LTM 5-23.9" DBH No tree removal is permitted for trees greater than 23.9" DBH No deciduous trees shall be cut or removed unless otherwise approved by the Sale Administrator	717
<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	LTM 5-23.9" DBH No tree removal is permitted for trees greater than 23.9" DBH No deciduous trees shall be cut or removed unless otherwise approved by the Sale Administrator	474

**Total Acres 1,191**

KT-CT.3.5.6# - INDIVIDUAL TREES (LEAVE TREE MARKING) (05/2008)

In payment unit(s) all shown on the Sale Area Map all live trees meeting minimum tree diameter specifications of AT.2 are designated for cutting except trees reserved from cutting. Trees reserved from cutting have been Marked with orange paint. The boundaries of areas where leave trees are Marked are identified by two horizontal orange tracer paint bands at approximately eye level and a stump mark facing into the unit. Trees used for boundary designation are not to be cut.

KT-ET.4 - PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED (08/2012)

(a) Payments are due and payable on the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection. When a payment for timber cut and other charges is not received at the location designated by Forest Service by the date specified in the bill for collection, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Contractor's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received. Other charges include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Slash disposal and road maintenance deposits;
- (ii) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under ET.2.1.8;
- (iii) Damages pursuant to JT.4;
- (iv) Road use fees;
- (v) Restoration of downpayment pursuant to ET.2.2;
- (vi) Periodic payments pursuant to ET.2.1.3;
- (vii) Extension Deposits pursuant to ET.2.1.7; and
- (viii) Other mandatory deposits.

(b) Failure to pay amounts due by the date specified in the bill for collection shall be considered a breach under JT.3. The 30-day notice period prescribed therein shall begin to run as of the end of business on the date specified for receipt of payments. If the performance or payment is guaranteed by surety bond, the surety will receive a copy of the written notification of breach. Demand will be made on the surety or other institution providing the guarantee or bond instrument for immediate payment 10 days after issuance of written notification of the breach.

(c) Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, as amended, if payment is not received by Forest Service within 15 days after the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection:

- (i) Simple interest shall be assessed at the Current Value of Funds Rate as established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Interest will begin to accrue as of the date of issue indicated on the initial bill for collection.
- (ii) Debtors will be assessed administrative charges, in addition to the delinquent amount due. Administrative charges are those additional costs incurred by the Government in processing, handling, and collecting delinquent debts.
- (iii) A penalty charge of six (6) percent per annum will be assessed on any portion of a debt delinquent more than 90 days. This penalty charge is in addition to interest and administrative charges under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii). The penalty charge shall accrue from the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection and shall be assessed on all outstanding amounts, including interest and administrative costs assessed under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii).
- (iv) Payments will be credited on the date received by the Federal Depository or Collection Officer designated on the bill for collection.

(d) Forest Service remedies for Contractor's failure to make payment for timber cut and other charges when due, except for accrual of interest, suspension of all or any part of Contractor's Operations, and administrative offset, shall be stayed for so long as:

- (i) A bona fide dispute exists as to Contractor's obligation to make such payment and
- (ii) Contractor files and prosecutes a timely Claim.

KT-FT.1.2# - USE OF ROADS BY CONTRACTOR (09/2004)

Contractor's use of existing roads identified on Contract Area Map by the following codes is prohibited or subject to restrictive limitations, unless agreed otherwise:

Code	Use Limitations
X	Hauling prohibited
R	Hauling restricted
U	Unsuitable for hauling prior to completion of agreed reconstruction
P	Use prohibited
A	Public use restriction
W	Regulation waiver

Roads coded A will be signed by the Forest Service to inform the public of use restrictions. Contractor's use of roads coded R, A, or W shall be in accordance with the following restrictions:

**See Restricted Road List Table.**

KT-FT.1.2# USE OF ROADS BY PURCHASER

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Use Limitations</u>
X	Hauling Prohibited
R	Hauling Restricted

Purchaser’s use of roads coded R and X shall be in accordance with the following restrictions:

**Restricted Road List**

Road Number	Road Name	Termini		CODE	Description of Restrictions
		From	To		
105	105	Jct. 300	Jct 300 rd	X	No hauling
All Roads Numbered and temp.				R	Dry or Frozen* No hauling between 1200 noon Fridays and 0600 Mondays for weekends between and including Memorial day and Labor Day

Skidding and hauling restricted to dry or frozen ground conditions in **all harvest areas** and on **all roads**.

**\*See attached rutting guidelines for definition of Dry or Frozen.**

**APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST****RUTTING GUIDELINES FOR “DRY OR FROZEN” CONDITIONS 5/27/03**

Guidelines for excessive rutting under contract terms of “dry or frozen” conditions only.

Skid trails – two or more drags is a skid trail. 6” ruts for not more than 15% of the total flagged skid trail. **Depth of rut to be measured from bottom to top of berm.** Slopes of 20% or more will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Allow approximately 10” rutting closer to landing for a distance of not more than 50 – 75’ exclusive of the 15% total flagged skid trail.

Landings – Allow approximately 10” rutting within the landings. Equipment will not be turned on the roads. Landings on a slope will be dealt with more intensely, on a case by case basis to ensure that unacceptable soil loss does not occur.

**Roads**

Local terminal and Local Service – 6 – 8” rutting for a maximum of 75’ not to exceed 10% of total road length. Where surfacing has been placed on the road, see standard for Collector road.

Collector and Arterial – 3” rutting for entire length of road if surfaced. If unsurfaced the guideline will be the same as for Local Service.

Drainage – Existing grade dips, if rutted to the point of being non-functional, will be restored before hauling can continue. Lead-out ditches, roadside ditches, and catch basins will be maintained in a functional state.

KT-FT.1.2.1# - ROAD USE AGREEMENTS (05/2008)

Contractor is authorized to use the Highway 260 road subject to the terms and conditions of a certain Road Use Agreement between Forest Service and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) . A copy of said agreement is available for review in the office of the Forest Supervisor.

KT-FT.3.1# - ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (09/2004)

Contractor shall maintain roads in accordance with the following Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary:

**See Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary Table.**

## KT-FT.3.1# - ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (09/2004)

Contractor shall maintain roads in accordance with the following Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary:

## Rim Top Timber Sale

Road	Termini		Miles	Road ML	Applicable Pre-haul Road Maintenance Specifications*					Remarks
	From	To			T-803	T-804	T-806	T-810	T-811	
300	NFSR 300Z	NFSR 105	2.22	4	P					Pre-Blade
300	NFSR 105	AZ-260	3.19	4						
300K	NFSR 300	NFSR 300K	0.80	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300R	NFSR 300	NFSR 300R	1.01	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300S	NFSR 300	NFSR 300V	0.93	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300S1	NFSR 300S	NFSR 300V	0.57	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300S2	NFSR 300S	0.50	0.50	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300S3	NFSR 300S2	0.83	0.83	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300S4	NFSR 300S3	0.16	0.16	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300T	NFSR 300	0.60	0.60	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300V	NFSR 300	2.19	2.19	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300W	NFSR 300	NFSR 300	0.80	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300W1	NFSR 300W	0.57	0.57	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300X	NFSR 300	0.44	0.44	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300X1	NFSR 300X	0.31	0.31	1		P				ML1 to be opened
300Z	NFSR 300	0.50	0.50	1		P				ML1 to be opened

## Road Maintenance Requirements Summary

P = Purchaser Performance Item, D = Deposit to Forest Service, D3 = Deposit to Third Party

\*Road Maintenance Specification T-G is required on all road work

Road	Termini		Miles	Road ML	Applicable During-haul Road Maintenance Specifications*					Remarks
	From	To			T-803	T-804	T806	T-810	T-811	
300	NFSR 300Z	NFSR 105	2.22	4	P					Minimum five bladings
300	NFSR 105	AZ-260	3.19	4			P			Asphalt Repair
300K	NFSR 300	NFSR 300K	0.80	1						
300R	NFSR 300	NFSR 300R	1.01	1						
300S	NFSR 300	NFSR 300V	0.93	1						
300S1	NFSR 300S	NFSR 300V	0.57	1						
300S2	NFSR 300S	0.50	0.50	1						
300S3	NFSR 300S2	0.83	0.83	1						
300S4	NFSR 300S3	0.16	0.16	1						
300T	NFSR 300	0.60	0.60	1						
300V	NFSR 300	2.19	2.19	1						
300W	NFSR 300	NFSR 300	0.80	1						
300W1	NFSR 300W	0.57	0.57	1						
300X	NFSR 300	0.44	0.44	1						
300X1	NFSR 300X	0.31	0.31	1						
300Z	NFSR 300	0.50	0.50	1						

P = Purchaser Performance Item, D = Deposit to Forest Service, D3 = Deposit to Third Party

\*Road Maintenance Specification T-G is required on all road work

Road	Termini		Miles	Road ML	Applicable Post-haul Road Maintenance Specifications*					Remarks
	From	To			T-803	T-804	T806	T-810	T-811	
300	NFSR 300Z	NFSR 105	2.22	4	P					Final-Blade
300	NFSR 105	AZ-260	3.19	4			P			Asphalt Repair
300K	NFSR 300	NFSR 300K	0.80	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300R	NFSR 300	NFSR 300R	1.01	1					P	ML1 to be closed

300S	NFSR 300	NFSR 300V	0.93	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300S1	NFSR 300S	NFSR 300V	0.57	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300S2	NFSR 300S	0.50	0.50	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300S3	NFSR 300S2	0.83	0.83	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300S4	NFSR 300S3	0.16	0.16	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300T	NFSR 300	0.60	0.60	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300V	NFSR 300	2.19	2.19	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300W	NFSR 300	NFSR 300	0.80	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300W1	NFSR 300W	0.57	0.57	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300X	NFSR 300	0.44	0.44	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300X1	NFSR 300X	0.31	0.31	1					P	ML1 to be closed
300Z	NFSR 300	0.50	0.50	1					P	ML1 to be closed

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\*Road Maintenance Specification T-G is required on all road work

### Road Work Descriptions For Rim Top Timber Sale December 1, 2015

#### NOTES:

1. All road maintenance work shall be done in accordance with attached Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Best Management Practices for Road Maintenance and attached Road Maintenance Specifications.
2. In addition to the Specifications noted below, Road Maintenance Specification T-G is required for all road work on the Task Order. The T-G Specification addresses Equipment Specifications, Noxious Weeds, Traffic Control, and Bridge Maintenance.

Road No.	NFSR 300 – Double Lane	
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.
38.51 to 40.73 (NFSR 300Z Junction to NFSR 105 Junction)	Surface Blading: Aggregate surfacing has been treated with a Soil Stabilization Polymer application. Six bladings minimum. Once Pre-haul, five During-haul, and once Post-haul. Work in Coordination with other Contractors.	T-803
40.73 to 43.92 (NFSR 105 Junction to AZ-260 Junction)	Surface Repair: Repairing potholes or small soft areas on paved surface roads. Work in Coordination with other Contractors.  <b><i>Work shall include saw cutting and removal of failed material as marked, re-compaction of existing subgrade, placement of new material to a minimum depth of 3.5 inches, and compaction. All</i></b>	T-806

	<p><b><i>cuts shall be neat providing a uniform appearance.</i></b>  <b><i>Approval of asphalt material design mix shall be approved by Forest Service prior to placement.</i></b></p>	
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Road No.	<b>NFSR 300K – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.80	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.80	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300R – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 1.01	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 1.01	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300S – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.93	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.93	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300S1 – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 0.57	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 0.57	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300S2 – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 0.50	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 0.50	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300S3 – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 0.83	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 0.83	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300S4 – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 0.16	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 0.16	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300T – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 0.60	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 0.60	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR V – Single Lane</b>		
M.P.	Work Description	Maint. Spec. No.	
0.00 to 2.19	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804	
0.00 to 2.19	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811	

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300W – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.80	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.80	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300W1 – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.57	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.57	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300X – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.44	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.44	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300X1 – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.31	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.31	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

Road No.	<b>NFSR 300Z – Single Lane</b>	
<b>M.P.</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Maint. Spec. No.</b>
0.00 to 0.50	Opening and Maintaining Roads: Removal of closure devices, cleaning ditches, removing berms and blading the traveled-way.	T-804
0.00 to 0.50	Closing Roads: Debris block (slash, earth berm, rocks, etc) + seed + water bar. - Water bar frequency per BMPs - Entrance Treatments to be determined by a FS Engineer	T-811

KT-FT.3.2# - ROAD MAINTENANCE DEPOSIT SCHEDULE (09/2004)

Other provisions herein notwithstanding, when Forest Service requests payment in lieu of Contractor's performance of road maintenance, Contractor shall make Required Deposits (16 USC 537) for current and/or deferred road maintenance. Such deposits are based on the estimated volume and distance hauled and Contractor's commensurate use of each road listed in the Road Maintenance Plan in KT-FT.3.1#.

Contractor and Forest Service may agree in writing on adjustment of such rates. If Contractor uses roads under jurisdiction of Forest Service other than those listed in the Road Maintenance Plan, Forest Service shall establish rates commensurate with Contractor's use of such roads.

The Required Deposits for Forest Service work in lieu of Contractor performance and for deferred maintenance is: \$1.99 per CCF.

The following table lists who Contractor will make deposits for road maintenance to, and the rate per unit of measure of the deposit. The Road Maintenance Agreement is available for inspection at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

Deposit Made To	Rate	Unit of Measure
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N/A

KT-FT.4.1 - SNOW REMOVAL (05/2008)

Snow removal shall be done in a manner to preserve and protect the roads, to the extent necessary, to insure safe and efficient transportation of timber and to prevent erosion damage to roads, streams, and adjacent lands.

1. Description. Snow removal work by Contractor shall include:

- a. Removal of snow from entire road surface width including turnouts.
- b. Removal of snow slides, earth slides, fallen timber, and boulders that obstruct normal road surface width.
- c. Removal of snow, ice, and debris from ditches and culverts so that the drainage system will function efficiently at all times.

2. Performance. All items of snow removal shall be done currently as necessary to ensure safe, efficient transportation. Work shall be done in accordance with the following minimum standards of performance. Waivers of standards will not be given where circumstances will cause unacceptable and unavoidable damage to the road or other resource.

- a. Removal of material. All debris, except snow and ice, that is removed from the road surface and ditches shall be deposited away from stream channels at agreed locations.
- b. During snow removal operations, banks shall not be undercut nor shall gravel or other selected surfacing material be bladed off the roadway surface.
- c. Ditches and culverts shall be kept functional during and following roadway use.
- d. Snow berms shall not be left on the road surface unless written waivers are made for specific locations for traffic safety. Berms left on the shoulder of the road shall be removed following hauling completion and/or drainage holes shall be opened and maintained. Drainage holes shall be spaced as required to obtain satisfactory surface drainage without discharge onto erodible fills.
- e. Dozers shall not be used to plow snow on system roads without written approval of Forest Service.
- f. Snow shall not be removed to the road surface. A minimum two-inch depth must be left to prevent loss of surfacing and protect the road bed during snow removal operations. Written waivers may be made by Forest Service for specific locations where snow may be completely removed during plowing for traffic safety. Locations receiving a waiver will have a written agreement prepared prior to plowing that prescribes the timing and method of damage repair or surface replacement.

KT-GT.2.4# - SITE SPECIFIC SPECIAL PROTECTION MEASURES (09/2004)

Special protection measures needed to protect known areas identified on Sale Area Map or on the ground include:

Cultural Resource Protection Measures: site specific cultural and historical resources will be designated as Protected Improvements (PI) with two orange horizontal boundary bands at eye level. The Crook Trail PI has a 12 foot corridor where ground disturbing mechanized equipment is prohibited. Trees within the 200 foot corridor will be cut and removed to a location outside of the corridor using rubber tire skidders. No hand piling will be done within this 200 foot corridor.

Wildlife and Botanical Protection Measures: MSO timing restrictions apply to units identified in KT-GT.3.1.3#.

Cave Resource Protection Measures: sinkholes will be designated as a Protected Area (PA) with two orange horizontal bands at eye level.

KT-GT.3.1.3# - TIMING OF SALE OPERATIONS (07/2009)

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing Contractor's Operations shall be performed in accordance with the following table.

**CT6.313# - TIMING OF SALE OPERATIONS**

KT-GT.3.1.3#

Summary of Timing of Logging Restrictions

Cutting units #	Payment units #		
		Wildlife March 1 <sup>st</sup> - August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Recreation April 17 <sup>th</sup> - September 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>R</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>R</b>

**T-** Timing Restriction for Wildlife. No logging operations will occur in portions of cutting unit 5 from March 1st to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**R-** Timing Restriction for Recreation. No logging operations will occur in portions of cutting units 4 and 5. All cutting units are restricted for operations on weekends and holidays.

KT-GT.4# - CONDUCT OF LOGGING (07/2009)

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, Silvicultural prescriptions and land management objectives shall be conducted and accomplished by the requirements, methods and procedures in accordance with the following table.

**KT-GT.4# - CONDUCT OF LOGGING**

**KT-GT.4# - CONDUCT OF LOGGING (07/2009)**

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, Silvicultural prescriptions and land management objectives shall be conducted and accomplished by the requirements, methods and procedures in accordance with the following table.

<b>KT-GT.4# - CONDUCT OF LOGGING</b>	
<b>TABLE-A</b>	
<b>Cutting Units</b>	<b>Conduct of Logging</b>
ALL	1. Whole trees shall be (skidded) to landings.
ALL	2. The skid trail pattern shall be approved by Forest Service in advance of felling and major trails, including go-back trails, shall be flagged on the ground in advance of felling. Areas with slopes that exceed 25 percent consult with Sale Administrator in determining skid patterns.
ALL	3. Trees shall be felled, insofar as safety permits, to angle in the direction of skidding.
ALL	4. Purchaser shall remove from National Forest administered lands products meeting utilization standards within 30 calendar days after felling of trees, unless written authorization to delay such removal is obtained from the Forest Service.
ALL	5. Tractor skid roads will be located, approved, (and constructed) in advance of falling.
ALL	6. Skidding machines shall not be operated off designated skid trails, road, or landing without written approval.
ALL	7. Logs shall be skidded with the leading end free of the ground.
ALL	8. The maximum overall width of tractors (rubber-tired and/or track-laying) shall be less than 12 feet.
ALL	9. Tractor skid roads shall be no less than 150 feet apart, except where converging.
ALL	10. Trees designated for cutting and/or logs will be left as rub trees along skid trails corridors as needed to protect young growth and leave trees.
ALL	11. Log landings and transfer points shall be limited to existing roads and turnouts unless otherwise agreed to in writing.
ALL	12. Notwithstanding above, hand felling using chainsaws may be required in or adjacent to sensitive areas to protect resources from unnecessary damage.

KT-GT.4.3 - PROTECTION OF PUBLIC IN RECREATION AREAS (05/2008)

For protection of National Forest interests and safety of general public, Contractor's Operations shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- a. When Contractor's Operations are in progress within safety zones, shown on Contract Area Map, and designated on the ground, Contractor may be required to post warning signs in the area or maintain a watchman whose sole duty shall be to warn and advise public of any hazards present in area as a result of this contract.
- b. During periods of general recreation activity within Sale Area or vicinity, Forest Service may restrict hauling to days other than Saturdays, Sundays, and National holidays.

KT-GT.6 - EROSION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (05/2008)

Unless waived in writing, erosion prevention and control work, required by GT.6 shall be completed within 15 calendar days after skidding operations related to each landing are completed or after Forest Service designation on the ground of work where such designation is required hereunder. Said time limit shall be exclusive of full days lost in Contractor's Operations due to causes beyond Purchaser's control. Damage resulting from Contractor's operations, due to failure to perform required work, shall be repaired by Contractor.

When not adequately protected from erosion by treatments such as out-sloping and cross draining or grass seeding, place lopped slash and logging debris in temporary roads, landings and skid trails.

KT-GT.6.0.1# - EROSION CONTROL SEEDING (05/2008)

Following completion of skidding and yarding operations in an area, Contractor shall seed areas of exposed soil on skid trails, landings, firebreaks, and Temporary Roads where other erosion control measures described in GT.6 will not result in satisfactory control of soil movement. Seed bed preparation shall consist of surface scarification on roads and landings sufficient for retention of seed.

Seed shall be broadcast evenly at the rate of 10 pounds of seed per acre. Application shall be during the period May to November unless otherwise approved. No application work shall be done during extremely windy or rainy weather, or when the ground is frozen or otherwise unsuitable.

The kinds and amounts of seed to be sown in terms of live pure seed shall be:

**See Table A**

**Table A: Seed Mix amount KT-GT.6.0.1#**

Seed Mix for elevations greater than 7,000 feet

Species	% seed mix	PLS/ac	Seeds/lb	Lbs PLS/ac
Mountain brome ( <i>Bromus marginatus</i> )	20	139,392	90,000	1.55
Arizona fescue ( <i>Festuca arizonica</i> )	15	163,350	550,000	0.30
Sheep fescue ( <i>Festuca ovina</i> )	15	163,350	680,000	0.24
Junegrass ( <i>Koeleria cristata</i> )	20	217,800	2,315,400	0.09
Barley ( <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> )	30	217,800	12,500	7.82
Totals	100	X	X	10.0

The Contractor shall provide documentation that the seed mixture is certified weed free.

KT-GT.7# - SLASH TREATMENT (05/2008)

All vegetative debris associated with construction of Specified Roads such as unutilized timber, brush and grubbed stumps is Construction Slash. Measures to be taken by Contractor for treatment of Construction Slash are set forth in the attached road construction specifications and in item (1) below.

Vegetative debris larger than 1 inch in diameter and 3 feet long resulting from Contractors Operations, other than Construction Slash, is Logging Slash. In Required Disposal Strip along permanent roads, in areas of Temporary Road construction outside of Clearcutting Units, and in fuelbreaks (KT-GT.7.1), both hardwood trees and coniferous trees smaller than the minimum d.b.h. in AT.2, over 3 feet in height and damaged beyond recovery by Contractors Operations shall be cut and treated as Logging Slash. Measures to be taken by Contractor for treatment of Logging Slash are set forth below and in following Subsections unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Forest Service and Contractor shall jointly develop a schedule for completion of slash treatment on the various portions of Sale Area prior to Contractor's Operations. Slash treatment plan may be made a part of the annual operating plan required in GT.3.1.

Specified slash treatment methods for each cutting unit shall be shown on Sale Area Map and listed in the attached tables by the following symbols:

## Slash Treatment Methods:

Method: BURYING Map Symbol: "Bury"

## Definition and Specifications:

Logging Slash shall be buried where agreed in borrow areas, pits, trenches, or other locations reasonably near the area of origin. Logging Slash shall be matted down in layers and shall be covered with at least 2 feet of rock and soil so that the final surface is sloped to drain and relatively smooth.

Method: CHIPPING Map Symbol: "Chip"

## Definition and Specifications:

Chippable Logging Slash up to 4 inches in diameter shall be processed through a chipping machine. Chips shall be scattered to a depth not exceeding 6 inches.

Method: REMOVING Map Symbol: "Remove"

## Definition and Specifications:

Logging Slash shall be moved or hauled to locations shown on Sale Area Map and designated on the ground where it shall be piled.

Method: FELLING DAMAGED TREES Map Symbol: "Fell"

## Definition and Specifications:

Damaged or destroyed trees are trees substandard because of size, which are over 3 feet in height, and/or species not included in AT.2 over 3 feet in height, knocked down or damaged to the extent that mortality or serious deterioration will occur, and such trees partially pushed over so as to result in permanent lean and visible damage to the root system, all as a result of the Contractors operation. Such damaged or destroyed trees shall be felled and further treated by the slash treatment method specified for the area. Materials meeting the minimum piece specifications of AT.2 will be utilized by the Contractor according to

CT.2. Maximum stump height shall be that specified in AT.6 or on the Contract Area Map.

Method: BUCKING & PILING (Small Material) Map Symbol: "Buck"

Definition and Specifications:

Logging Slash smaller than N/A inches and larger than 4 inches in large end diameter shall be bucked into lengths not to exceed N/A feet and left in place. Logging Slash 4 inches and smaller in large end diameter shall be hand Piled within Required Disposal Strip.

Method: DECKING LARGE MATERIAL Map Symbol: "Deck"

Definition and Specifications:

Logging Slash N/A feet or more in length shall be Decked free of other slash by piling pieces parallel to each other.

Method: HAND PILING Map Symbol: "Hpile"

Definition and Specifications:

Logging slash smaller than N/A feet long shall be hand piled in accordance with the following specifications:

#### HAND PILING SPECIFICATIONS

LOCATION OF PILES: Piles shall be located within cleared areas of landings and Temporary Roads or within natural openings. The minimum spacing between edge of each pile and crown edge of adjacent live trees shall not be less than the average diameter of the pile.

Contractor shall not be required to move slash more than 75 feet to meet the above pile location requirement.

Piles shall not be made below high water mark of perennial or intermittent stream courses designated to be protected in accordance with GT.5. Slash shall not be piled on or allowed to remain in drainage ditches of permanent roads.

CONSTRUCTION OF PILES. Piles shall be compact and dirt-free, with most small slash on the bottom to facilitate consumption during burning. Piles shall not exceed 10 feet in average diameter and pile height shall not be less than one-third the average pile diameter. All slash which protrudes 4-feet or more from outer edge of the pile shall be bucked off and placed on pile.

Method: MACHINE PILING Map Symbol: "Mpile"

Definition and Specifications:

Concentrations of logging slash, excluding scattered individual pieces, shall be machine piled by tractor equipped with brush rake as per Machine Piling Specifications.

Method: MACHINE PILING & LOPPING Map Symbol: "Mpile/lop"

Definition and Specifications:

Concentrations of slash marked on the ground by the Forest Service shall be machine piled by a tractor equipped with a brush rake as per Machine Piling Specifications. The remaining slash, not in concentrations, shall be lopped and scattered as per specification for "Lopping."

## Machine Piling Specifications

Acceptable Equipment. Piling will be accomplished with a crawler tractor not to exceed overall width of 10 feet. Tractor will be equipped with a brush blade having teeth extending a minimum of 11 inches below the frame. The teeth shall number at least 7 and no more than 10. The teeth shall be of sufficient size and strength so that they shall not bend or break through normal slash piling.

Location of Piles. Piles shall be so located that burning will not damage standing live trees or physical improvements such as fences, poles, buildings, signs, tables, grills, and cattleguards. The minimum spacing between piles shall be equivalent to one and one-half the diameter of the adjacent pile.

If conditions make it impractical to locate piles where damage to live trees and physical improvements can be avoided, a space shall be cleared in a location designated by Forest Service.

Slash within partial cut areas and road construction clearings shall be moved to take advantage of previously constructed or natural clearings in order to minimize the construction of new clearings. Slash shall not be moved more than 120 feet to achieve the location requirement. Piles shall not be made on permanent roads, in drainage ditches, below high water marks of live streams, and in intermittent stream courses.

Piles shall not be constructed within a N/A foot strip along the tip edge of the cutting unit or within a N/A foot strip along the remaining edges of the unit.

Construction of Piles. Machine piles shall be compacted by pushing slash from all sides towards the center of the pile. A machine pile will not exceed an average diameter of 25 feet and pile height shall not be less than one-third the average diameter of the pile. All slash which protrudes 4-feet or more from outer edge of the pile shall be bucked off and placed on pile.

Unmerchantable material may be left between piles to protect regeneration seedlings and for site protection purposes as specified in writing by Forest Service.

Piling shall be accomplished in a manner that will prevent the accumulation of dirt in the piles

Logs and tops from felled trees within leave groups of trees inside or outside the cutting unit shall be yarded out of such leave groups to approved locations and piled. Where there is danger of damaging leave trees, long material shall be end-lined out of leave groups.

Method: COVERING PILES      Map Symbol: "Cover"

## Definition and Specifications:

All slash piles shall be covered with a durable waterproof covering furnished by Contractor as approved by the Forest Service. The material shall be at least 6 feet in width. Piles shall not be less than one-third covered, with the covering extending not less than halfway down all sides. Pieces of burnable material shall be placed on top of the waterproof covering to keep it from blowing off the pile.

Method: SITE PREPARATION      Map Symbol: "Mach"

## Definition and Specifications:

In conjunction with machine slash piling, a minimum of N/A percent and maximum of N/A percent of the workable ground surface uniformly distributed over the unit area shall be scarified down to bare mineral soil. Scarified ground is here defined as bare mineral soil in patches exceeding N/A feet by N/A feet.

Method: SCATTERING      Map Symbol: "Scat"

## Definition and Specifications:

Contractor shall remove all slash greater than N/A inches in diameter and/or N/A feet long, a minimum of N/A feet away from each leave tree N/A inches d.b.h. and larger. Slash shall be placed upslope from, or along the upslope from, or along the contour from, leave trees. Slash shall not be placed down slope from leave trees.

Method: LOPPING            Map Symbol: "Lop"

Definition and Specifications:

Slash shall be treated by limbing or severing, or both, and scattered as necessary to place slash within N/A feet of the ground over entire area of cutting unit. Occasional slash which exceeds the maximum height, not to exceed 5 percent of slash to be lopped and scattered, is acceptable. When agreed in writing between Contractor and Forest Service, crushing or chopping with mechanized equipment is permissible, where residual trees will not be excessively damaged and ground conditions are suitable.

By agreement in writing, certain slash may be left for fuelwood. When the specified treatment is by a combination of methods, Logging Slash not treated by one of the methods shall be treated by the other(s).

(1) Treatment Along Permanent Roads. Permanent roads that require roadside slash treatment are listed in the attached table and shown on the Contract Area Map. All Logging and Construction Slash within Required Disposal Strips shall be treated by Contractor. "Required Disposal Strips" are those areas adjacent to permanent roads where slash treatment is required for resource objectives. The width of Required Disposal Strips is shown in the attached table and is measured in slope distance from Roadbed edges of permanent roads. By agreement, in Clearcutting Units, slash from Required Disposal Strips may be treated with other Logging Slash. By agreement, the location of Required Disposal Strips may be adjusted from side to side without materially changing the total work required.

Slash treatment in Required Disposal Strips shall be accomplished without affecting the proper functioning of channels leading to and from drainage structures.

(a) Slash shall be treated by Scattering, Removing, Burying, Chipping, Piling, Bucking and Piling, Machine Piling or a combination of these methods as shown in the attached table. Logging Slash larger than treatment size requirements of the specified method shall either be Scattered outside Required Disposal Strip, within Required Disposal Strip or Decked at agreed locations as shown in the attached table.

(b) Hardwood and coniferous trees within or extending over Required Disposal Strips and which have been partially knocked down by Contractor's Operations shall be felled and treated as Logging Slash. Damaged trees which cannot be felled with reasonable safety may be pushed or pulled down.

(2) Treatment Along Temporary Roads. Outside of Clearcutting Units, all hardwood and coniferous trees felled or pushed over and trees damaged beyond recovery by Temporary Road construction shall be felled, limbed to a stem diameter of approximately 3 inches, at which point the top shall be cut from the remainder of the stem, and stem shall be bucked into lengths not exceeding N/A feet. Such slash shall be Scattered free of soil to reduce concentrations unless treatment is required by another specified method.

(3) Landings and Disposal Sites. Unutilized logs accumulated at landings and disposal sites shall be Decked by Contractor. Other slash accumulated at landings and disposal sites shall be kept separate from unutilized logs and treated by the method shown in the attached table.

(4) View and Special Management Units. Areas identified as "VIEW" on the Contract Area Map are Travel and Water Influence Zones and Special Management Units which include roads, recreation trails, streamsides, lakeshores, and other view areas. The "VIEW" boundaries are identified on the ground or a distance limitation is specified on the Contract Area Map. Primary treatment shall be by Removing, Burying, Chipping, Hand Piling, Machine Piling, or a combination of these means unless a method is specified or prohibited on Sale Area Map. Logging Slash not readily treated by the selected or specified method shall be removed to designated areas or treated as agreed.

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The following tables, where applicable and filled in, summarize slash requirements:

TREATMENT ALONG PERMANENT ROADS (KT-GT.7#)  
SLASH TREATMENT

**See Table A**

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LANDING, DISPOSAL SITES AND OTHER SLASH (KT-GT.7#)

**See Table B**

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CONTRACTOR UNIT SLASH RESPONSIBILITY (KT-GT.7#)

**See Table C**

**Table A: Treatment Along Permanent Roads KT-GT.7#**

**Not Applicable**

**Table B: Landing Disposal Sites and Other Slash**

Landing Location	Requirements
All	Minor amounts of slash shall be scattered up to depth of 4 inches or used for erosion control and prevention on landings and skid trails. All stumps removed from the ground must be treated as activity slash and removed from the sale area.
300 road	No landings will be constructed adjacent to the 300 road and will be placed far enough from the road so traffic is not impeded while operations at the landing are taking place.

**Table C: Contractor Unit Slash Responsibility**

Cutting Unit	5" DBH + Requirements
ALL	Removal of slash generated from treatment of 5.0+ DBH material is required. Small amounts of slash used for erosion control on landings and skid trails may be left. All slash left on the site will be lopped or crushed to a maximum height of 4 inches.
ALL	5 to 7 tons per acre of coarse woody debris will be left on site.

**Table C: Contractor Unit Slash Responsibility**

Unit	3'tall- 4.9" DBH + Requirements
ALL	All trees 3'tall - 4.9" DBH damaged during harvest operations will be felled and removed.

KT-GT.8 - MEASURING (03/2013)

Volume estimators used for quantity estimates in AT.2 are listed below. Volume for trees added pursuant to CT.1 and CT.3, or other authorization hereunder, will be derived from the same volume estimators or from volume tables based on these estimators.

SPECIES	DATA SOURCE	APPLICATION
Ponderosa Pine	Eagar Recovery Study 1/	All Forests
Ponderosa Pine	Hann & Bare 2/	All Forests
Ponderosa Pine	Flewelling Profile Model 4/	All Forests
Aspen	Santa Fe/Carson 2/	All Forests
Spruce	Santa Fe/Carson/Lincoln 2/	All Forests
Corkbark Fir	Santa Fe/Carson/Lincoln 2/	All Forests
SW White Pine	Santa Fe/Carson/Lincoln 2/	All Forests
Douglas-Fir	Santa Fe/Carson 2/	Carson, Cibola, Kaibab, Santa Fe
Douglas-Fir 3/	Lincoln/Tonto 2/	Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Coronado, Gila, Lincoln, Prescott, Tonto
White Fir	Lincoln 2/	Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Coronado, Gila, Lincoln, Prescott, Tonto
White Fir	Santa Fe/Carson 2/	Carson, Cibola, Kaibab, Santa Fe

1/ Ponderosa Pine volume (sawtimber) estimators are derived from data collected in the Eagar Mill Recovery Study. Scribner Decimal C and cubic volume estimators are available from the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger.

2/ These volume (non-sawtimber) estimators and tables are published in the following documents:

Hann, David W. and B. Bruce Bare "Comprehensive Tree Volume Equations for major Species of New Mexico and Arizona: I. Results and methodology", USDA Forest Service research Paper INT-209, June 1978, 43 pp.

Hann, David W. and B. Bruce Bare "Comprehensive Tree Volume Equations for major Species of New Mexico and Arizona: II. Tables for Unforked Trees" USDA Forest Service Research Paper INT-210, November, 1978, 127 pp.

3/ Based on data obtained in the Fiscal Year 1987 Douglas-fir Volume Validation Project, predicted Douglas-fir Scribner Board Foot volume (from Hann and Bare equations using the Lincoln/Tonto Data Source) must be adjusted (multiplied) by a factor of 0.932. This is the equivalent of a 6.8% negative adjustment to the predicted volume.

4/ Flewelling, James W. and Lawrence M. Raynes 1993. Variable-shape stem profile predictions for western hemlock. Part I: Predictions from DBH and total height. & Part II: Predictions from DBH, total height, and upper stem measurements. Can. J. For. Res. Vol. 23. 1993.

KT-GT.8.2 - ACCOUNTABILITY (05/2008)

Unless otherwise agreed in writing and prior to hauling from Sale Area, products shall be accounted for as follows:

The truck driver shall obtain a removal receipt furnished by Forest Service. Contractor shall assign a competent individual at the landing to issue removal receipts for products removed from Sale Area. A duplicate copy or stub of such receipt shall be retained by Contractor and delivered to Forest Service at periodic intervals. When products are in transit, the truck driver shall keep the original copy of the receipt in his possession and show it upon request or display it as evidence of his authority to remove products. The original removal receipt shall be surrendered at the unloading point or as requested by Forest Service.

KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS (09/2004)

Performance of stewardship projects shall be in accordance with the following specifications.

**Stewardship Projects**

Contract Name: Rim Top

KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS (09/2004)

Performance of stewardship projects shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

### **DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF STEWARDSHIP PROJECT ITEMS**

#### **Mandatory Stewardship Credit Project Item 1.0-All units**

Task Item:

Removal of created slash from treatment area. Removal of created slash is a mandatory requirement as part of the purchase of the material and is not included in the cost estimate for this provision.

Specification: All slash created from the harvesting of 5.0"-23.9" DBH trees will be removed following the specifications outlined in KT-GT.7#. Some slash may be scattered for erosion control if needed.

#### **Optional Stewardship Credit Project Item 1.1 – Cutting and total removal of PCT (3ft tall-4.9" DBH Pine 15' to 25' spacing)**

Task Item: Removal of all material generated by Pre-commercial Thinning.

Specification: Thin and remove pine trees from 3-foot tall – 4.9" DBH to a spacing of 15' to 25'. All cut trees shall be cut to a maximum stump height of 6 inches and flat near recreation areas and trails. Cut and remove all pine trees that have mistletoe up to 4.9" DBH.

Contract Name: Rim Top

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The following describes the major items for work described in mandatory and optional stewardship activities.

Stewardship Projects	Performance Standard	Method of Assessment	Incentive/Deduction
Removal of created slash (Mandatory Stewardship Credit Project Item 1.0)	Meets Requirements in KT-GT.7# Slash Treatment	Inspector will conduct periodic visual inspections	Rework is required if contractor fails to meet standards.
Pre-Commercial Thin 3.0' tall-4.9" Ponderosa Pine (Optional Stewardship Credit Project Item 1.1)	Quality Meets or exceeds performance standard of 90% KT-GT.9#	Inspector will conduct periodic visual inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Contractor's quality will be reflected in the performance assessment either as positive or negative incentive.</li> <li>• If Contractor achieves 90% or greater in quality, the work will be considered acceptable.</li> <li>• If Contractor does not achieve at least 90% quality for work, rework will be required. If the contractor fails to do the rework, the Forest Service will conduct the work and retain that portion of the performance bond needed to complete the work.</li> </ul>

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**INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**  
**Government Quality Assurance Inspection**  
**For All Stewardship Project Items**

The Government will, at its convenience, make periodic inspections of the work to assure itself of contract compliance and to perform Quality Assurance Inspections to determine confirm with the Contractor is performing quality control in accordance with its Quality Control Plan (QCP) and that Contractor monitoring results in quality performance of contract objectives. The Government reserves the right to inspect all equipment, material and supplies prior to starting work for suitability; the decision of the Contracting Officer as to acceptability shall be final. The Contractor is required to provide a proficient and productive crew to obtain satisfactory performance.

The Government will do visual inspection to ensure the Contractor is in compliance with the specifications and proceeding satisfactory.

**UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE**  
**For All Stewardship Projects Items**

If the percentage of satisfactory work falls below 90 percent, the Government will immediately notify the Contractor in writing and order improvement of the quality of future work. If the quality of future work is not raised above the 90 percent within two consecutive workdays after receipt of notice in writing of unsatisfactory work, the Contractor's right to proceed may be suspended and the contract considered in breach. Repeated failure to perform work at or above 90 percent acceptable performance shall also be considered breach of contract. If final inspection shows a percentage of less than 90 percent, then the contractor has the option of rework the portion the unit where below the work is unsatisfactory. If the satisfactory work is below minimum of 80 percent rework will be required.

**REWORK AND REINSPECTION AFTER REWORK**  
**For All Stewardship Project Items**

When inspection indicates that the performance objectives were not met, the work will be deemed unsatisfactory rework will be required. Re-inspection after rework will be made in the same manner as the first inspection but on different plot lines. Re-inspection will be performed only when the Forest Service is notified by the contractor that the poor performance items have been corrected.

KT-HT.2 - SPECIFIC FIRE PRECAUTIONS (05/2008)

Contractor shall provide the personnel, tools and equipment to take the following precautionary measures:

## SMOKING AND LUNCH FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Contractor shall prohibit smoking and building of camp and lunch fires by persons engaged in Contractor's operations, except at established camps or in areas that Forest Service may designate. Smoking may be permitted at these designated areas only after all flammable material has been cleared to mineral soil. All fires and smoking materials shall be completely extinguished at end of lunch or smoking period.

## FIRE TOOLS

Contractor shall furnish and maintain; i.e., cutting edges sharp, handles sanded and tightly fitted, clean of rust and foreign material; fire tools to be used only for suppressing forest fires. Each logging operation shall be provided with one firefighting tool per man to equip 100 percent of the personnel engaged in Contractor's operations. Approved firefighting tools are: double-bit axe; brushhook; pulaski; McLeod; and round-pointed, size 0 or larger lady shovel. The proper tool mix will be stipulated in the Timber Sale Fire Plan. These tools are required separate from, and in addition to, the tools required in the section, "Fire Tools on Equipment," and in KT-HT.2.1 Fire Guards. Fire tools for firefighting purposes for use of personnel engaged in all phases of the logging operations shall be located in the active operating area of the contract or as stated in the fire plan.

## BURNING OF REFUSE

No camp refuse of slash or other debris, such as that resulting from clearing around camps or on right-of-way, shall be burned without the written consent of the Forest Service.

## SPARK ARRESTERS AND MUFFLERS

Each internal combustion engine shall be equipped with a spark arrester qualified and rated under USDA Forest Service Standard (Spark Arrester Guide) 5100-1a or the latest revision of Society of Automotive Engineers "medium size engine, SAE recommended practice J350" unless it is:

- (a) Equipped with a turbine-driven exhaust supercharger such as the turbocharger. There shall be no exhaust bypass.
- (b) A multi-position engine, such as on power saws purchased after 6/30/77 which must meet the performance levels set forth in the Society of Automotive Engineers "multi-positioned small engine exhaust fire ignition standard, SAE recommended practice J335B" as now or hereafter amended. Those purchased prior to the above date shall be equipped with an approved spark arrester/muffler containing a 0.023 inch mesh screen in good condition.
- (c) A passenger carrying vehicle or light truck, or medium truck up to 40,000 GVW, used on roads and equipped with a factory designed muffler and an exhaust system in good working condition.
- (d) A heavy duty truck, such as a dump or log truck, or other vehicle used for commercial hauling, used only on roads and equipped with a factory designed muffler and with a vertical stack exhaust system extending above the cab.

Exhaust equipment described in this Subsection, including spark arresters and mufflers, shall be properly installed and constantly maintained in serviceable condition.

## POWERSAWS

During periods of use, each powersaw operator shall have readily available for use one long-handled round-pointed shovel and one chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8-ounce capacity by weight.

Muffler, extinguisher, and shovel shall be maintained in good working order at all times. Any fueling or refueling of a powersaw shall be done in an area which has been cleared of material which will carry fire. Powersaws shall be moved at least 10 feet from the place of fueling or refueling before starting.

#### FIRE TOOLS ON EQUIPMENT

Each internal combustion fuel carrying truck, loader, skidder, heavy truck, and tractor shall be provided with one long-handled round-pointed shovel, and one 5-pound capacity ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher. Passenger carrying vehicles, including light pickup trucks shall be equipped with one (1) long-handled round-pointed shovel and one (1) ABC chemical fire extinguisher not less than 2 1/2 pounds capacity. Shovels and fire extinguishers shall be so mounted as to be readily reached from the ground.

#### INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINES

Each internal-Combustion motor vehicle or item of equipment shall be inspected and approved in advance of use by Forest Service.

Contractor shall require that all persons engaged in Contractor's operations submit all internal-combustion motors and equipment for inspection and approval prior to use in Contractor's operations on National Forest lands. Vehicles and equipment not approved for use shall be repaired to meet existing standards, re-inspected, and approved by Forest Service prior to use.

#### BLASTING

Use of fuses in blasting shall not be permitted. A long-handled round-pointed shovel and 5-gallon backpack pump with attached hand pump filled with water shall be available at all times. During periods when Fire Precaution Plan B or C is in effect, a fire guard shall remain on duty for at least one hour after blasting is finished and shall be equipped with a shovel and backpack. Blasting is prohibited under Fire Precaution Plan D. (KT-HT.2.2)

#### TRACTOR LIGHTS

All crawler tractors and rubber-tired skidders suitable for fire suppression work, and with power source, shall be equipped with two (2) factory type headlights and one (1) backup light, or brackets mounted for portable self-contained battery operated lights. These portable lights shall be furnished and maintained by the Contractor at a location agreed by the Forest Service.

#### CABLE YARDING

Tail and corner blocks shall be located to prevent cables from rubbing against trees, snags, and down logs. Areas adjacent to tail and corner blocks shall be cleared of flammable material within a 5-foot radius. One 5-gallon standard backpack water container (filled at all times and with hand pump attached), one shovel, and one pulaski, shall be maintained within 10 feet of each block.

#### GAS AND OIL STORAGE AND SERVICE AREAS

The location of equipment service areas and gas and oil storage areas shall be approved in writing by Contracting Officer. All areas shall be cleared of brush, litter, grass or other flammable debris for a radius of 50 feet.

#### WELDING

An area within a 10 foot radius shall be cleared down to mineral soil before welding operations are started. Prior to welding, Contractor shall have available a round-pointed long-handled shovel, a 5-gallon

backpack pump filled with water with attached hand pump, and a 5-pound fire extinguisher at each welding site. A fire guard will remain on duty for at least one (1) hour after welding is completed during periods when Fire Precaution Plan B or C is in effect. Welding is prohibited under Fire Precaution Plan D.

KT-HT.2.1 - FIRE GUARDS (05/2008)

Contractor shall designate at least one representative to train and supervise each woodworking group of men in fire prevention, detection, and suppression. Each such representative shall be named in the fire plan.

To prevent, detect, and suppress fire, Contractor shall provide a trained fire guard at each operating area where power-driven equipment has been operated during the day. The fire guards shall constantly perform their duties during operating hours and for three (3) hours after the woodwork stops for the day, when the Fire Precaution Plan is Plan B, C, or D (KT-HT.2.2).

Fire guard service on one operating area shall satisfy the requirements on adjacent areas if the travel time with available transportation is not in excess of ten (10) minutes to any of the other areas requiring such service.

Each fire guard shall be physically able, vigilant, and trained to prevent, detect, and report any fires and to promptly and efficiently take suppression action with available required firefighting equipment and men on any fire that starts on contract area. Each fire guard shall be equipped with a vehicle and a fire tool cache consisting of a cache box, 2 four-to-five gallon backpack pumps filled with water, 2 size 0 shovels, 2 Pulaskis, and 2 McLeod tools maintained in serviceable condition.

KT-HT.2.2 - EMERGENCY FIRE PRECAUTIONS (01/2014)

Purchaser will restrict operations in accordance with the attached Emergency Fire Precaution Schedule. The Contracting Officer shall inform the Purchaser of any changes in the Industrial Fire Precaution Plan. The procedure for the Contracting Officer to notify the Purchaser of a change shall be stated in the Fire Prevention and Control Plan required by HT.1. The Contracting Officer may, after consultation with the Forest Supervisor, adjust the predicted Industrial Fire Precaution Plan for local weather conditions on Sale Area. Changes in the predicted Industrial Fire Precaution Plan shall be agreed to in writing.

**See Table A**

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**KT-HT.2.2 - EMERGENCY FIRE PRECAUTIONS (03/13)**

Purchaser will restrict operations in accordance with the attached Emergency Fire Precaution Schedule. The Contracting Officer shall inform the Purchaser of any changes in the Industrial Fire Precaution Plan. The procedure for the Contracting Officer to notify the Purchaser of a change shall be stated in the Fire Prevention and Control Plan required by HT.1. The Contracting Officer may, after consultation with the Forest Supervisor, adjust the predicted Industrial Fire Precaution Plan for local weather conditions on Sale Area. Changes in the predicted Industrial Fire Precaution Plan shall be agreed to in writing.

<b>EMERGENCY FIRE PRECAUTION SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>FIRE RESTRICTION/CLOSURE "STAGE"</b>	
<b>RESTRICTION LEVELS</b>	<b>INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION PLAN</b>
<b>NO RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>STAGE I</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>STAGE II</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>PARTIAL/FOREST CLOSURE*</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>RED FLAG WARNING (Issued by National Weather Service)</b>	<b>D</b>

**INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION PLAN – DESCRIPTION**

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>MST (Mtn. Standard Time)</b>	<b>MDT (Mtn. Daylight Time)</b>
A	Normal Fire Precautions (KT-HT.2) No fire guard required.		
B	Normal Fire Precautions (KT-HT.2) except designated areas for smoking and warming or cooking fires requires a written permit. Purchaser will provide fire guard (KT-HT.2.1).		
C	No smoking, warming or cooking fires are permitted at any time. Purchaser will provide fire guard (KT-HT.2.1).		
	All power saws except for chainsaws used for limbing on landings cleared to mineral soil will shut down:	9:00 am to 8:00 pm	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
	Mechanical fellers except for mechanical fellers equipped with hydraulic shears will shut down:		
	Shutdown all machine treatment of slash; mechanical equipment used for shearing, bunching or delimiting; skidding; cable yarding; blasting and clearing:	12:00 noon to 8:00 pm	1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
	Welding, metal cutting on cleared mineral soil will shut down:	12:00 noon to 8:00 pm	1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
	All chainsaws used for limbing on landings cleared to mineral soil will shut down:	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
	Loading on landings cleared to mineral soil will shut down:	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
	Log hauling trucks must be to a surfaced road by:	2:00 pm	3:00 pm
	Logging operation may continue after:	8:00 pm	9:00 pm
Operations on mineral soil involving road excavation, watering, grading, surfacing, rock crushing, and/or other equipment maintenance may continue.			
D	Shutdown all operations; except operations on mineral soil involving road excavation, watering, grading, gravel surfacing, and rock crushing may continue with special Forest Service permit. Purchaser will provide fire guard (KT-HT.2.1).		

**\*Partial/Forest Closure:**

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Timber sale areas which are outside the boundaries of the partial forest closure may continue to operate under Industrial Fire Precaution Plan "C" operating criteria as agreed upon between the CO and Purchaser in writing.

Timber sale areas within the boundaries of the proclaimed partial forest closure area are to operate under Industrial Fire Precaution Plan "D".

KT-HT.2.3 - COMMUNICATIONS (05/2008)

Contractor shall furnish a serviceable telephone, radio-telephone or radio system connecting each operating side with Contractor's headquarters. A radio-equipped fire patrolman vehicle will satisfy this requirement if in operation during the time required. When such headquarters is at a location which makes communication to it clearly impractical, Forest Service shall accept a reasonable alternative location. The communication system shall provide prompt and reliable communications between Contractor's headquarters (or above stated alternative) and Forest Service via commercial or Forest Service telephone. The communications system shall be operable during Contractor's Operations in Fire Precautionary Period described in AT.9 and during the time fire patrolman service is required.

In the event no other means of communications will provide for prompt and reliable reporting of a fire, the Contracting Officer may allow use of a Forest Service two-way radio or Forest Service frequencies for emergency use only. The use of Forest Service frequencies will be by a written memorandum of agreement between the Contracting Officer and Contractor.

KT-IT.2.1.1.2 - MARKET-RELATED CONTRACT TERM ADDITION (11/2008)

The term of this contract may be adjusted when a drastic reduction in wood product prices has occurred in accordance with 36 CFR 223.52. The Producer Price Index used to determine when a drastic reduction in price has occurred is stated in AT.17. Contractor will be notified whenever the Chief determines that a drastic reduction in wood product prices has occurred. If the drastic reduction criteria specified in 36 CFR 223.52 are met for 2 consecutive calendar quarters, after contract award date, Contracting Officer will add 1 year to the contract term, upon Contractor's written request. For each additional consecutive quarter such a drastic reduction occurs, Contracting Officer will, upon written request, add an additional 3 months to the term during Normal Operating Season, except that no single 3-month addition shall extend the term of the contract by more than one year. Contracting Officer must receive Contractor's written request for a market-related contract term addition before the expiration of this contract.

No more than 3 years shall be added to a contract's term by market-related contract term addition unless the following conditions are met:

(i) The contract was awarded after December 31, 2006; and

(ii) A drastic reduction in wood product prices occurred in at least ten of twelve consecutive quarters during the contract term, but not including the quarter in which the contract was awarded.

For each qualifying quarter meeting the criteria in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this provision, the Forest Service will, upon the Contractor's written request, add an additional 3 months during the normal operating season to the contract, except no single 3-month addition shall extend the term of a contract by more than 1 year.

In no event shall a revised contract term exceed 10 years as a result of market-related contract term addition.

Additional contract time may not be granted for those portions of the contract that have a required completion date or for those portions of the contract where Contracting Officer determines that the timber is in need of urgent removal or that timber deterioration or resource damage may result from delay.

KT-IT.6.8#(Option 1) - USE OF TIMBER (09/2004)

(a) This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.).

(b) Except for N/A determined pursuant to public hearing to be surplus, unprocessed Included Timber shall not be exported from the United States nor used in direct or indirect substitution for unprocessed timber exported from private lands by Contractor or any person as defined in the Act (16 USC 620e).

(c) Timber in the following form will be considered unprocessed:

(i) Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use;

(ii) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants intended for remanufacturing not meeting standards defined in the Act (16 USC 620e); and

(iii) Aspen or other pulpwood bolts exceeding 100 inches in length.

(d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, unprocessed Included Timber shall be delivered to a domestic processing facility and shall not be mixed with logs intended for export.

(e) Prior to award, during the life of this contract, and for a period of 3 years from Termination Date, Contractor shall furnish to Forest Service, upon request, records showing the volume and geographic origin of unprocessed timber from private lands exported or sold for export by Contractor or affiliates.

(f) Prior to delivering unprocessed Included Timber to another party, Contractor shall require each buyer, exchangee, or recipient to execute an acceptable agreement that will:

(i) Identify the Federal origin of the timber;

(ii) Specify domestic processing for the timber involved;

(iii) Require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving the timber;

(iv) Require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are either legally exported or domestically processed, whichever is applicable; and

(v) Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act (16 USC 620d).

(g) No later than 10 days following the execution of any such agreement between Contractor and another party, Contractor shall furnish to Forest Service a copy of each such agreement. Contractor shall retain, for 3 years from Termination Date, the records of all sales, exchanges, or dispositions of all Included Timber.

(h) Upon request, all records dealing with origin and disposition of Included Timber shall be made available to Contracting Officer.

(i) For breach of this Subsection, Forest Service may terminate this contract and take such other action as may be provided by statute or regulation, including the imposition of penalties. When terminated by Forest Service under this Subsection, Forest Service will not be liable for any Claim submitted by Contractor relating to the termination.